

Health Spotlight February 2006





DID YOU KNOW THAT IN SCOTT COUNTY IN 2005...

There were 811 cases of Chlamydia. Of these cases, 574 were females and 237 were males.

"Chlamydia is a common sexually transmitted disease caused by the bacterium, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, which can damage a woman's reproductive organs. Even though symptoms of chlamydia are usually mild or absent, serious complications that cause irreversible damage, including infertility, can occur "silently" before a woman ever recognizes a problem. Chlamydia also can cause discharge from the penis of an infected man." (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)

There were 350 cases of Gonorrhea. Of these cases, 206 were females and 144 were males.

"Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted disease. Gonorrhea is caused by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, a bacterium that can grow and multiply easily in the warm, moist areas of the reproductive tract, including the cervix (opening to the womb), uterus (womb), and fallopian tubes (egg canals) in women, and in the urethra (urine canal) in women and men. The bacterium can also grow in the mouth, throat, eyes, and anus." (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)

There were 9 cases of Syphilis.

"Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by the bacterium *Treponema pallidum*. It has often been called "the great imitator" because so many of the signs and symptoms are indistinguishable from those of other diseases." (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)

There were 2,443 clients served at the Scott County Health Department STD clinic.



Scott County Health Department STD Clinic

The Scott County Health Department offers Scott County residents free, confidential testing and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases. They also provide free, confidential follow-up of sexual partners for appropriate testing and treatment.

The walk-in STD clinic hours are:

Tuesday: 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Thursday: 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:30-11:00 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN SCOTT COUNTY IN 2005...

There were 6 cases of HIV.

"HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is the virus that causes AIDS. This virus may be passed from one person to another when infected blood, semen, or vaginal secretions come in contact with an uninfected person's broken skin or mucous membranes. In addition, infected pregnant women can pass HIV to their baby during pregnancy or delivery, as well as through breastfeeding. People with HIV have what is called HIV infection. Some of these people will develop AIDS as a result of their HIV infection." (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)

There were 1,371 clients served at the Scott County Health Department HIV testing clinic.

Scott County Health Department HIV Antibody Testing Program

The Scott County Health Department's HIV Antibody Testing Program includes confidential pre and post counseling and oral swab testing for the HIV Antibody for all lowa residents that meet the priority guidelines. The service is provided free of charge to lowa residents. For positive tests, counseling and referral services are available as well as partner notification services.

Walk-in pre test counseling and testing are available on:

Tuesday: 1:00-4:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 1:00-4:00 p.m.
 Friday: 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Walk-in post test counseling is available:

Monday-Friday: 8:00-4:00 p.m.

There were 537 clients served at alternative HIV testing sites. These sites include The Center for Alcohol and Drug Services, Community Health Care, Inc Homeless Clinic and Regional Virology Center, Genesis VNA, Scott County Corrections' Facilities, Summit Boys Home, Virology Clinics, and Women's Health Services in Clinton.

For more information, visit the Scott County Health Department's website at: http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health.

Give Kids A Smile Day, February 3rd

Give Kids A Smile Day began when a group of dentists and the Greater St. Louis Dental Society set up a temporary full-service clinic that treated approximately 400 children over two days in February 2002. This event has spread nationwide and is taking place in the Quad Cities for the third time in February.



This year there are approximately 94 volunteer dentists who will provide free services to underserved children.