

Building Capacity in Iowa



Project Activities

- Trainings:
 - Water well
 - Heat pump
 - Core Functions/Essential Services
 - Core competencies
- Scholarships
 - Educational conferences
- Guidebooks
 - Environmental Health
 - Policy
- Registration of the workforce
- Regional meetings
- 8 model programs
- Annual report

Core Functions and Essential Services

- IAC 641.77
- The core functions and essential services apply to daily EH activities
- Program evaluation
- Training
- This takes time

Core Competencies

- Think of the core competencies as the skills necessary to do the essential services
- The essential services provide the framework necessary to fulfill the core functions
- Self assessment
- http://www.apha.org/ppp/Env_Comp_Booklet.pdf

Just the facts

- 27 mini-grants awarded
- \$258,162
- 31 counties with enhanced services
 - Activities have not been offered before
 - Have varying elements of sustainability

What are they doing?

(primary activity)

- 17 -Assessment
 - 11 - Monitor health status
 - 5 - Diagnose and investigate
 - 1- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility & quality
- 2 - Policy Development
 - 2 -Develop policies and procedures
- 8 - Assurance
 - 1 -Develop community partnerships
 - 4 -Inform, educate, empower
 - 1 -Assure a competent workforce
 - 2 –Link people to needed services

Guthrie and Audobon Counties pop. 11,323 and 6,715

- 3 FTE's
- Lake Panorama Onsite Wastewater Management District
 - 800 homes, 125 condominiums
 - annual walk-over, every third year tank opened, time of transfer
- Lake Management District, two sanitary districts, two city management districts, and three counties







Henry County

pop. 20,000

- One part-time sanitarian (10 programs)
- Paper filing system
 - Wastewater: name, township and section
 - 1999 added E911
 - Well: prior to 2001 only permit
- Current system uses a separate folder for each township section – no info for entire sections of Henry Co.
- All letters individually addressed

Washington County

pop. 21, 010

- 2 FTE's with administrative support
- Offering ServSafe courses to non-profit organizations and high school students
- Results:
 - 30 organizations/churches are sending 50 people (so far)
 - 3 high schools in Washington Co. teaching the course to all students enrolled in “foods class.”