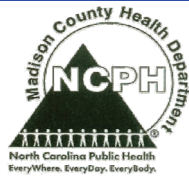


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2007 Health Priorities and Progress-To-Date

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- Two Living Healthy series have been conducted in 2008
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- Providing low cost flu immunizations at the Senior Health Fair
- Offering health screenings free for adults 55 and older at Senior Health Fair

Child Health

2010 Health Objective:

Reduce the percent of children who are overweight or obese.

Reduce the rate of repeat substantiated maltreatment reports (abuse and neglect) of children.

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- Promoting physical activity during the summer through the Terrific Tuesdays and Thursdays program sponsored by Madison County Parks and Recreation
- Collecting BMI data on K-8 students
- Working on plans for a school based health center at Madison Middle School
- Promoting opportunities for positive parenting education
- Plans to offer free childbirth and parenting classes at Madison County Health Department
- Increasing awareness of child abuse and neglect within the community

Mental Health/Substance Abuse

2010 Health Objective:

Increase the proportion of adults with mental illnesses who receive treatment.

- Organized Mental Health Committee
- Leading quarterly community mental health forums
- Promoting new residential substance abuse treatment programs
- Initiating a telepsychiatry program at Madison County Health Department
- Plans to offer mental/behavioral health services at the new school based health center at Madison Middle School
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