



Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services

DASHBOARD

2018 - Monitoring the Quarterly Progress of the Department's Goals

Divisions of Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services:

1) Administration/Vital Records

Vital Records, also known as Vital Statistics, handles records of life events which must be kept under government authority. It includes birth certificates, marriage licenses, death certificates, and records of civil unions and domestic partnerships. Vital Records is mandated by New Jersey Department of Health, NJAC 8:52: *Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health in NJ*. http://www.nj.gov/health/lh/documents/chapter_52.pdf

2) Environmental Health

Environmental Health conducts routine sanitary inspections of businesses and service providers. The sanitary inspections include but is not limited to food at restaurants, deli's, cafeterias, schools, and churches, daycare centers, nursing and boarding homes. Business inspections are conducted at hair and nail salons, barber shops, tattoo/body art shops, massage parlors, gyms, pet shops/pounds, youth camps and public schools. Inspections are also performed in response to citizen complaints. These complaints can be about solid waste, litter, rodents, noise, odor, housing, property maintenance issues and insufficient heat (from Oct. 1 thru May 15). Other services to local businesses are plan review for new establishments or renovation and inspections for certificate of occupancy. This Division is also responsible for collection of water samples to ensure safe drinking water from residents and local businesses within Bloomfield. Environmental Health offers Food Handler Training Course to individuals who work in food establishments. Environmental Health is mandated by New Jersey Department of Health, NJAC 8:52: *Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health in NJ*. http://www.nj.gov/health/lh/documents/chapter_52.pdf

3) Health Education

Health Education assesses the health of the community and develops and provides education programs and promotional materials designed to help residents abandon unhealthy behaviors and adopt new ones. It also provides grant writing and administrative support for the department. Health Education is mandated by the New Jersey Department of Health, NJAC 8:52: *Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health in NJ*. http://www.nj.gov/health/lh/documents/chapter_52.pdf

4) Human Services and Social Services

Human Services is the township's outpatient mental health and social services center. Public health social workers provide counseling, crisis intervention, home visits and assessments as required by state-mandated practice standards. A licensed psychotherapy professional provides medication consultation and prescribes medication as needed. Public health social workers screen patients to determine if they are receiving all applicable services from government programs and nonprofit agencies. Referrals and linkage to programs that provide utility, food, prescription, housing, etc., are also provided. Social work scope of practice and practice standards can be accessed through the NASW – National Association of Social Workers.

5) Public Health Nursing

Public Health Nursing provides no-cost/low-cost screening for the residents of Bloomfield. Public Health Nursing provides Child Health Conference, which provides immunizations, infant and childhood development screenings and lead screening. The Public Health Nursing Office also provides Tuberculosis Testing, Management of Latent TB infection, Peri-Natal Hepatitis B Case Management, and Lead Case Management. Annual immunization audits are performed on all Child Care Centers, Nursery Schools, Public and Private Schools. Public Health Nurses conduct communicable disease investigation and surveillance which prevents the spread of disease.

ADMINISTRATION

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Goals/Objectives:

Objective 1: To create a policy for license renewal procedures and enforcement timeline by February 2017.

Objective 2: To decrease non-compliance with Board of Health License renewals by 10% by March 31, 2017,

Objective 3: To decrease non-compliance with Board of Health License renewals by 10% by December 31, 2017.

Status: Achieved. There was an 18% increase in the compliance rate from 2016 to 2017 as a result of sending license renewals earlier and submitting a list of non-compliant establishments to the Chief REHS for summons issuance. We mail out our initial letter for food establishments in late October and for general licenses in late November.

Quality Improvement (QI) Goals/Objectives:

Goal 1: To decrease department-wide office supply spending.

Objective 1: To create a master office supply list and bring the three divisions' supplies into one central location by July 31, 2018.

Status: Not Achieved. There is not enough room to store all of the divisions' supplies in one location.

Objective 2: To create a department-wide office supply ordering policy by July 31, 2018.

Status: Not Achieved.

Objective 3: To decrease department-wide office supply spending by 5% by Dec. 31, 2018.

Status: In Progress

Goal 2: To make office supplies more readily available

Objective 1: To decrease by 50% the number of days between an employee requesting a supply item and an employee receiving a supply item by December 31, 2018.

Status: In Progress

HEALTH EDUCATION

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Goals/Objectives:

Healthy Eating

Goal 1: To increase access to nutrition education resources and local organic produce.

Goal 2: To provide a fresh produce market that accepts SNAP benefits.

Status: Achieved.

The Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services is bringing the Veggie Truck to Bloomfield!

Would you like to buy farm fresh vegetables?

Would you like to buy directly from the farm?

Would you like to buy them right in your neighborhood?

WELL HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!!!!!!

City Green, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating the establishment of urban farms and gardens in northern New Jersey's cities to create increased access to healthy local food while cultivating education in food systems, nutrition and the environment. The veggie truck is a mobile farm stand that sells farm fresh fruits and vegetables to communities around New Jersey. It will be in front of the Bloomfield Public Library, 90 Broad St., every Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., until Oct. 27.

