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How do Public Health Nurses Care for You?

May 6th-12th is National Nurses Week 2017

Eau Claire, WI, May 6th, 2017 – The Eau Claire City-County Health Department joins the American Nurses Academy to recognize National Nurses Week. The theme of the week is “Nursing: The Balance of Mind, Body and Spirit,” celebrating the different ways registered nurses provide care. For Public Health Nurses, their workplace goes beyond the walls of the Health Department and extends to the whole community.



In Eau Claire, one way Public Health Nurses care for the mind is by providing education. Nurses spend time with new mothers and teach them how to help develop their child’s brain. They teach youth about health, growth and development. In community settings, nurses teach people about living with and preventing chronic illness.

Nurses promote health of the body by offering reproductive health services. They also provide immunizations, which keep people and our whole community healthy. In 2016, Nurses provided 1570 vaccinations to infants, children and adults in Eau Claire County.

The favorite role of a Public Health Nurse is forming relationships with clients. They visit pregnant mothers, new babies, and whole families in their homes to provide guidance and support. The relationships build the spirit of clients and nurses.

“The services our Public Health Nurses provide help keep our whole community healthy,” says Ellen Jacobs, Public Health Nurse at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. “Take the time this week to ‘Thank a Nurse.’”

To learn more about what Public Health Nurses do in our community, check out the Health Department on [Facebook](#). You can also learn more about Health Department services by visiting our website at www.ehealthdepartment.org.

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Public Health
Nursing by the
Numbers

1570

vaccinations given to
infants, children and adults

935

reportable communicable
disease follow ups

186

women received prenatal
care coordination services

45

families with infants received
a Pack’n Play: a safe sleep
option

648

women and men received
contraceptive services