

2026 Impact Report

Serving
Chesterfield,
Colonial Heights, and
Powhatan, Virginia

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Chesterfield Health District

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Message from the Director

Our mission is to protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in our community - a goal that relies on exceptional teamwork.

This team includes dedicated health district staff and partners from agencies throughout our service area.

I'm proud to present the third Chesterfield Health District Annual Impact Report. It highlights the programs and services we provide, along with the meaningful effects they have on the individuals we serve and, in turn, on our broader communities.

We're excited to share several new initiatives our team has been diligently developing.

Our mission is to protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in our community.

Our Epidemiology Strike team of volunteers stepped up to help a neighboring district in a measles outbreak.

We're mentoring interns from a local high school to help build the public health workforce and instill our values in the next generation.

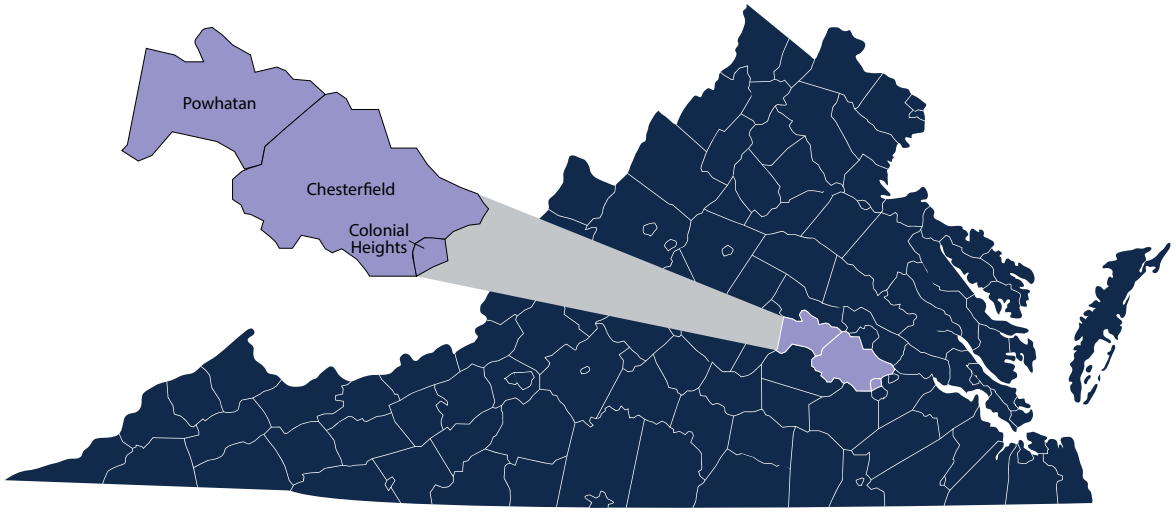
We've expanded programming in the maternal and child health area to include Safe Sleep and Bright Smiles for Babies.

I'm incredibly proud of the outstanding services our staff delivered throughout the past fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). Through collaboration and creativity, we continue to find new ways to better serve our communities.



Alexander P. Samuel, MD, MPH
District Director
Chesterfield Health District

Clinics and Senior Management Team





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Powhatan, VA 23139
804-598-5680



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Senior Management Team



Alexander Samuel, MD, MPH
District Director



Judy Yates
Business Manager



LaWanda Dunn, BSN, RN
Nurse Manager



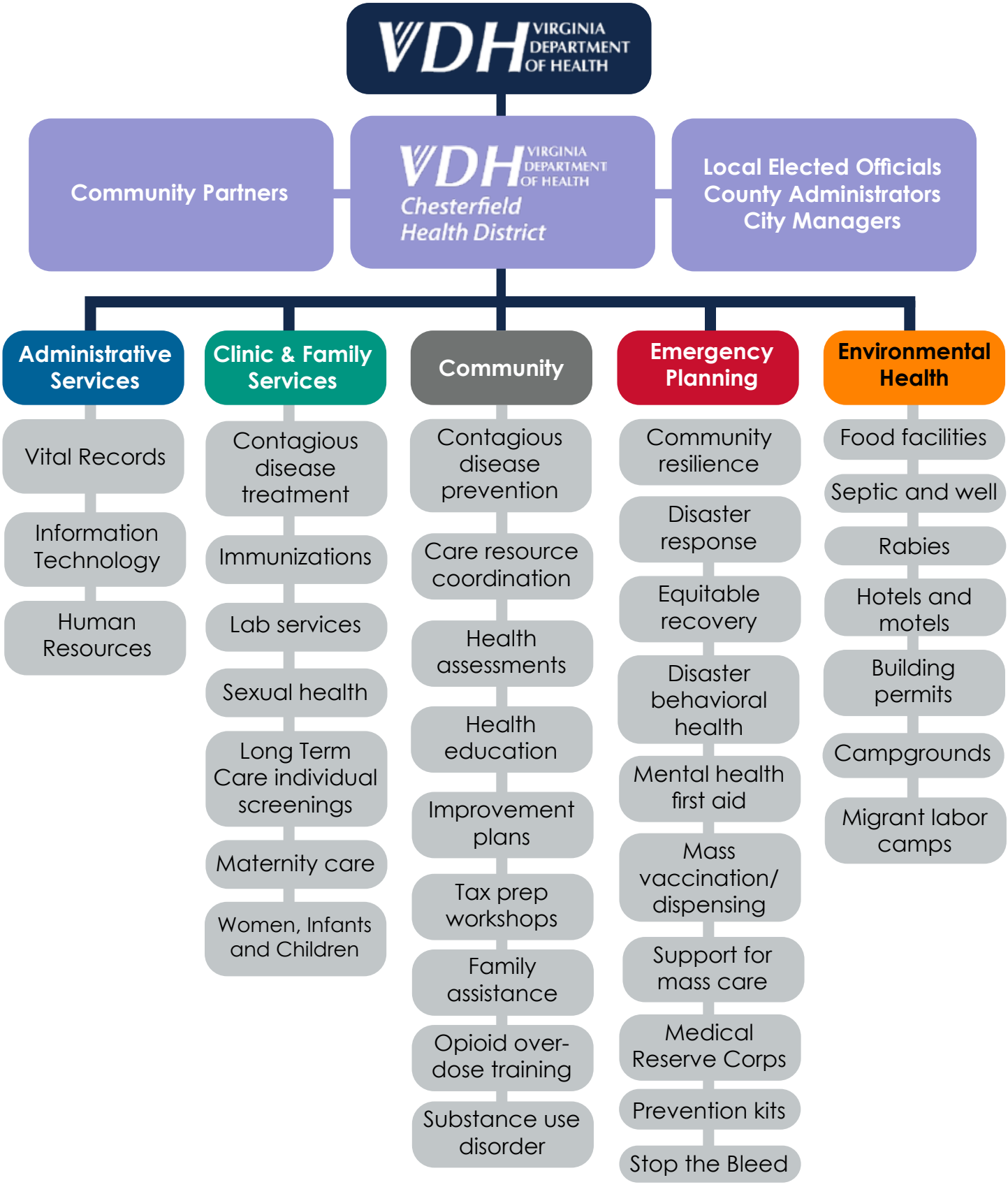
Rich Michniak
Environmental Health Manager