SENIOR CHECKS/ EBT/ and FOOD STAMPS ACCEPTED!

Active Living

Goal 1: To increase active living opportunities for all Bloomfield residents.

Objective 1: By December 2018, obtain endorsements from the mayor and other governmental entities to encourage walking and other physical activity through the township.

Status: Achieved.

Bloomfield was recently selected for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Gold Recognition Award from EZ Ride for its efforts in providing children with safer, more accessible walking and bicycle routes to school. The SRTS initiative is driven by less students walking to school, a tripling of the prevalence of overweight children, and the higher U.S. rate of asthma and Type II diabetes. Less traffic, cleaner air and energy conservation also figure into the equation.

The township has participated in Walk to School Days, a walkability assessment, community meetings and implemented a travel plan with infrastructure upgrades.

Quarter 4 Note: We unveiled the township's first parklet Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, at Harvest Fest. It was set up on Broad Street that morning and was on display all day. One parking space was converted into a "mini-park" with benches, planters and chalkboard area. The purpose of introducing the parklet at Harvest Fest was to maximize its visibility so residents could actually see what a parklet is and understand its use and purpose. No decision has been made on where the parklet will ultimately be placed.

Objective 2: By December 2018, hold five separate events to encourage participation in Bloomfield's walkability initiative.

Status: Achieved.

We conducted 12 walks on Tuesdays as part of "Let's Walk," a free program of guided and themed walks for those who are interested in developing a healthier lifestyle. The walks were led by members of the NJ Bike and Walk Coalition and started at the City Green veggie truck, from June to October.

Do you know of an intersection where you would like to see the Pedestrian Safety Campaign? Reach out to Bloomfield Health & Human Services.

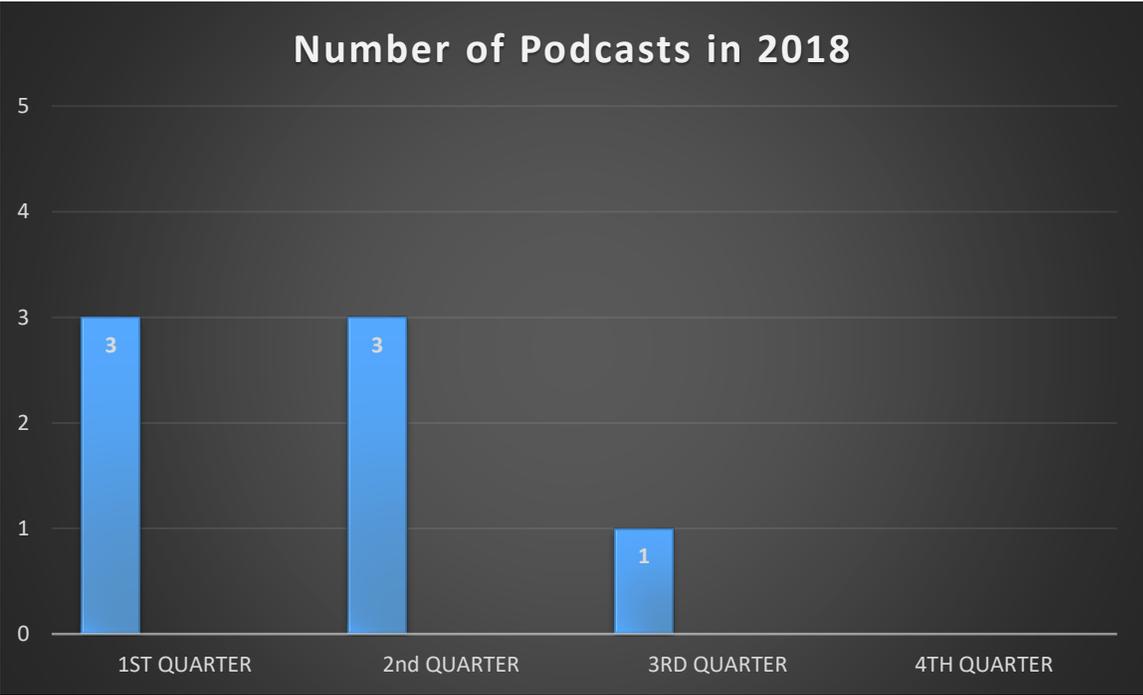
Keep up with all the activities of this program by reading the blog posts at: njhcn.org

[Health Department Awareness](#)

Goal: To increase public awareness of the Health Department's functions and services.

