



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

<https://health.essexcountyny.gov/>

Who we are:

Essex County Health Department is a Local Health Department of NYSDOH. Our mission is to prevent disease, promote health, and protect life by contributing to conditions within our communities such that people can be healthy.

What we do:

We offer mandated services in broad program areas of Community Health Assessment and Planning, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, and Family Health. We also provide services in Children's Services, operate a WIC Program and run a Certified Home Health Agency. Specific programs and services we thought most applicable to the School Resource Binder are described below with contact information.

What services we provide:

Services are listed below.

Contact Person:

Each program has their own separate contact.

Services and Programs

Living Well in Essex County Newsletter:

By signing up, you will receive our monthly Living Well in Essex County Newsletter that delivers timely health tips, seasonal insights, and valuable local resources for you and your family, right to your inbox. Find the sign up at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/8kFS0Eb/LivingWell>

Contact:

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Baby Steps to Bright Futures Program:

The Baby Steps to Bright Futures program is a voluntary universal newborn home visiting program. It includes three (3) home visits and one (1) phone visit. It is designed to serve Moms, Dads, Foster Parents, Adoptive Parents, Grandparents...Families! A health professional visits caregivers and newborns right within the comfort of your home. Health professionals are Health Educators and/or Certified Lactation Consultants who understand the health needs of you and your newborn. Visits focus on what families need – connecting them to health insurance, providers, community programs and services.

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Breastfeeding Support:

We support breastfeeding as the #1 choice for newborn and infant nutrition! We have a number of initiatives that support breastfeeding including breastfeeding/chestfeeding support; Peer Counselor Connection; Breast Pump Connection & Support.

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Lead Poisoning Prevention Program:

Lead can cause developmental delays, learning difficulties and more health problems. At your 1 year & 2 year well-child visits, have your infant/child tested for lead. If your child tests high for lead, we will work with families to come up with a plan to remove the sources of lead exposure.

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Community Care Kiosk Program:

No cost public health resources vending machines throughout the county. These innovative machines provide essential items to residents, enhancing accessibility to vital health resources. Locations: Mountain Lake Services – Thrift Store – Port Henry; Essex County Jail Lobby – Lewis; DMV Lobby – Elizabethtown. Our Kiosk Items are now available to request online!

Contact:

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Car Seat Program:

Essex County Health Department has certified car seat technicians who can check to see if your child's car seat is installed properly and securely. We also have a technician certified to check and install car seats for children with special health care needs. This service is available to everyone regardless of income! Car seats are also available at no cost to low-income and other qualifying families that meet criteria after a car seat fitting.

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Early Intervention Program:

The EI Program helps children who are delayed in their development or have a diagnosed disability. The program is for those ages birth – 3 years of age. If your child is eligible for the Early Intervention program, your Service Coordinator will assist you in developing a family-centered plan. Most services are provided at your home, daycare, Head Start, or other community setting. Your Service Coordinator can assist you with other resources such as connecting you to health insurance programs, other community resources, and information on child development. Any child residing in Essex County who meets the criteria of delay or who has a qualifying diagnosis is eligible for this program.

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Children & Youth with Special Healthcare Needs:

The Children with Special Health Care Needs Program (CSHCN) is dedicated to achieving a system of care for children with special health care needs and their families. Program goals are to link families to correct health and related services, identify gaps and barriers, assist in family resolutions, and assure access to quality health care.

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Preschool Program:

If your preschool child received early intervention services [as an infant or toddler up to age three and may still need special education services] your Service Coordinator will help you with transition planning and making a referral to the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). If your preschool child did not receive early intervention services but has some delays such as difficulty in talking, moving around, thinking, learning or is facing physical or behavioral challenges – you, or professionals who know your child, may make a referral to the chairperson of your school district's Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) who will assist you in completing the referral process.

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School Wellness Policies:

We are required to conduct an evidenced-based chronic disease prevention program that focusing on the prevention of chronic diseases and their associated risk factors – Nutrition, Physical activity, and Tobacco. School wellness policies are the perfect place to create a foundation of a supportive environment for students, faculty and staff for foods, activities and addiction-prevention. Let us join you in these efforts!

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Immunization Records and/or scheduling immunizations:

Decades of research show that vaccines prevent disease. An overwhelming number of studies also show that they are safe and effective. Our Department serves as a safety net provider. This means, if you can't get an appointment at your regular healthcare provider, health center or local pharmacy, or if you don't have health insurance, we can serve you.

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