Jessie Brennan, MPH
Population Health Manager

Services Organizational Chart

Rather than show what we do using the technical language of an organizational chart, here's how we actually help our patients and serve our communities. In the following pages you'll see that illustrated through the **what** we do, **how much** we do it, and the **why**, the impact of this work.





Administrative Services

Administration encompasses customer support services, billing and support services, fiscal, the health director's office, human resources and information technology. This team works hard interfacing with the public and keeps things running smoothly behind the scenes.

Highlight: Hazel Tyler



"I stopped by the Powhatan Health Department earlier today requesting assistance. I spoke with a young lady by the name of Hazel. Her professionalism was so outstanding, I felt compelled to send this email. If all government employees were as customer-service oriented as Hazel, the citizens they serve would be absolutely delighted. Thank you for hiring people of her caliber!" - Powhatan resident

Freedom of Information Act Requests Fulfilled

FY2026
4,510

Vital Records Requests Fulfilled

FY2026
2,027

Chesterfield Health District Budget FY2026

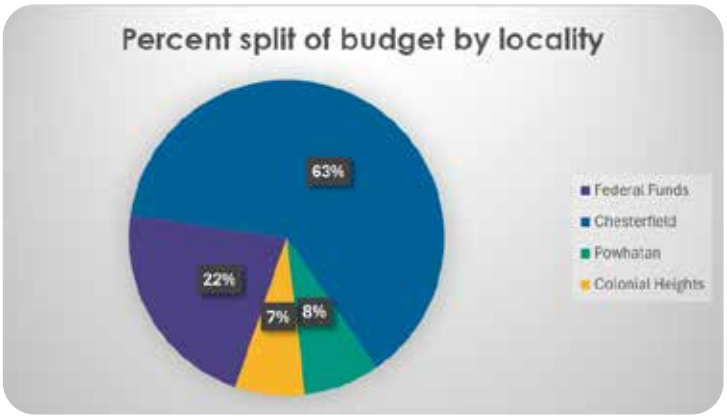
Federal Funds	$2,536,866
Chesterfield*	$7,265,979
Powhatan*	$895,747
Colonial Heights*	$820,427
Total	**$11,519,019**