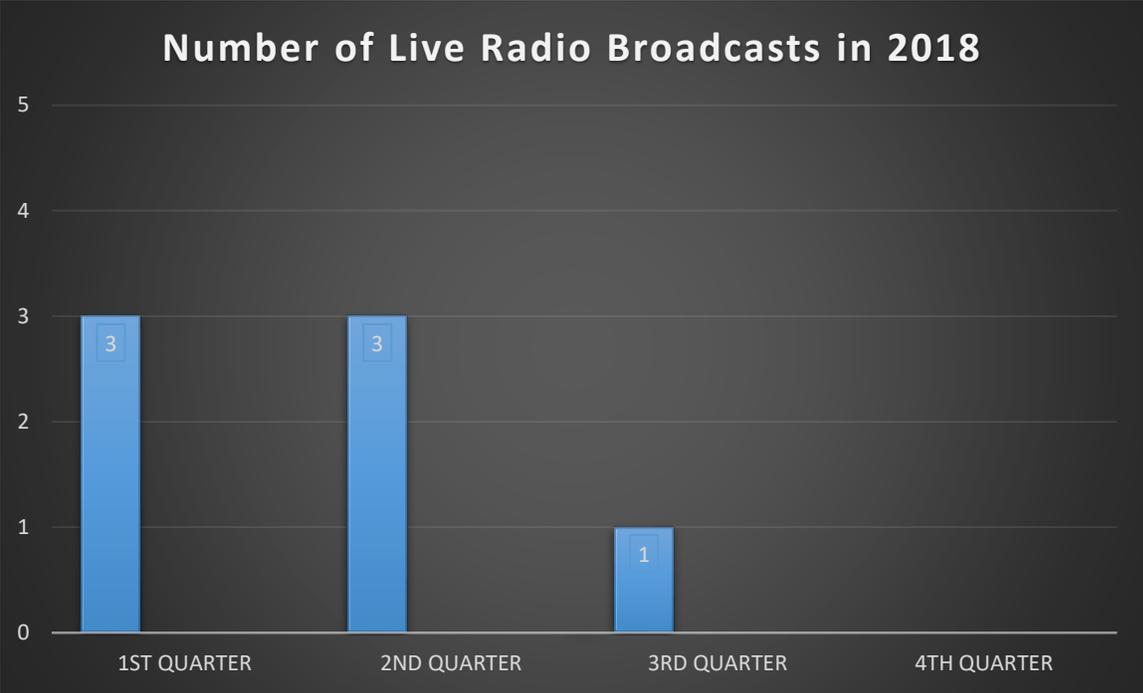
Objective 1: To create 6 podcasts that feature the Health Department's functions and services by Dec. 31, 2018.

Status: Achieved.



Objective 2: To create 4 television/radio broadcasts that feature the Health Department’s functions and services by Dec. 31, 2018.

Status: Achieved.



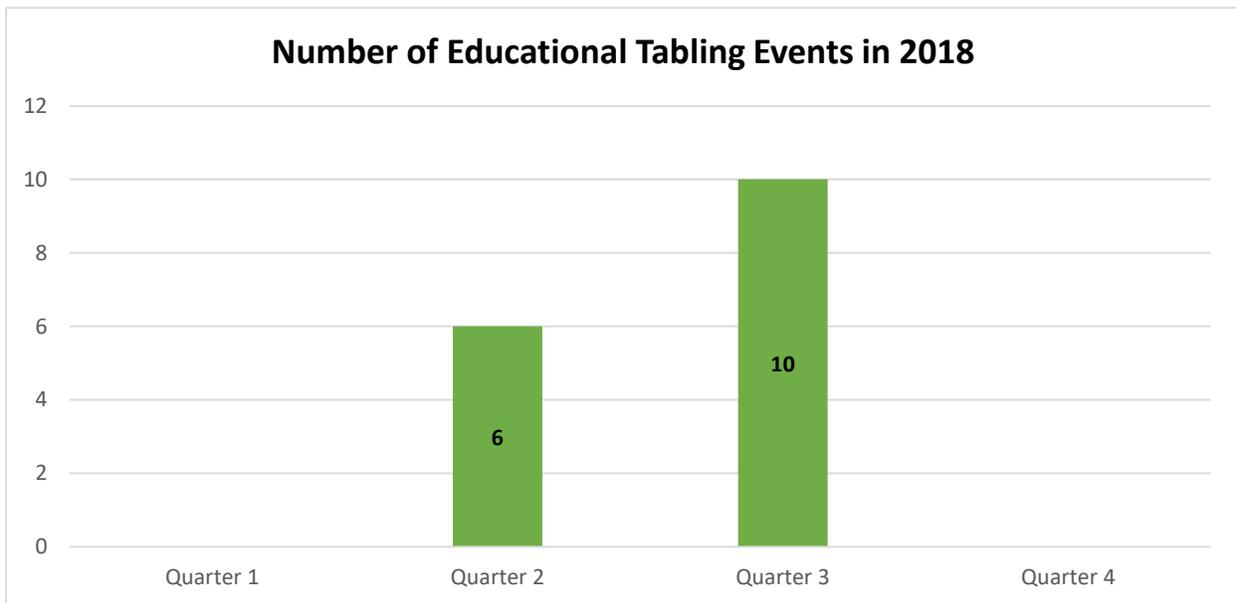
Comments: The radio show is done in partnership with WBCR, the Bloomfield College internet radio station. The college is closed July and August. Each show is converted into a podcast.

