



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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TO: Members of the Board of Health

FROM: A. Reigelman

DATE: July 9, 2026

RE: Board of Health Meeting - Thursday, July 16, 2026,
7:30 a.m., **Conference Room B**, 2nd Floor of Health and Human Services
Building at 1062 St. Rt. 38, Owego, NY 13827.

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes- June 2026
2. Presentation- Emergency Preparedness
M. Squair, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
3. Old Business
4. Director's Report
 - Agency Updates- June (2026)
5. New Business
 - Enforcements
6. Additional Items
 - None
7. Next Meeting Information
 - Next Meeting: September 17, 2026



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MEETING MINUTES June 18, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS' PRESENT:

T. Nytych, DVM, President
W. Simmons, Vice President
T. Hills, DVM
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP
W. Standinger III, Legislator
T. Leary, FNP

ABSENT:

R. Kapur-Pado, DO

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

H. Vroman, Public Health Director
A. Reigelman, Secretary
P. DeWind, Esq., Tioga County Attorney
H. Holochak, Public Health Project Coordinator
K. Russell, Public Health Educator

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:30 a.m. by Dr. Nytych.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve May 2026 meeting minutes made by Ms. Leary, seconded by Mr. Simmons. All were in favor of approving the minutes, none opposed, motion approved.

PRESENTATION: 2025 CLYDE (Community-Level Youth Development Evaluation) Survey overview presented by Ms. Holochak and Ms. Russell. PowerPoint presentation and hardcopy handouts were provided during meeting. CLYDE survey is conducted biennially, with oversight from the Tioga County ASAP (Advocacy Support and Prevention) Coalition. The CLYDE survey was administered from September through December of 2025 to grades 7-12 in all Tioga County school districts. Notably, this was the first year that all six school districts participated in the survey. Presenters provided summary of the core findings from the survey including substance use percentages, substance use perceptions and accessibility among Tioga County youth. The survey also included questions regarding mental health and bullying. Presenters explained next steps, including follow up meetings with school administrators to provide possible interventions and strategies to assist youth. Strategies/interventions align with the Tioga County Public Health Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). A primary focus is on education outreach for youth, parents and administration on substance use prevention strategies and mental health training initiatives.

Ms. Holochak and Ms. Russell departed meeting at 8:09 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Vroman distributed and shared her Director's Report.

Public Health Information:

- Federal funding: No anticipated cuts; \$40M HHS support for addiction prevention, child trauma, suicide prevention.
- NYS budget: Added funding for tick-borne illness prevention, Article Six State Aid, and Healthy Neighborhood Programs; no local losses anticipated.
- CDC EOC activation for screwworm: Focus on containment and coordination with USDA; NYSDOH monitoring.
- Disease outbreaks: Infant botulism case linked to formula; Listeria outbreak since 2023 tied to Clover Hill Dairy (9 infections, 1 death; recalls issued); Ebola ~700 global cases, 136 deaths; no US cases, returning travelers monitored.

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- Tick-borne disease: Anaplasmosis YTD 151 cases; 11 hospitalizations; conducted provider outreach on panel testing; rising trend statewide; concern about undercounting asymptomatic carriers and insurance resistance to panel costs.

Staffing:

- Vacancies for Office Specialist II and seasonal clerk; offer declined for Office Specialist due to salary gap; hiring process continues.

Accomplished Activities:

- Internal review of administrative policies; staff feedback window; annual review approved.
- NYSDOH Family Health Team visit: Informal annual meet-and-greet for chronic disease, Maternal Child Health, and lead programs.
- Annual management/budget/planning retreat: discussed budget, staffing gaps, strategic plan, stay interview results, accreditation timeline, leadership activity.
- Early Intervention picnic for EI families at Marvin Park.
- Ms. Vroman participated in first Housing Work Group Coalition facilitated by DSS.

In-Progress Tasks:

- Strategic plan: Surveys/feedback through Dec 2026; SWOC survey results in analysis.
- Environmental Health is busy: Seven children's camps undergoing pre-op and operational inspections (safety, pools, food service, water, CPR, immunizations); four pre-ops completed.
- Emergency preparedness: Project Public Health Ready submission received outstanding in-state review; minor corrections pending; national review next; national accreditation expected March 2027. Ms. Squair spear-headed with assistance from PHEP Team and Ms. Reigelman.