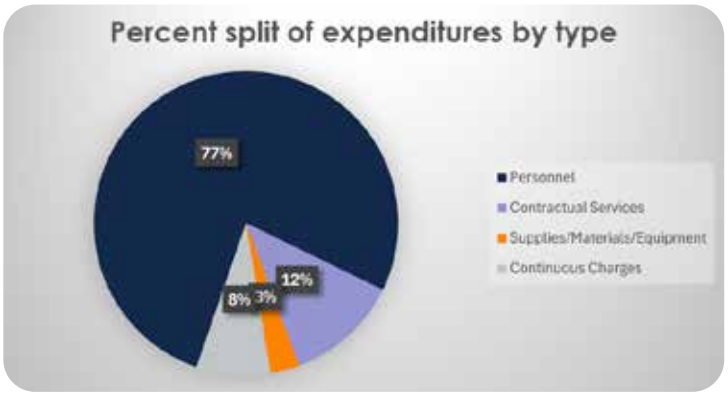
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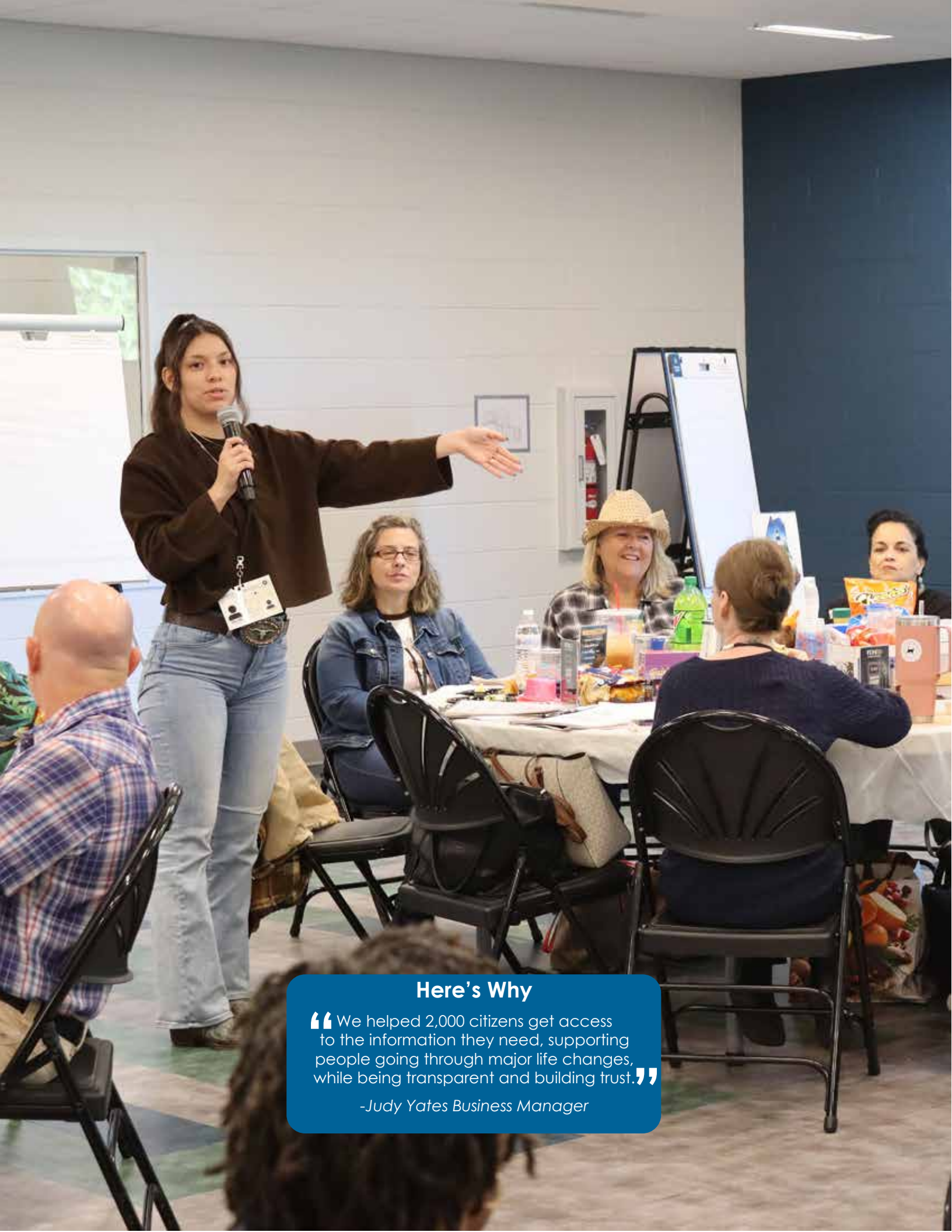
Chesterfield Health District Expenditures FY2026

Personnel	$8,193,234
Contractual Services[1]	$1,287,199
Supplies/Materials/Equipment	$331,070
Continuous Charges[2]	$835,466
Total	**$10,646,969**

[1]**Contractual Services:** (lab/xray, printing, postal, clerical, information technology support, traning)
[2]**Continuous Charges:** rent, insurance, utilities







Here's Why

"We helped 2,000 citizens get access to the information they need, supporting people going through major life changes, while being transparent and building trust."

-Judy Yates Business Manager

Public health nursing serves as a bridge between clinical care and community well-being. Nursing promotes and protects health, works to prevent disease and illness, serves as a resource for our community while delivering compassionate care for all.

Clinical Care

Community Well-being



Monique Brown, Colleen Ross, Courtney White, Kendall Cook, Wanda Jackson and Robyn Malone help at an immunization clinic at L.C. Bird High School.

Services

Assessments: Long Term Support Services screenings, case management

Disease intervention & care: Immunizations, STI clinic visits and case management, rabies case follow up