Quality Improvement (QI) Goals/Objectives:

Goal: To increase educational outreach to Bloomfield residents and workers for lead hazard prevention.

Objective 1: To conduct (5) educational tabling sessions within the community on lead hazard prevention by December 31, 2018.

Status: Achieved.



Objective 2: To create (3) different campaign messages on lead hazard prevention to disseminate into the community by December 31, 2018.

Status: Achieved.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Quality Improvement (QI) Goals/Objectives:

Goal: To increase surveillance during routine inspections.

Objective 1: To decrease the amount of handwashing violations during routine inspections.

Status: Achieved.

Objective: To reduce the amount of satisfactory inspections with violations by 10% by Dec. 31, 2018.

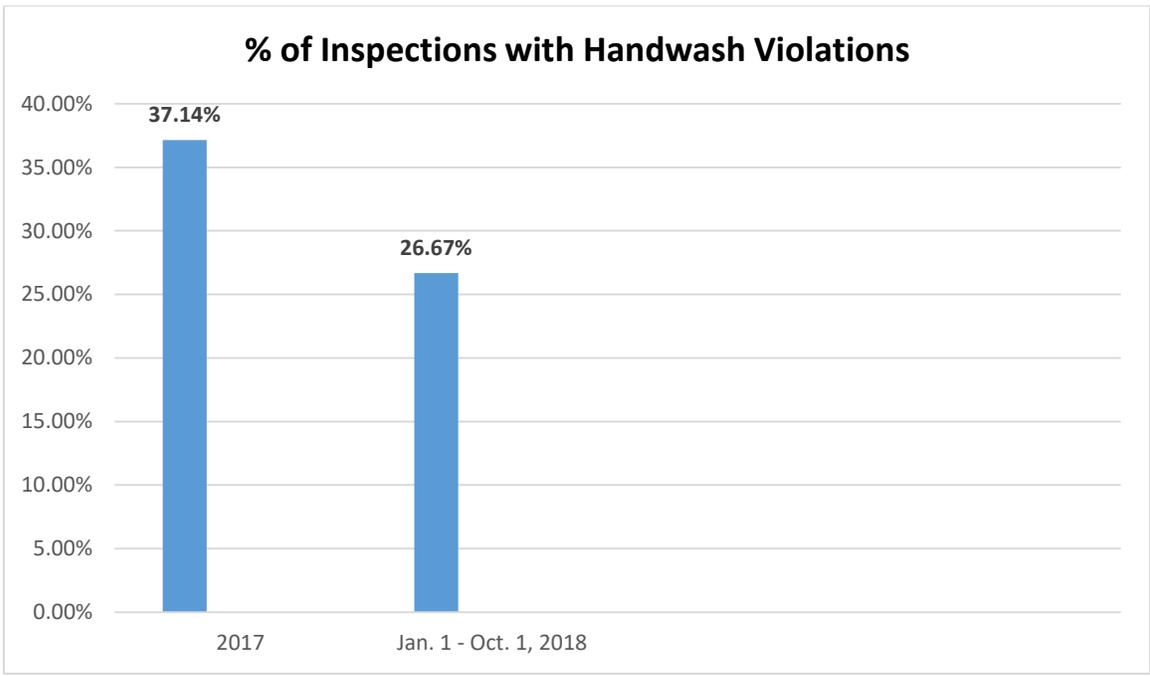
Status: In progress.

Baseline 2017: 105 inspections -> 39 inspections satisfactory with handwash violations: 37.14% of all inspections

- 46 inspections satisfactory without handwash violations
- 10 inspections conditional with handwash violations
- 6 inspections conditional without handwash violations
- 3 inspections unsat with handwash violations
- 1 inspection unsat without handwash violations

Jan. 1 – Oct. 1, 2018 inspections: 60 total inspections

- 16 inspections satisfactory with handwash violations (15 inspections violations corrected on site): 26.67% of all inspections
- 24 inspections satisfactory without handwash violations
- 15 inspections conditional with handwash violations
- 3 inspections conditional without handwash violations
- 1 inspection unsat with handwash violations
- 1 establishment closed



HUMAN SERVICES

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Goals/Objectives:

Mental and Social Health

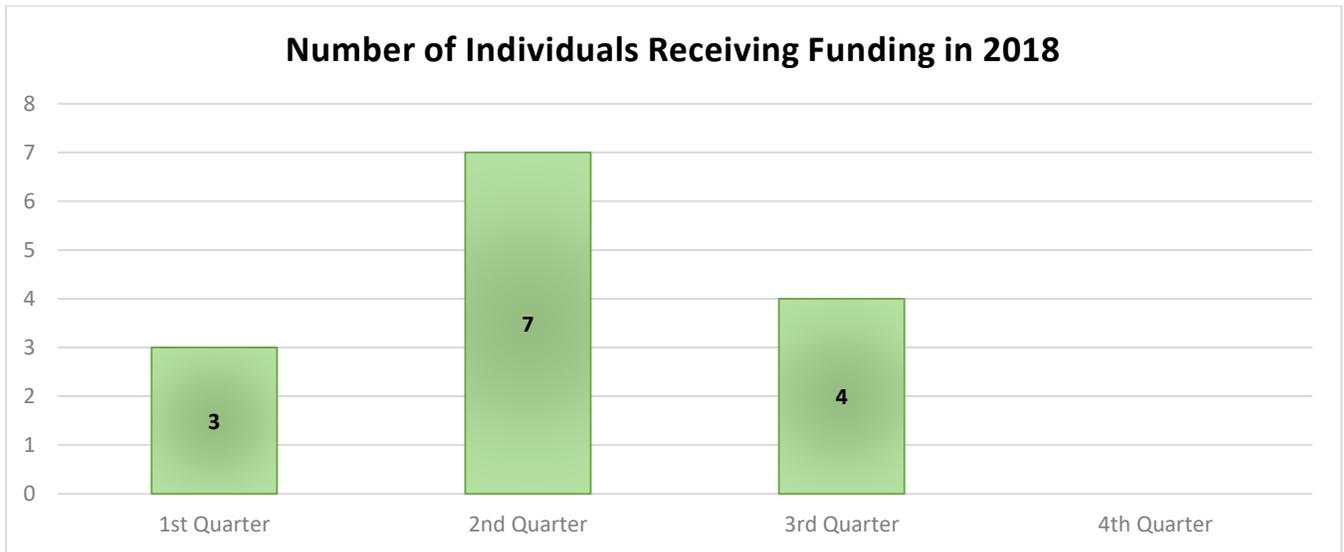
Goal: To increase access to opportunities for improved mental and social health for all Bloomfield residents.

Bloomfield Human Services works with agencies that provide homelessness preventions funds, shelters and mental health services. The Division also works with landlords, PSE&G and mortgage companies to assist individuals and families who need financial assistance. As part of its case management, the Division collaborates with organizations that assist residents with health insurance, legal referrals, assisted living, nursing home assistance, utility, rental, food programs and medication to ensure residents receive any and all programs they qualify for.

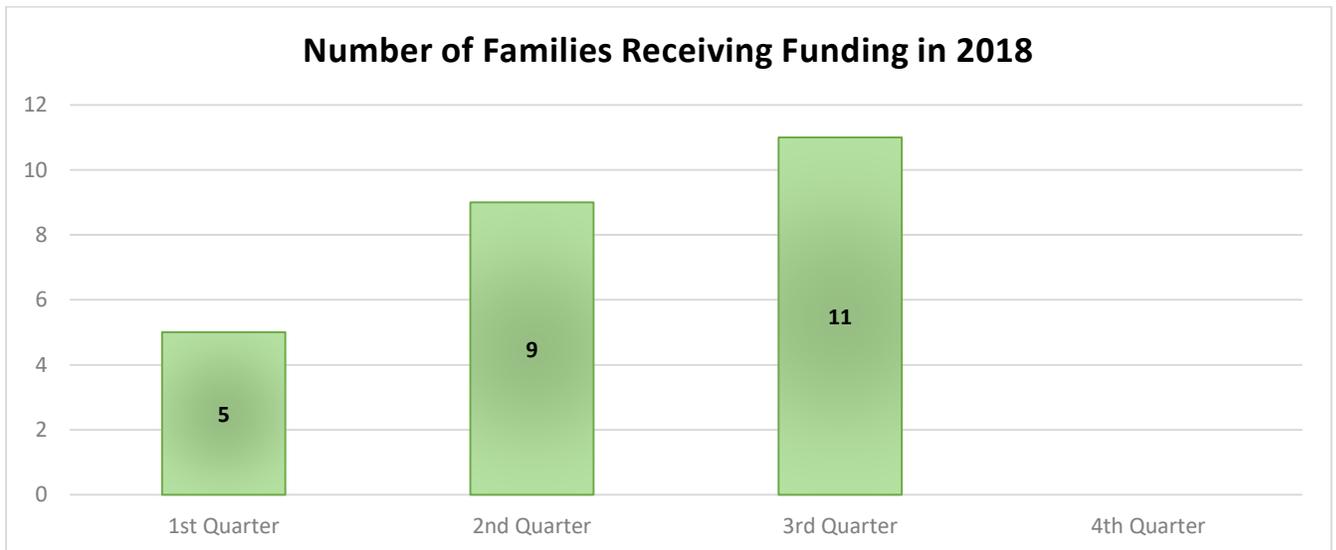
If you have any questions or would like to know if you qualify, please contact the Bloomfield Human Services Division at 973.680.4017 or humanservices@bloomfieldwpnj.com

Objective: By December 2018, at least 10 eligible individuals will receive homelessness prevention funding.

Status: Achieved.



Objective: By December 2018, at least 10 eligible families will receive homelessness prevention funding.
Status: Achieved.



Goal: To organize demographic and informational data of clients in Human Services in electronic format to determine past service history and to expedite services.

Objective 1: To increase electronic access to client data by 100% to all staff in Human Services by Dec. 31, 2017.