Board Action Items:

- Ms. Vroman asked members to review the CLYDE survey handout at their leisure-provides good information.

Other:

- Ms. Squair will be attending next Board of Health meeting to present on all things Emergency Preparedness.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Six Board of Health Members were in attendance. Ms. Vroman, County Attorney DeWind and Ms. Reigelman remained in attendance. Motion made by Legislator Standing, seconded by Mr. Simmons, to move to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried. Motion made by Legislator Standing, seconded by Mr. Simmons, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:26 a.m. Motioned carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Enforcements: Brief discussion of The Cellar's enforcement. Ms. Vroman listed violation items.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Dr. Raftis, all in favor, none opposed, motion approved. Adjournment of meeting called 9:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Reigelman

Thomas Nyth, DVM, President

Abigail Reigelman; Secretary

Minutes approved July 16, 2026



July 2026 Enforcements

<u>Business</u>	<u>Type of Violation</u>	<u>Fine Paid/Date</u>	<u>Repeat Violation(s) within 12 Month Period</u>
Lynn Walsh The Terrace 8624 NY 434 Apalachin, NY	Food	\$450.00 6/22/2026	No
Aaron Fairfield Sugar Maple Cafe 200 Front St. Ste 102 Owego, NY	Food	\$225.00 6/23/2026	No
Jamie Mullen Hometown Heros Mobile Food Unit 241 Erie St. Waverly, NY	Food	\$375.00 7/1/2026	No



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Heather Vroman, MPH, MEd., Public Health Director



AGENCY REPORT

May 21-June 24, 2026

Highlights

- We submitted our Community Health Improvement Plan to NYSDOH!
- We received initial feedback from the New York State review for our Project Public Health Ready for Emergency Preparedness. One of the facilitators noted that it was: “one of the best in-state reviews [they’ve] seen.” Only minor edits are necessary before final submission.
- Staff tabled and handed out water to participants at the Strawberry Fest 5K.
- Early Intervention team hosted a picnic for families in the program at Marvin Park, Owego. Attendees included nine children and seven adults for an afternoon of crafts, playing, and food.
- In collaboration with Mental Health Department, we submitted and were awarded a grant by NYS Office of Mental Health Suicide Prevention Center of New York (SPCNY) for Building Capacity for Rural Suicide Prevention in New York State for \$132,000.

Health Education

- We held a Lunch & Learn with our community partners to highlight our new Tioga County Health Atlas (data dashboard) platform through Metopio.
- Delivered Fun in the Sun Guides (summer safety/education) and beach balls to Tioga County Elementary Schools.
- A Health Educator attended Family Resource Center’s Story times at Waverly, Berkshire, Spencer, Candor and Nichols to highlight Summer Safety in May and Water Safety in June.
- ASAP Coalition sponsored the OFA After Prom Party, providing funds to encourage youth to attend a safe, sober event. Also sponsored 600 Senior Swag Bags with promotional items for graduating seniors to all Tioga County School Districts.
- An Opioid Overdose Prevention training was conducted with the Apalachin Lions Club. 23 attendees were trained in identifying and reversing opioid overdose and 35 kits were distributed.
- We created and distributed posters on tickborne illness to be displayed in stores catering for outdoor hobbies, like Agway (see attached flyer).

Environmental Health

- Another successful year for Strawberry Fest, the EH crew was busy with over 30 food vendor inspections!
- Updated Food Safety webpage and renamed it “Food Service Establishments.”
- We hosted a Water and Wastewater Operator training at the HHS Building.

Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)

- Dental Van finished another successful school year and distributed dental school reports, as well as a School Based Dental Health Clinic partner survey to school administrators, principals and nurses to inquire how services can improve. Results will be shared at a later date.
- Public Health Nurse has distributed (to area emergency departments) information flyers regarding Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis. The flyers contain printed information as well as a QR code to access a “how to” video.
- Early Intervention has seen an increase in referrals over the past couple of months. Meanwhile, the shortage of service providers continues.
- Nursing has been attending webinars and reviewing information related to the current Ebola outbreak. An internal team has met to review our plan for responding to suspected cases or travelers.
- Staff delivered packets on disease rates and a local seminar information on tickborne illnesses to all healthcare providers, which included educational resources.