Exams: Reproductive health, maternity, child health visits, newcomer health

Procedures: Contraceptives, colposcopies

Tuberculosis (TB): Home visits, risk assessments, direct observation therapies

Assessments

FY2026
846

Disease intervention & care

FY2026
7,806

Exams

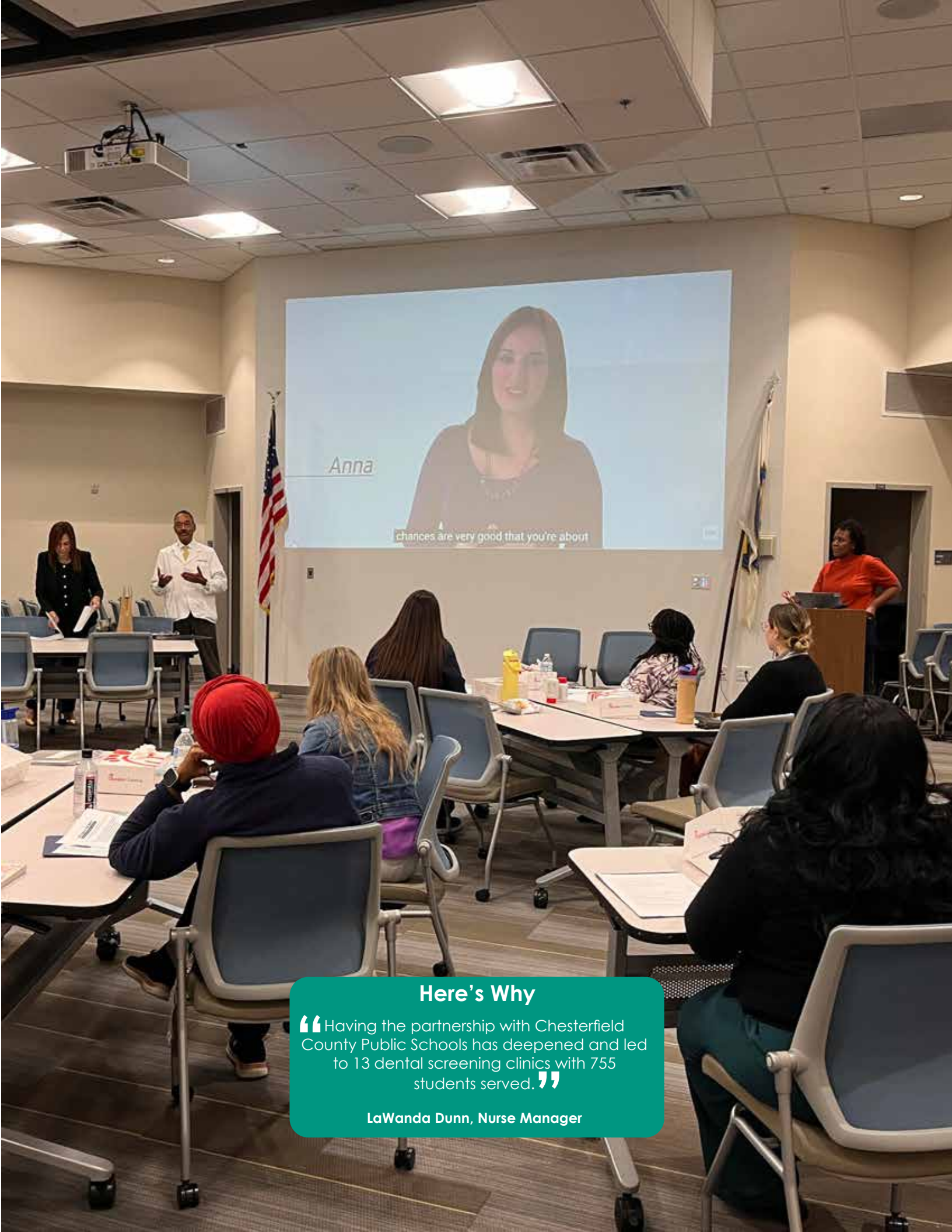
FY2026
3,357

Procedures

FY2026
877

Tuberculosis

FY2026
2,638



Here's Why

"Having the partnership with Chesterfield County Public Schools has deepened and led to 13 dental screening clinics with 755 students served."

LaWanda Dunn, Nurse Manager

The nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is funded through the **U.S. Department of Agriculture** and is operated through local health departments and satellite and mobile clinics in Virginia. WIC provides high-quality nutritional care and food to our participants, including:

- milk
- cheese
- eggs
- whole grains: bread, pasta and rice
- juice
- cereal
- dried beans or peas
- canned salmon and tuna
- peanut butter
- fruits and vegetables
- iron-fortified formula

Average number of WIC participants

FY2026
4,395



A new kids table sits in front of The Basics bulletin board.