Status: Not achieved. Unfortunately, we were unable to find a developer who could build a database that fit the Department's needs and budget.

Quality Improvement (QI) Goals/Objectives:

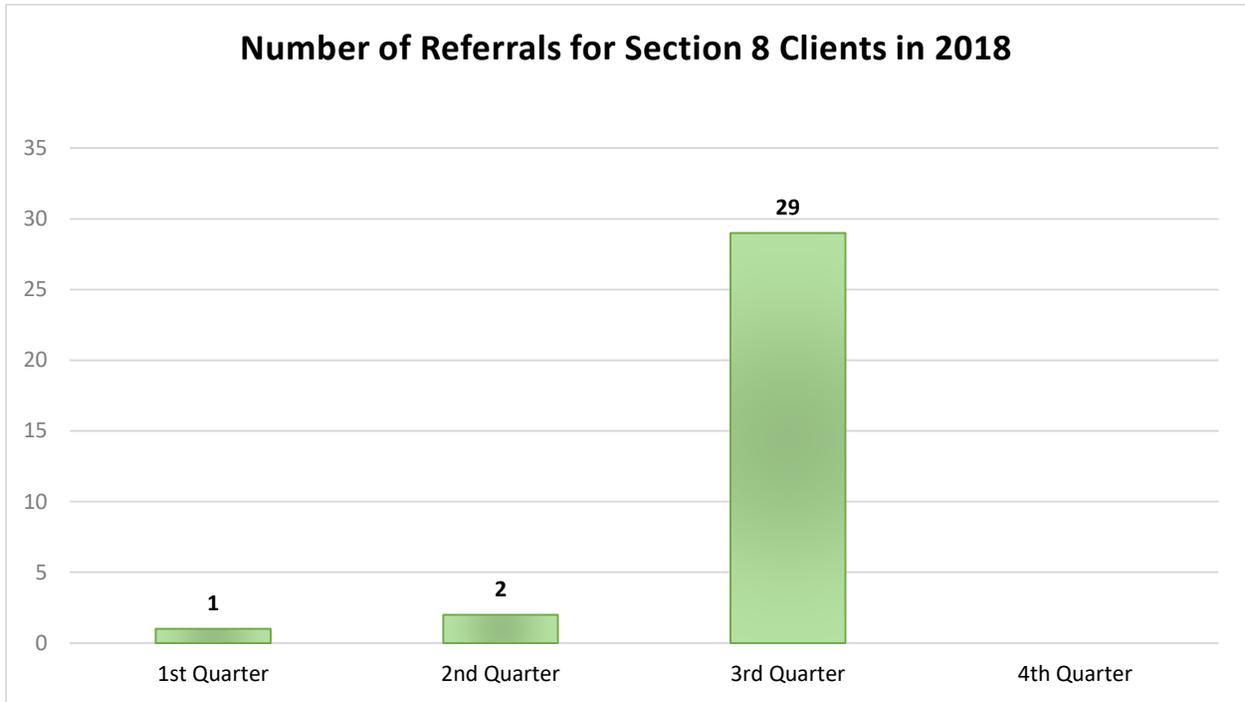
Goal: To improve coordination of Human Services and Section 8 resources for Bloomfield residents.

Objective 1: To increase by 50% the number of initial contacts made by Section 8 clients to Human Services for resources by December 31, 2018.

Status: In Progress

Baseline 2017: 67

Goal: 101



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Goals/Objectives:

Health Screenings

Goal: To increase access to chronic disease screenings for all Bloomfield residents.

Objective: By December 2017, at least two additional community partners will collaborate with the BDHHS to conduct blood pressure & BMI screenings.

Status: Achieved. The two new partners were Church on the Green and Heritage Village.

New Objective: By December 2018, the BDHHS will screen or work with community partners to screen for both blood pressure and blood sugar in at least 550 individuals.

Status: In Progress.