Administration

- As part of the upcoming 2027-2029 TCPH Strategic Plan, a SWOC (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges) was completed with Board of Health members, Legislators, and partner agencies to provide valuable feedback on areas our department excels in, and areas to focus on in the coming years.
- Management Team had its annual budget-planning meeting in preparation for the 2027 budget.
- As part of Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis (RPEP) billing and invoicing QI Project, several staff met with UHS staff to discuss ways to improve the RPEP billing process.
- PHD is participating in conversations/webinars around Rural Health Transformation funding.

Workforce Development

- Health Educator completed Pryor Learning Training for Time Management for the Overwhelmed and How to be a Great Communicator.
- Public Health Project Coordinator and Health Educator presented at the June Board of Health Meeting and Suicide Prevention Coalition on CLYDE Survey results.
- Public Health Nurse has completed training to be a Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR trainer.
- Senior Early Intervention Service Coordinator attended the NYS Early Intervention Conference in Troy.
- Director of Environmental Health and Director of Weights and Measures attended the NYS Weights and Measures Training School in Oswego.

Ongoing Support/Partnerships

TCPH team members actively serve in leadership roles or participate in the following:

- Advocacy, Support & Prevention (ASAP) Coalition
- Child Fatality Review Team
- Family Enrichment Network (Head Start)
- Lourdes PACT Advisory Board
- Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network
- New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)
- New York State Association for Rural Health (NYSARH)
- New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC)
- Racker Center
- Rural Health Network
- S2AY Pivotal Public Health Partnership Early Childhood Committee
- Team Tioga
- Tioga County Board of Health
- Tioga County Commissioner's Advisory Council
- Tioga County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
- Tioga County Council of Governments
- Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Tioga County Mental Health Sub-Committee
- Tioga Opportunities, Inc.
- Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Tioga County Threat Assessment Management Team
- Tioga County Water Quality Committee
- Tioga County Youth Bureau

Attachments:

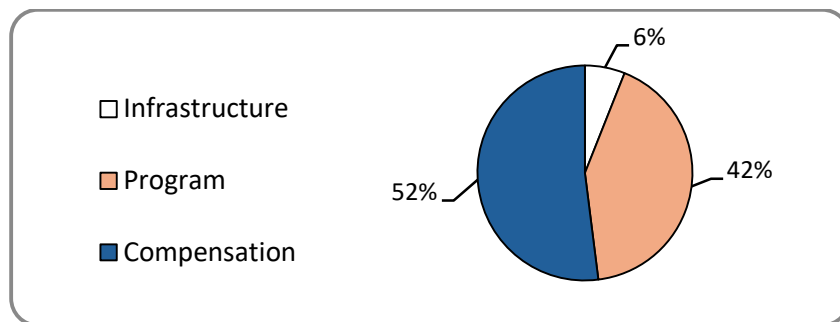
1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru May 2026.
2. Photographs: Family Resource Center Storytime and Activity, Strawberry Fest 5K, Strawberry Fest EH Crew, June 2026.
3. Article: "Tioga County Public Health awarded \$10,000 grant from Floyd Hooker Foundation to support child safety programs," Tioga County Courier, May 27, 2026.
4. Flyer: Tickborne Illness Education, June 2026.
5. Flyer: "What the Health!?", June 2026.
6. Bulletin Board: "Be a Parent Not Bartender," HHS Building, Owego, NY, June 2026.
7. Bulletin Boards: Amish Buggy Awareness, 56 Main St., Owego, NY, June 2026.
8. Data Spreadsheet May 21-June 24, 2026.

Financial Snapshot
Year-to-date through May 2026*1,2,3

	Budget 2026	Actual YTD 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
REVENUES			
Fees	833,850	197,760	24 %
State/Federal	3,633,567	81,222	2 %
Local	3,878,709	1,884,460	49 %
TOTAL	8,346,126	2,163,442	26 %

EXPENSES			
Compensation	3,476,616	1,118,088	32 %
Program Expense	4,410,697	916,717	21 %
Core Infrastructure	458,813	128,637	28 %
TOTAL	8,346,126	2,163,442	26 %

Allocation of Expenses
Year-to-date through May 2026



***Notes:**

1. These figures represent the most recent 'closed out' month by the Treasurer, which is May 2026.
2. Most of January & February revenue are adjusted back to prior year as payments during this time are for services performed in the prior year. State Aid reimbursement is reported a couple months after each quarter ends.
3. Additional funds not including in the reported numbers above are JUUL Settlement Funds & ASAP Coalition grants. These are excluded as they are outside of our County approved budgets and would skew the figures to not being accurate reflections of financial status.