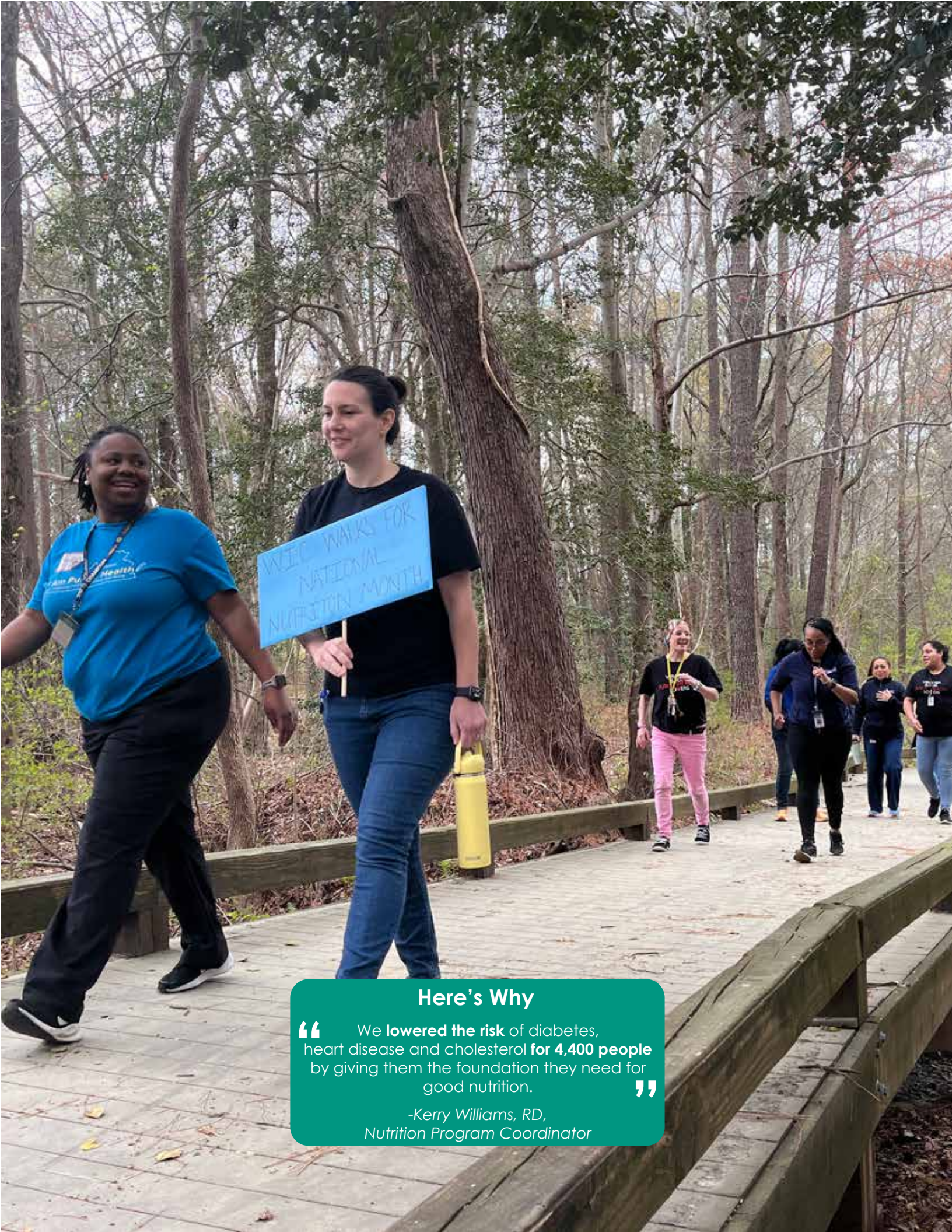
Highlights



Sadie Daves, a WIC breastfeeding counselor has been helping young moms who are having a baby but also need to go back to school or work. Last year, one of the clients shared her concerns around being able to pump when she goes back to work and how she would be able to feed her baby. Sadie encouraged the client to talk with her employer about pumping and establishing proper storage for her milk. They came up with a plan for her to pump every 2.5 hours, and Sadie helped provide her with a cooler. Mom and baby are doing great!

WIC is partnering with Chesterfield County Mental Health Support Services to promote The Basics by giving each new mom a goodie bag of information on the program that teaches five things to ensure healthy baby development. A new Basics video also features nutrition program coordinator Kerry Williams and plays in the waiting area. Watch it on YouTube.





Here's Why

"We **lowered the risk** of diabetes, heart disease and cholesterol **for 4,400 people** by giving them the foundation they need for good nutrition."

-Kerry Williams, RD,
Nutrition Program Coordinator

Population health approaches health at the community level. We look for **patterns in health** and engage with residents to understand the **root cause** within the community.

Community Health Workers **connect people with the programs** they may need, such as housing, food, clothing, and transportation to improve health outcomes. We **bridge those gaps**.

Working with our partners, we **listen, connect, and engage with residents** so we can learn from them what barriers they face, what health priorities they have, and what help they need.

Care resource coordination

FY2026
817

Interpretation Hours

FY2026
3,596

Shady Hill Workforce Students*

FY2026
94

Events

FY2026
72

*We have a regular presence at a local mobile home park to help Spanish speakers get access to programs they need.

Highlight: Karen Perez



"I was interpreting for a patient who came to the clinic for a pregnancy test. She was very worried because she had recently experienced the loss of a baby and was afraid of going through that pain again.

During that appointment, she shared she was overwhelmed by the large medical bills she had received after the loss of her baby.

A few weeks later, by coincidence, I attended my nephew's birthday party and saw her there. She recognized me and came over to speak with me. During that conversation, I was able to explain in more detail the process she could follow to apply for assistance with her medical bills.

Then I received a message from her that reminded me why community health work is so meaningful.

'I just wanted to write to thank you immensely for everything you did to help me with that large hospital bill I had. The day we unexpectedly met at your nephew's birthday party, I truly believe God placed earthly angels in my path during a process that was overwhelming for me. I thank you again with all my heart for everything.'

Moments like this are a reminder that sometimes even small conversations, guidance, and compassion can make a lasting impact in someone's life."



Here's Why

"We empowered 817 socially vulnerable clients to take charge of their health and get connected to no or low-cost care."

-Jessie Brennan, Population Health Manager

Photo courtesy Angelica Galindo-Calixto

The epidemiology team works to **prevent the spread of contagious diseases** in our community and respond to those that could **pose a risk to public health**.

We investigate 80+ diseases on the Virginia Reportable Disease List, outbreaks of any illness, and other public health emergencies in order to monitor **community impact** and intervene to **prevent further transmission**.

Reportable Disease Investigations

FY2026: 1,118*

**No longer includes COVID-19 cases*

- **Hepatitis** 187
- **Toxic substances** 104
- **Gastrointestinal** 269
- **Vaccine preventable diseases** 32
- **Hospital Associated Infections** 35
- **Vector-borne diseases** 463

Avoid grassy, wooded or bushy areas where ticks live (if possible).

- Wear tick or insect repellent and/or treat clothing/gear with permethrin.
- After you come indoors: check your clothing examine your gear/ pets.

Remember to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Nothing beats hand washing with soap and water.