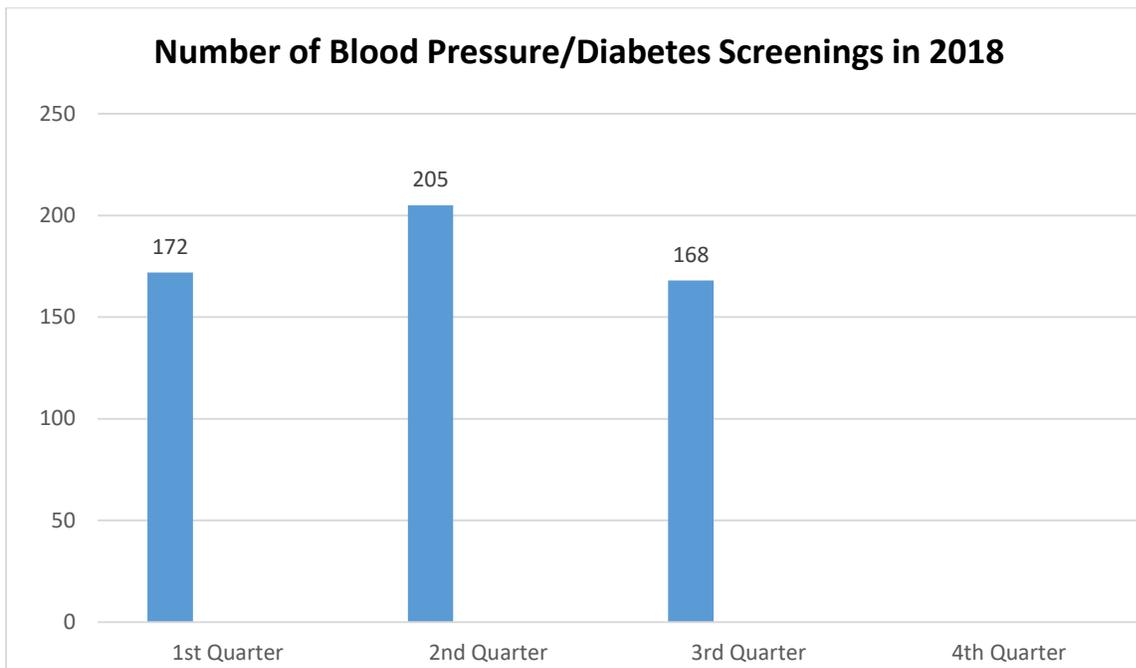
1st Quarter (Jan., Feb., March): 172 individuals were screened for blood pressure and diabetes. Of those screened, 144 were blood pressure screenings and 28 were diabetic screenings.

2nd Quarter (April, May, June): 205 individuals were screened for blood pressure and diabetes. Of those screened, 167 were blood pressure screenings and 38 were diabetic screenings.

3rd Quarter (July, Aug., Sept.): 168 individuals were screened for blood pressure and diabetes. Of those screened, 145 were blood pressure screenings and 23 were diabetic screenings.

4th Quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.) Since October 2018, 58 individuals have been screened for blood pressure and diabetes. Of those screened, 47 were blood pressure screenings and 11 were diabetic screenings.

These 4th quarter numbers are subject to change as we continue to screen individuals through December 2018.



Influenza Vaccination Compliance

Goal: To increase the influenza vaccination compliance rate of Bloomfield child care centers

Objective: To compose and distribute documents and related materials for submission to child care centers regarding influenza vaccination by December 2017

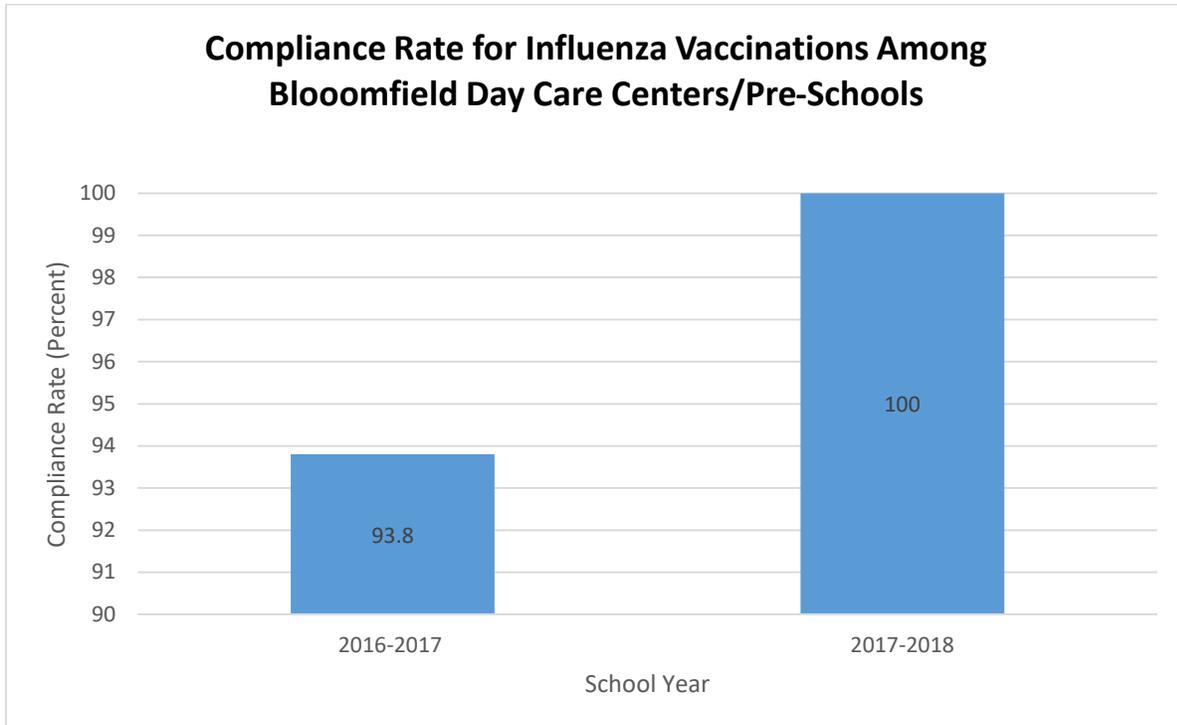
Status: Achieved.