Children's Outreach Storytime and Activity, FRC various locations, June 2026

Strawberry Fest 5K, TCPH staff distributing water, June 18, 2026



Strawberry Fest, EH Crew, June 19 & 20, 2026

Tioga County Public Health awarded \$10,000 grant from Floyd Hooker Foundation to support child safety programs

Tioga County Public Health in a press release said they were proud to announce they has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Floyd Hooker Foundation to support two important childhood injury-prevention initiatives: the long-standing Child Passenger Safety Program and the newly launched "Helmet First, Ride Second" Bicycle Helmet Program for children.

Funding from the Floyd Hooker Foundation will help purchase child safety seats and bicycle helmets to support the educational and operational needs of both programs.

For decades, the Child Passenger Safety Program has provided evidence-based education, individualized car seat fittings, and certified child passenger safety seats to families

in need throughout Tioga County. In 2025, approximately 75% of car seats inspected through the program were found to be installed incorrectly, highlighting the continued need for hands-on education and support from Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

The new "Helmet First, Ride Second" Bicycle Helmet Program expands Tioga County Public Health's injury-prevention efforts by providing bicycle helmet education, professional helmet fittings, and no-cost bicycle helmets for children ages 14 and younger, helping reduce preventable bicycle-related injuries and promote safe riding habits. Wearing a properly fitted helmet greatly reduces the risk of head injuries in children—

to long-lasting developmental, cognitive, or physical effects—making early helmet use a critical part of keeping kids safe.

Tioga County Public Health said they would like to thank the Floyd Hooker Foundation for their continued support of our work educating children and families throughout Tioga County and for partnering with us to help keep our community's children safe.

Keep an eye out on our website and social media for the official launching of the new "Helmet First, Ride Second" Bicycle Program for additional details. For more information about the Child Passenger Safety Program or to schedule a car seat appointment, please contact Tioga County Public Health at 607-687-8600 or visit ph.tiogacountyny.gov.

Tioga Co. Courier 5/27/26

Article: Tioga County Courier, May 27, 2026

Grass, Gardens, Trails... Ticks Don't Care!



If you're outdoors,
ticks can be there.

Treat!

Treat boots and outdoor gear with permethrin.



Repel!

Apply bug spray to your skin and clothing.



Check!

Shower shortly after coming indoors.

Check your entire body, gear, and pets for ticks.

Found a tick?

Contact your healthcare provider to discuss if treatment is needed.





What the Health!?

June 2026

Graduation parties shouldn't be about breaking the law. Hosting a party with underage drinking is always illegal!

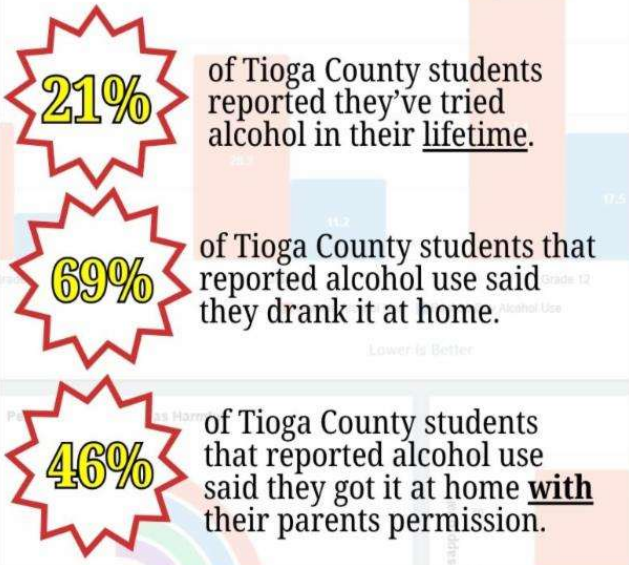


Don't let alcohol, marijuana, and other substances ruin your child's fun or future!

SURVEY SAYS:

Every 2 years the Tioga County ASAP Coalition conducts the Community Level Youth Development Evaluation- a youth survey aimed to gather data on youth substance use and mental health.