Outbreak Investigations

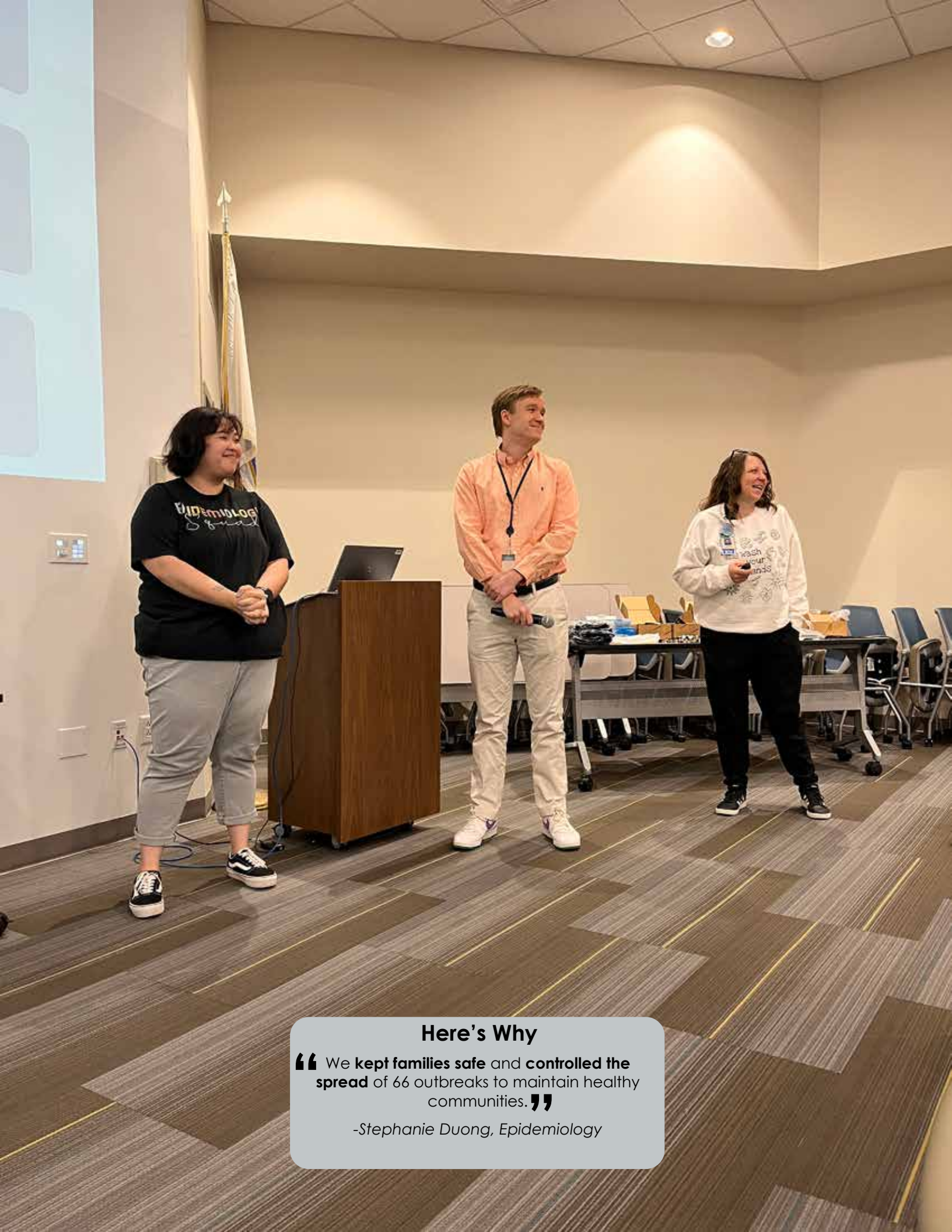
FY2026
66

What this means
Nearly half of our outbreaks were in schools (26), followed by child care centers (22).

More education in schools about how germs spread and an increase in cleaning could help prevent outbreaks.

Highlight
In FY26, the Epidemiology team either collaborated with providers' offices or tested directly to perform Measles rule out testing for 11 individuals. These inquiries typically come in when provider offices or hospitals call the Epi department to report a suspicion of measles. Then, we coordinate the tests to be run either through a commercial lab or the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services. All 11 individuals tested negative for measles.





Here's Why

"We **kept families safe** and **controlled the spread** of 66 outbreaks to maintain healthy communities."

-Stephanie Duong, Epidemiology

We stand ready to respond effectively to **any emergency impacting public health** through preparation, collaboration, education, and rapid intervention.

We look at **health equity and health disparities** to determine how we educate, prepare, and activate in the event of an emergency.

We aim to create **strong resiliency** through community engagement, workshops, and collaboration.

Awards



Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) is a criteria-based training and recognition program that assesses local health department capacity and capability to plan for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies.



The Virginia Department of Health recognized Chesterfield Health District Medical Reserve Corps with the Excellence of Engagement award at the Public Health Preparedness Summit.

Noteworthy Activities

Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are now supporting our Epidemiology team with outbreaks in neighboring health districts. Volunteers with backgrounds in a clinical setting assisted with titers checks and measles rule-out testing.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a force of **dedicated volunteers** who stand ready to support the community in the event of a public health emergency.

Volunteer with us!

