



PARISH HEALTH PROFILE 1999

A publication of Policy, Planning & Evaluation
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health
325 Loyola Ave, Suite 515
New Orleans, LA 70112
504-568-2952
(fax) 504-568-8744

Franklin Parish



PARISH HEALTH PROFILE 1999
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HOSPITALS
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

David W. Hood

Secretary

John LaCour

Deputy Secretary

Madeline McAndrew

Assistant Secretary

Liz Sumrall, MPA

Director

Policy, Planning & Evaluation

Editor-in-Chief

Kate McCaffery, MPH

Product Development

Elisabeth Gleckler, MPH, DrPH-ABD Madeline Roberts, MPH

Production and Development Assistance

Laura Anderson, MPH Teena Freeman, MA Karen Kelso, RNC, MS
Nancy Lowenthal, MPH Rebecca Olson, MPH Scott Whoolery, MPH, MBA
Amy Wise, MPH Christina Bradlee, MPH Rheneisha Mable

Editors

Eric Baumgartner, MD, MPH Joan Borstell, MS
Christine McColloster, MPH Rebecca Merriwether, MD, MPH
Stacey Wiles, MPH



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A special thanks to the people working in communities who participated in formative research. Their insight and experience moved us towards a better product and greater customer satisfaction.

We, the staff of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, are very thankful for the continued support of Madeline McAndrew, Dr. Jimmy Guidry and Joe Kimbrell. We would also like to thank the OPH regional administrators, OPH division directors, OPH program staff and the many other staff members across the agency who gave us valuable information and feedback.

We would like to thank all of the OPH personnel who developed, read, reviewed and edited all or part of the Parish Health Profiles 1999 during their production.

We also want to thank our partners outside of the Office of Public Health who made this document about overall quality of life richer through their information, contributions, edit and review:

- DHH Office of Mental Health
- DHH Research and Development
- DHH Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
- La. Department of Social Services
- La. Office of Economic Development
- La. Department of Education
- La. Department of Public Safety and Corrections
- La. Department Environmental Quality
- Resources for Independent Living
- La. Turning Point Initiative
- Capitol Area Human Services District
- DHH Office of Addictive Disorders
- DHH Office of Health Services Financing
- La. Office of the Governor, Elderly Affairs Council
- Louisiana State Library
- La. Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
- Louisiana Interagency Council for the Homeless
- LEAP, Center for Business & Economic Research

Also, we would like to thank the communities and community representatives who allowed their stories to be used in the “Taking Care – Taking Control” boxes. They are inspiring examples of the work being done in communities all over the state every day.

Thank you to Pan Am Communications for many of the images used throughout this document.

Finally, a thank you in advance to all the readers who will provide the input and the mechanisms to make these Profiles work as a community tool. Your experiences, comments and feedback will make future editions of the Profiles more useful and effective. Please share your stories and evaluations with us.

Thank you,

– The OPH staff of Policy, Planning and Evaluation



VALUES, VISION AND MISSION

VALUES

The Office of Public Health aspires to promote health for the people of Louisiana by providing leadership, being innovative, and focusing on prevention.

- We honor diversity and respect all people as individuals.
- We are dedicated to serving people and communities in a caring, compassionate manner.
- We are committed to excellence and continuous improvement.
- Through education, teamwork, and collaboration we strive to enable people and communities to improve their health.
- We strive for high ethical standards and integrity in all we do, pledging to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

VISION

We see a future where all the people of Louisiana are born healthy and have the opportunity to grow, develop and live in an environment that is nurturing, supportive, safe and that promotes the physical, mental and social health of individuals, families and communities, and the state. We see a future where the Office of Public Health is a key leader and influential partner in creating and sustaining a healthy and prosperous Louisiana.

MISSION

Our commitment is to enhance the quality of life in Louisiana by providing the information necessary for individuals to assume responsibility for their own health, by assuring the availability of basic health care services for those in need. Accomplishment of our mission relies on our ability to capitalize on the diversity of our population and our employees so as to develop healthy and happy communities.

The mission of the Office of Public Health is:

- To promote health through education that emphasizes the importance of individual responsibility for health and wellness.
- To enforce regulations that protect the environment and investigate health hazards in the community.
- To collect and distribute information vital to informed decision-making on matters related to individual, community, and environmental health.
- To provide leadership for the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability in the state.
- To assure universal access to essential health services.

The Office seeks to accomplish its mission by providing a work environment where teamwork is valued, and where employees are encouraged to make collaborative decisions and are enabled to work to the best of their abilities.