Data from our 2025 CLYDE survey shows:

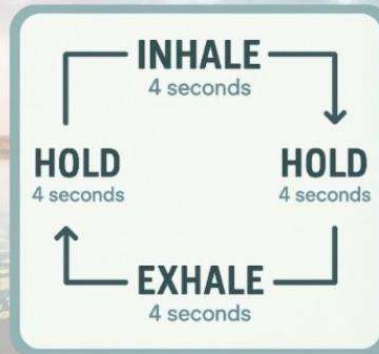


The Great Liver Challenge!

- It is estimated that ___ million people in the US have some form of liver disease.
 - a. 80
 - b. 100
 - c. 90
 - d. 65
- Which of the following **DOES NOT** put someone at risk of liver damage?
 - a. Type 2 diabetes
 - b. High blood pressure
 - c. Drinking coffee
 - d. Obesity
- TRUE or FALSE:** Many liver diseases can be reversed through a healthy lifestyle, diet, and exercise.
- TRUE or FALSE:** You can always feel when liver damage is happening to your body.
- The most common cause of cirrhosis is...
 - a. Hepatitis
 - b. Alcohol abuse
 - c. Fatty liver disease
 - d. All of the above

1. A 2. C 3. True 4. False 5. D

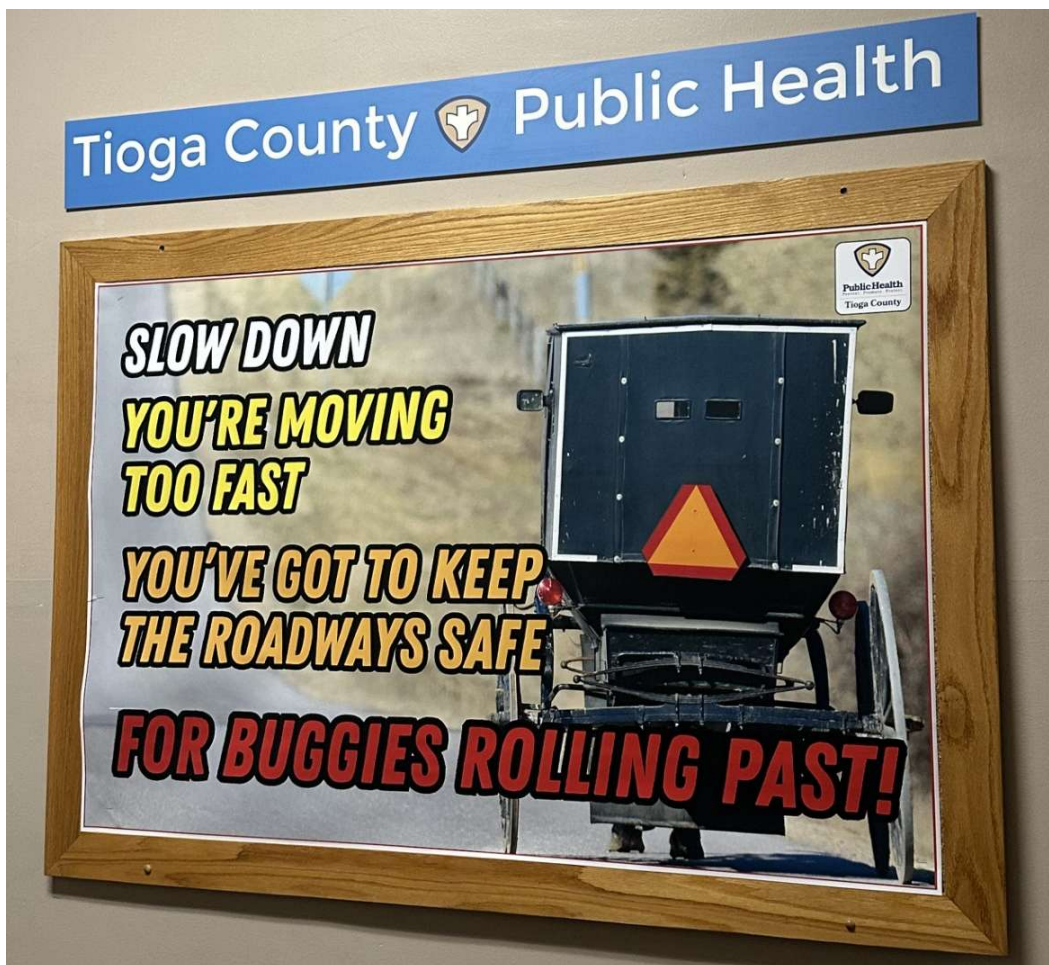
HAVING A ROUGH DAY? TRY BOX BREATHING!