- Clerical work
- Immunizations
- Medication safety
- Events

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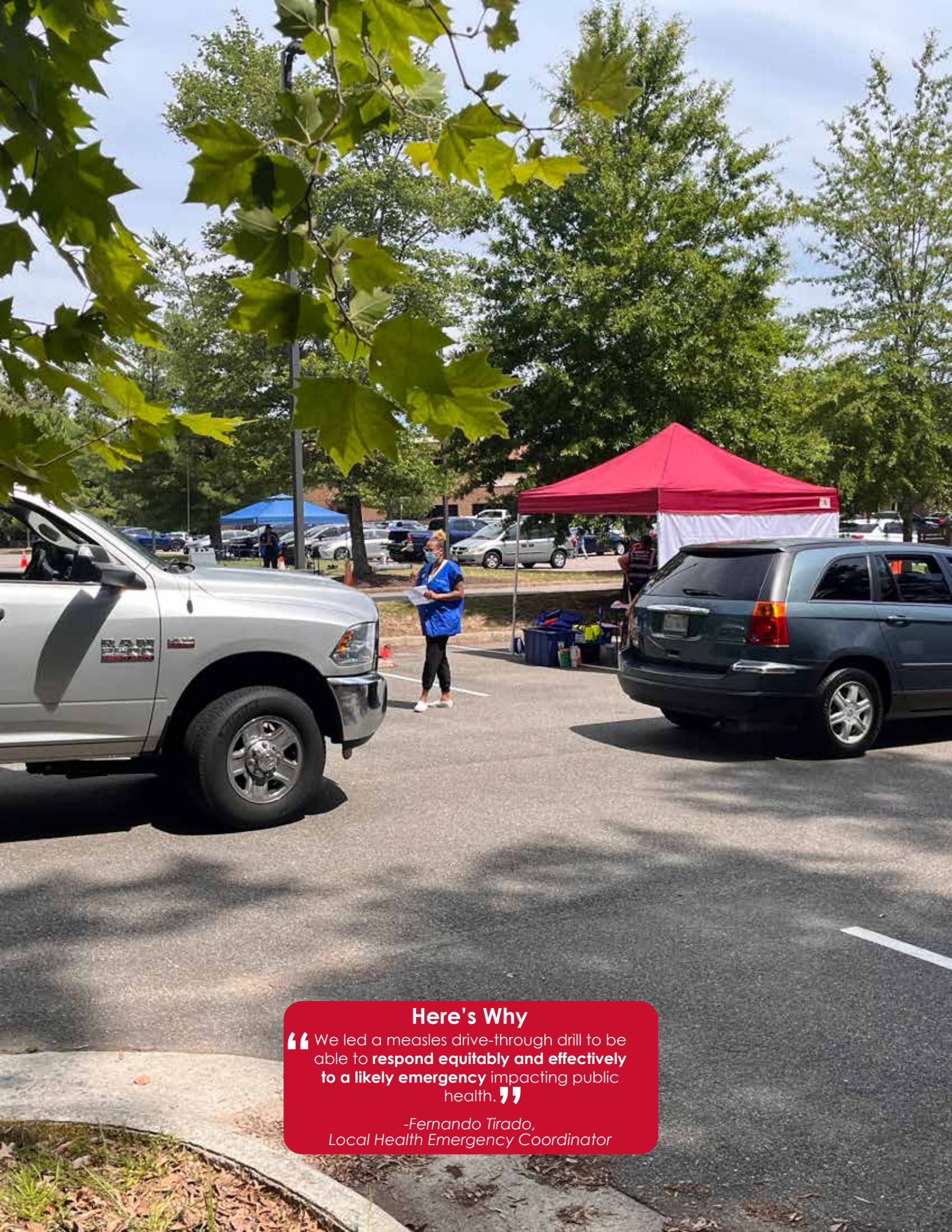
We also responded to two actual emergencies in our health district, a boil water advisory in Colonial Heights and the ice storm in all three localities.

Boil Water Advisory

MRC	Staff	Days
3	6	3

Ice Storm

Days of Active Response: 4



Here's Why

"We led a measles drive-through drill to be able to **respond equitably and effectively to a likely emergency** impacting public health."

-Fernando Tirado,
Local Health Emergency Coordinator

Environmental Health provides services to protect the community and environment. With regulatory authority and local ordinances, the division processes applications for permitting, which also includes inspections for:

- restaurants
- childcare centers
- temporary events
- schools
- recreational water
- hotels
- motels
- bed and breakfasts
- milk plant
- migrant labor camps
- campgrounds
- marinas
- septic systems
- private wells

Septic Applications



FY2026
626

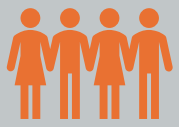
Well Applications

FY2026
285



Rabies Cases investigated

FY2026
1,246



Rabies Exposures



FY2026
10

Rabies Vaccines

FY2026
312



Food Inspections



FY2026
3,040

Building Permits

FY2026
1,729





Here's Why

"We **saved 10 human lives** from positive rabies exposures, **prevented rabies infections** in 312 pets, **prevented food borne illness** with 3,040 food inspections, and **ensured clean water** for 285 homes."

-Rich Michniak, Environmental Health Manager

This coming year: As funding continues to shift, we are exploring new approaches to deliver services that safeguard community health and sustain our programs. We will strengthen our current partnerships and build new ones to address the root causes of poor health, helping our communities grow stronger and more resilient.

Partners

Bon Secours

VCUHealth

HCAVa

VHHA
Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association

Goochland Powhatan
Community Services
Connect. Grow. Thrive.

