

# **REGIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM**

## **2024 Annual Program Report**

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## OVERVIEW

The Regional Community Health Team (RCHT) is an initiative within the Health & Well-Being Institute (HWB) to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to enhance community-based partners' capacity to identify and address health priorities. The initiative was launched in Spring 2024 to expand the reach and capacity of HWB around the state in advancing community health.

The RCHT provides training, technical assistance, and capacity building to local and Tribal health departments, community-based organizations, and coalitions in support of community health assessment and planning processes. Program activities are focused on supporting partners in three primary areas:

- Authentically engaging the community in community health assessment, planning, and decision-making processes
- Enhancing community health assessment activities, including improved community health data collection and analysis
- Moving from data to action using evidence-based strategies and policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) approaches

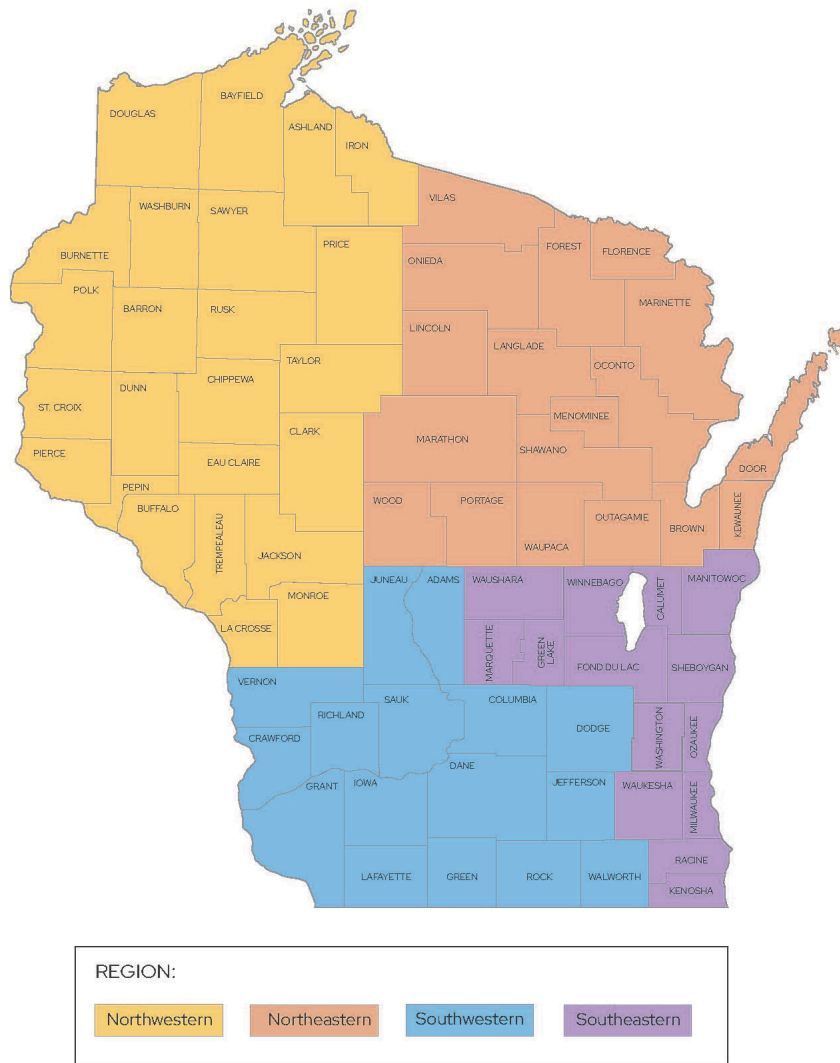
The creation of the RCHT and the scope of work are designed to align with the efforts of statewide public health partners, support public health system transformation efforts, and advance aspects of the [Wisconsin State Health Improvement Plan](#). Statewide partners include UW Population Health Institute, Wisconsin Association for Public Health, Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards, and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Division of Public Health's Office of Policy and Practice Alignment.