Flyer: "What the Health!?", June 2026.



Bulletin Board: HHS Building, Owego, NY June 2026



Bulletin Board: 56 Main St., Owego, NY, June 2026

DATA SPREADSHEET

May 21-June 24, 2026

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>Y-E 2024</u>	<u>Y-E 2025</u>	<u>May-26</u>	<u>Jun-26</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Community Health					
Communicable Disease	3082	2643	60	66	1391
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacterious, Salmonellosis, etc.)	330	363	11	9	243
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc.)	352	474	40	51	149
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, Influenza, etc.)	2281	1710	4	2	906
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	49	39	0	3	11
- Child Seats PASS Inspection	9	10	0	0	0
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	40	29	0	0	8
- Child Seats Distributed	62	47	0	3	11
CredibleMind Users	N/A	2857	110	388	1323
Immunizations: Total children and adults	87	54	1	0	9
Newly Identified Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	10	13	2	0	6
Environmental Health Assessments due to Child with EBLL	8	9	1	0	3
Current Children with EBLL Caseload	N/A	N/A	17	17	N/A
- Welcome Baby Packets Mailed	298	433	38	39	220
Lactation Consultant Requests	N/A	N/A	4	3	12
Lactation Consultant Current Caseload	N/A	N/A	6	4	15
Individuals Naloxone Trained (Opioid Overdose Prevention Program)	96	72	0	23	48
Dental					
New Clients	325	383	16	25	198
Dental Screenings	1227	1359	80	106	703
- Clients with Low Decay Risk	461	287	12	27	137
-Clients with Moderate Decay Risk	274	445	28	32	242
- Clients with High Decay Risk	493	619	40	47	322
Extractions	170	205	12	16	90
Children Services					
Referrals for Services (ChildFind & EI)	N/A	N/A	26	12	96
Referrals forwarded to Early Intervention (Prev. Early Intervention Referrals)	195	138	20	11	74
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	N/A	N/A	45	49	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	N/A	14	19	N/A
- Active EI Providers	N/A	N/A	9	9	N/A

	<u>Y-E 2024</u>	<u>Y-E 2025</u>	<u>May-26</u>	<u>Jun-26</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Preschool					
- Children in a tuition-based program	N/A	N/A	25	25	N/A
- Children receiving transportation services under the Serafini contract	N/A	N/A	17	17	N/A
- Children receiving transportation from their parents	N/A	N/A	8	8	N/A
Child Find					
- Current Children being served	N/A	N/A	20	20	N/A
Environmental Health					
Animal bite investigations	238	237	24	41	131
- Individuals requiring Rabies Series (N)	51	39	5	7	19
Rabies Clinics	9	8	1	0	3
- Number of Animals Vaccinated	1377	1140	165	0	364
Food Establishment Inspections	228	240	23	32	120
Food Course Certificates Issued	N/A	N/A	45	14	110
Temporary Food Inspections	62	64	7	37	45
Clean Indoor Air Act Complaints (Smoking)	1	5	0	0	1
Mobile Home Park Inspections	35	35	2	6	26
Swimming Pool Inspections	11	20	1	4	9
Tanning Inspections	2	2	0	0	1
Children's Camp Inspections	13	14	0	6	6
Agriculture Fairground Inspections	3	2	0	0	0
ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	116	157	0	0	35
Enforcement Actions	45	64	2	7	25
Weights & Measures					
Inspection Sites	201	141	15	15	53
-Devices Inspected	448	257	114	61	280
-Devices PASS Inspection	N/A	N/A	110	58	267
-Devices FAIL Inspection	N/A	N/A	4	3	12
Fiscal-Electronic Payments & Applications					
Total Number of Electronic Payments (All Programs)	N/A	133	19	39	106
Total Dollar Amount of Electronic Payments Received (All Programs)	N/A	\$25,876	\$3,511	\$4,268	\$16,418
Number of Electronic Applications Received	N/A	47	0	0	61