Colonial Heights
Virginia
Government
Social Services

Colonial Heights Fire & EMS

Chesterfield VA
Government
Child and Adolescent Services Team
Community Engagement and Resources
Community Services Board
Community Enhancement
Developmental Disabilities
Early Childhood
Police Crisis Intervention Team
Social Services

Chesterfield Fire & EMS

Powhatan County
Government
Parks and Recreation
Social Services

Greater Reach
Community Services Board
Community Access Resilience Empowerment

City of Colonial Heights Public Schools

Virginia State University
Since 1882

ccps

Stony Point
Orthodontics & Children's Dentistry

Powhatan County Public Library

Powhatan County Public Schools

CCPL Chesterfield County Public Library

Powhatan Fire Rescue

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

VA
Opioid Abatement Authority

CAHN

Chesterfield Food Bank
Outreach Center

NAACP

City of Richmond
Established 1737

Preventing substance abuse together
SAFE

Every Woman's Life
For Your Breasts and Cervical Health

Planned Parenthood

Free Clinic
of Powhatan

Coalition of Powhatan Churches

Shady Hill
Mobile Home Community

DEQ
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

Communities In Schools

Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Tech • Virginia State University

The Willow
Collaborative

Revitalization Center

National PACE Association
30th Anniversary

804HealthNET

the YMCA

La Casa de la Salud

CapaziT
www.capaz-it.org

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Access Now

UNITE US

Daily Planet
Health Services

Waymakers Foundation

virginia interfaith center
for public policy

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca
Central Virginia

Senior Connections
The Capital Area Agency on Aging

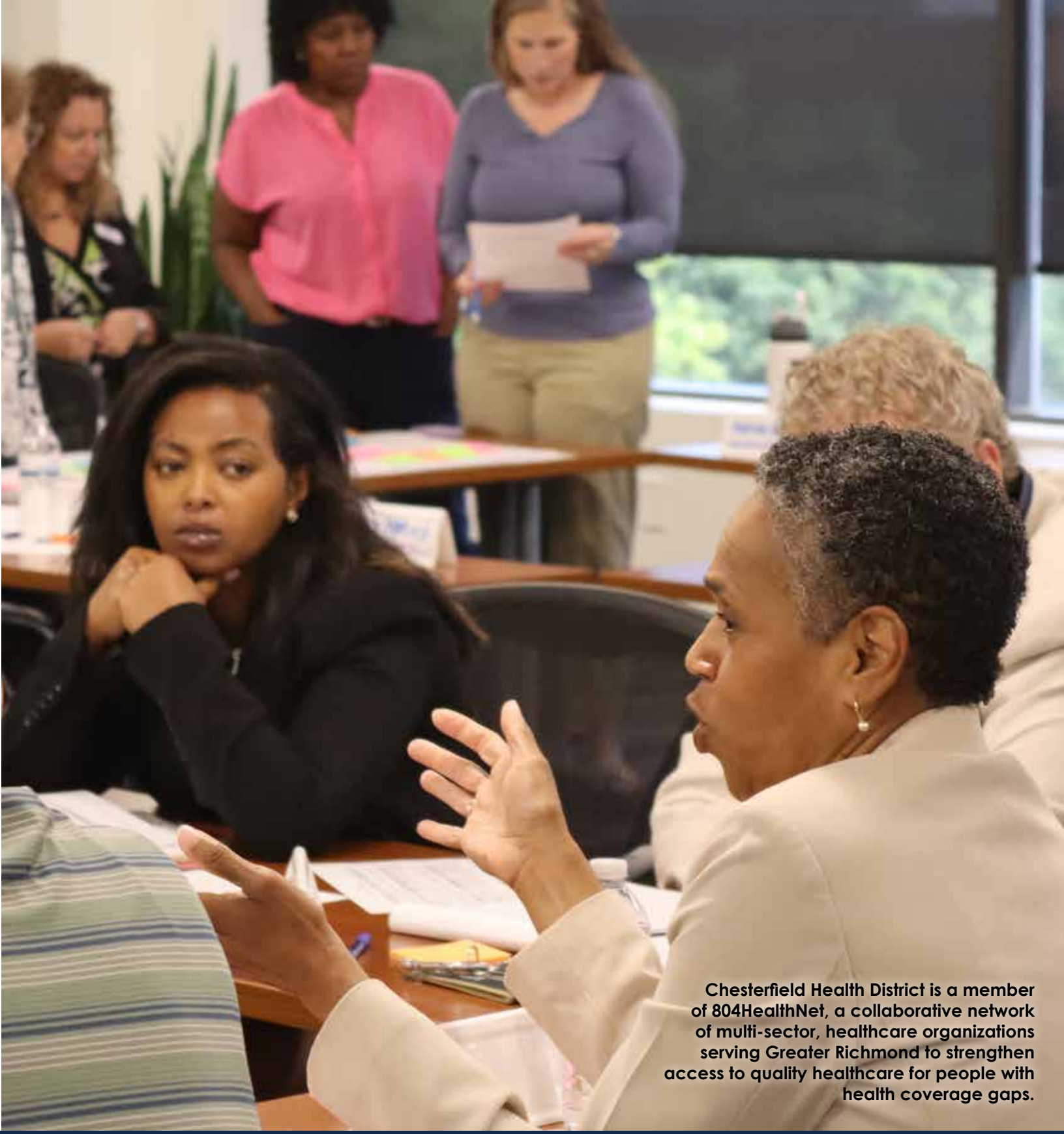
Little Hands
virginia

Mercy Mall

Families First

CrossOver
Healthcare Ministry

Latinos in Virginia
Empowerment Center



Chesterfield Health District is a member of 804HealthNet, a collaborative network of multi-sector, healthcare organizations serving Greater Richmond to strengthen access to quality healthcare for people with health coverage gaps.

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