

Regional Community Engagement

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MDHHS-DEH Community Engagement Coordinators serve communities by being a liaison between MDHHS-DEH and community-based organizations. We promote and protect the health of Michiganders by building and maintaining regional connections with local organizations to respond to the community's needs.

Who We Are and the Areas We Serve


Environmental health is not just about the birds, bees, and trees; it's about all of us and the places where we live, work and play! Our environment provides us with so much that we can easily forget just how vital our stewardship is to keep it healthy.


The quality of the soil that grows our food, the air we breathe, and the water we drink are impacted daily by human activities and factors that can be outside of our control.


DEH is committed to identifying potential health hazards, investigating health effects, and intervening with education and action. We live and work in the same environments you do, which means our professional work is also personal.


As Regional Community Engagement Coordinators, we spend time in the community, listening and learning about our neighbor's concerns and sharing information on how they can help keep themselves and their families safe from environmental hazards.


What We Do


 Partner with local health departments to ensure state and local environmental health messaging and services are complementary and shared throughout communities.


 Work with regional collaborators to supplement on-going local efforts to promote and protect the health of the community.

 Support local organizations' engagement with communities to elevate their services and programming.

 Identify opportunities to engage the community and local organization in relevant DEH programs.

 Create opportunities for the community and local organizations to provide feedback about local DEH initiatives.

 Keep communities updated about emerging DEH resources and opportunities.

 Communicate local environmental emergencies and work with local partners to coordinate response.



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