2017	
August	Letter mailed to child care center directors regarding NJDOH influenza requirements.
September	Notification letter created and emailed to child care center directors for distribution to parents.
October	Flyers created and sent to child care center directors for posting and distribution, which included reminder of NJDOH influenza requirement and availability of influenza vaccine at BDHHS.
November	Phone script was drafted and child care center directors were called to evaluate compliance status.
December	Reminder email sent to all child care center directors; informational packets also mailed, which included audit guidelines, vaccine information and NJDOH requirements.

Objective: To increase the overall influenza vaccination compliance rate of Bloomfield child care centers by 5% By March 31, 2018.

Status: Achieved.

There was a 7% increase in the compliance rate from the 2016-2017 school year to the 2017-2018 school year.



2016-2017 school year: 1121 Charts reviewed, 70 children deficient. 93.8% compliance rate.

2017-2018 school year: 1022 Charts reviewed, 0 children deficient. 100% compliance rate.

Comments: The data were compiled per review of immunization records of children attending daycare/pre-schools in Bloomfield and the IMM-15 Report that is sent to NJDOH. The review of charts are subject to an audit and re-audit. The re-audit is performed one month after the initial audit, as per State Guidelines. All activity was concluded at the end of the first quarter.

Quality Improvement (QI) Goals/Objectives:

Goal: To increase childhood blood lead level screenings in Bloomfield.

Objective: To establish and coordinate five lead screening and outreach programs in collaboration with Bloomfield Health Department's Health Education and Lead Team division by June 30, 2018.

Status: Not Achieved. Only 4 lead screening and outreach programs were conducted by that date. However, the objective was accomplished by July 17, 2018.

Objective #2: To increase by 50% the number of children up to 72 months of age in Bloomfield that are screened for blood lead levels by December 31, 2018.

Status: Achieved: This Quality Improvement project continues to remain in progress through December 31, 2018.

In 2017, 4 children were screened.

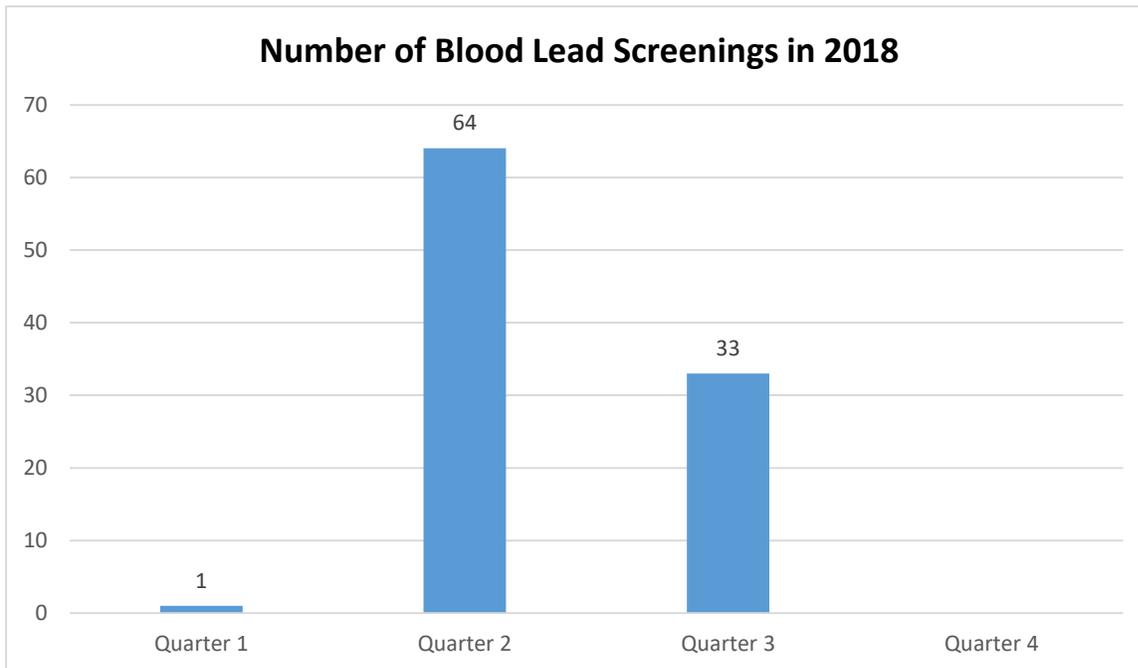
As of October 2018, 114 children had been screened.

1st Quarter (Jan., Feb., March): 1 child was screened.

2nd Quarter (April, May, June): 64 children were screened.

3rd Quarter (July, Aug., Sept.): 33 children were screened.

4th Quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.): 27 (thru 11.15.18) children were screened.



New Objective for 2019: To increase by 20% the number of children up to 72 months of age in Bloomfield that are screened for blood lead levels by December 31, 2019.