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since its inception in March 2024, the RCHT onboarded a Regional Community Health Team Supervisor, and three Regional Community Health Team Coordinators in the Southwest, Northeast, and Northwest regions of Wisconsin. Coordinators are initially intended for areas of the state that are more rural-serving, where community health capacity and resources may be limited.



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In 2024, the RCHT provided the following training activities:

- Food Security in Wisconsin for the Rural Mental Health Committee, National Association of Social Workers - Wisconsin Chapter on July 15, 2024.
- Building and Sustaining Coalitions for DHS Social Connection grantees on October 20, 2024.
- Community Assessment for DHS Social Connection grantees on November 26, 2024.
- Using Data to Inform Grant Writing for the Hmong and Hispanic Communication Network (H2N) on December 20, 2024.

In 2024, the RCHT provided the following technical assistance activities:

- Deliberative Inquiry in Community Health Improvement Plan pilot with Wood County Health Department from August 2024 - December 2024, including three community conversations.
- Planned and facilitated annual strategic planning for the Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection on December 2, 2024.
- Qualitative data analysis planning with Aspirus Health, Langlade County Health Department, and Columbia County Health Department held November - December 2024.
- Program evaluation with multi-sector partners in Vernon County to assess a Rural Violence Crime Initiative, beginning in July 2024 and ongoing.

Additionally, the RCHT provided tailored consultation to several community partners, including:

- Portage County Rural Coalitions Task Force
  - Waupaca County Building Bridges Coalition
  - Aging Coalition of Door County
  - Florence County Health Department
  - Healthy Oconto County Coalition
  - Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services
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- Pierce County Health Department
- Crawford County Health Department and Crossing Rivers Health
- Farmer Angel Network
- Oneida Nation
- Clark County Health Department

## **PARTNER ENGAGEMENT**

Since April 2024, a priority of the RCHT has been to engage with partners to better understand the community health landscape at a regional and statewide level. The team has intentionally engaged local, regional, and statewide community partners to understand community health needs and to clarify the priorities of the RCHT.

The RCHT engaged a variety of community partners, with presentations to the following:

- [Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative](#) on April 9, 2024
- Tabled at the [Wisconsin Public Health Association](#) annual conference, May 21 - May 23, 2023
- [MCH Title V Adolescent Well-Being grantees](#) on September 23, 2024
- [Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards](#) on October 15, 2024
- [Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection](#) on November 4, 2024
- [Wisconsin's Site Evaluation Program](#) on November 15, 2024

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## TESTIMONIALS

- Staff “gained hands-on experience in qualitative analysis and coding. This can be shared with the team and others in the community. The results can be used to inform the needs assessment. Dr. Wong’s work was incredibly helpful.” (Qualitative Data Analysis Planning with Aspirus Health)
- “Many of the tools that you have provided will guide conversations well into the future.” (Building and Sustaining Coalitions)
- “Full of information..it was all great!” (Community Assessment)

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Through partner engagement, the RCHT identified multiple opportunities to provide technical assistance and capacity support with community-based partners. Upcoming activities in early 2025 include:
  - Technical assistance and capacity support for Deliberative Inquiry in the Community Health Improvement Plan pilot with Clark County Health Department and Oneida Nation.
  - Annual strategic planning with the Farmer Angel Network.
  - Collaborating with Vernon County, Vernon County Sheriff’s Office, and other community-based partners, on program evaluation and systems mapping for the county’s Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative.
  - Serving as lead technical assistance provider to Maternal Child Health (MCH) Title V local/Tribal health department grant recipients in support of Adolescent Well-Being.
  - Providing technical assistance to DHS Increasing Environmental Health Literacy mini-grant recipients.
  - Providing bi-monthly qualitative data analysis workshops to local/Tribal health departments and community-based organizations.
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## Who We Are

**Building capacity of community-based partners in identifying and responding to community-driven health priorities.**

The Regional Community Health Team (RCHT) is an initiative to provide training, technical assistance, and resource support to build capacity of community-based partners in identifying and responding to community-driven health priorities. Our goal is to advance community health and well-being through training, technical assistance, & capacity building for community partners.

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