

# FY2016 Annual Report



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## ADHS Mission & Vision

### Mission

To promote, protect, and improve the health and wellness of individuals and communities in Arizona

### Vision

Health and Wellness for all Arizonans

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## Who We Are

The Arizona Department of Health Services is committed to the health and wellness of all Arizonans as we provide public health services for their entire lifecycle. Many people often don't recognize the impact that public health has on every facet of our daily lives. Through this report, we will show the many ways we help improve the lives of all Arizonans by:

- Controlling epidemics
- Educating people on healthy habits, such as nutritious eating and getting physical activity
- Assisting people with tobacco cessation and disease self management
- Ensuring safe food and water
- Testing virtually all newborns for metabolic disorders
- Improving access to physical and behavioral health
- Responding to public health emergencies
- Monitoring hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living centers, ambulances, child care centers & other licensed facilities and professionals

We also operate the Arizona State Hospital, which provides high acuity, inpatient psychiatric services to our state's most vulnerable residents. ADHS is proud to be a part of Arizona's strong public health system, providing safe parks, clean air, clean water, safe meals and a healthy environment to raise our families. The

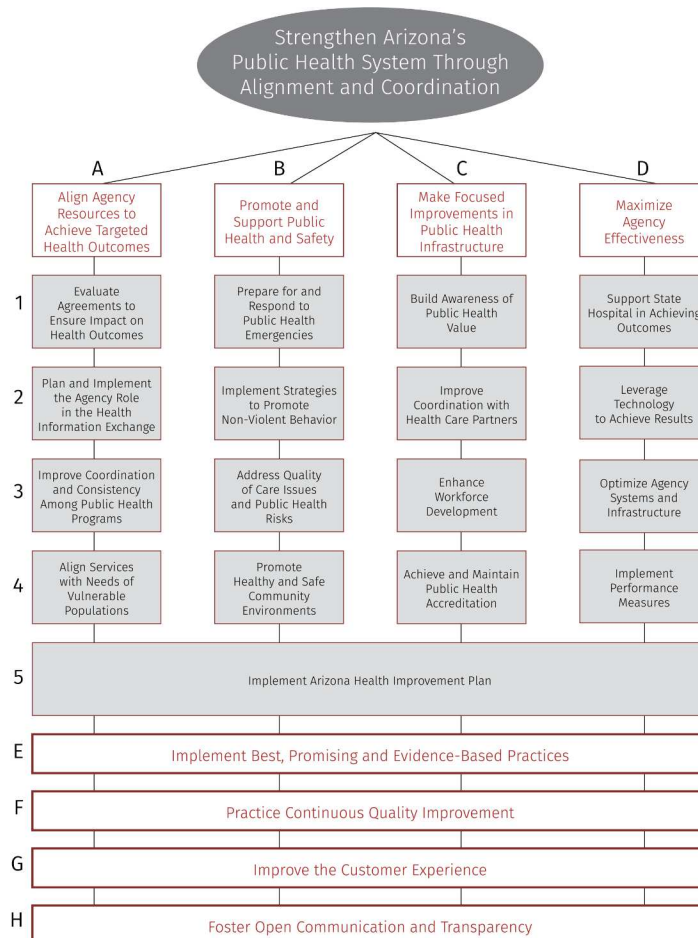
work we do truly adds value to our state and brings health and wellness to all Arizonans.

## Priorities

- Preparing for and Responding to Public Health Threats and Emergencies in Arizona
- Promoting the Health and Wellness of All Arizonans
- Protecting and Regulating Health and Child Care Services
- Assessing the Health Status of Arizona
- Providing Safe, Effective and Compassionate Psychiatric Care to Those Who Suffer From Serious Mental Illnesses
- Providing an Excellent Customer Experience

## Strategic Map

The Strategic Map provides ADHS with a clear strategic direction over the next five years, a path for implementing the strategy and an effective approach for community involvement. The Strategic Map allows the entire agency to come together under the single public health umbrella concentrating on activities and resources that will achieve better outcomes.



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## Protecting Public Health

### Preparing for and Responding to Public Health Threats and Emergencies in Arizona

- Statewide Zika Preparedness plans and response efforts implemented to protect Arizonans from serious mosquito-borne disease threats
- One of the first three public health labs in the country authorized by CDC to test for Zika virus
- Significant success in protecting the community from the nation's largest measles outbreak of 2016
- "Disaster Ready" mobile application launched for skilled nursing facilities provides up-to-date information regarding emergency events
- ADHS fully engaged to combat the opioid epidemic: One of 19 states originally awarded CDC funding, statewide training developed for law enforcement, life saving legislation passed
  
- 12 HEOC activations/responses
- 11,023 Doses of Naloxone Administered by EMS
- 1,079,598 Lab Tests Performed
- 1,803,238 Doses of Vaccine to Protect Against Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
- 6,000,000 Hospital Discharges Recorded
- 40 Trauma Centers Certified
- 271 Outbreaks Investigated
- 91,738 Disease Reports Tracked

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## Promoting the Health and Wellness of all Arizonans

- Unprecedented success in tobacco control: Increased ASHLine calls, decreased smoking, and decreased sales to minors
- Significant decline in children participating in the WIC program who are overweight and obese
- \$9.3 million of fruits and vegetables provided to mothers, children and babies
- First Arizona state health improvement plan developed, published and implemented
- One of three states nationwide selected to participate in Breast Cancer learning community
- 94% increase in rural/underserved health care provider applications for the Student Loan Repayment Program
- 50 private and public employers recognized as Healthy Arizona Worksites
- Seven programs and \$12 million per year to county health departments streamlined through the development of an integrated Healthy People, Healthy Communities IGA
  
- 54,000 Home Visits to At-Risk Families
- 60,000 HIV Tests Performed
- 30 Anti-Tobacco Youth Coalitions Across Arizona
- 97 % of Mothers Screened for Maternal Depression Within the First 6 Months Postpartum
- 300 Stakeholders Participated in Arizona State Health Improvement Plan (AzHIP)

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## Public Health Licensing

Protecting and Regulating Health and Child Care Services

- 38,126 Applications Processed
- 10,374 Surveys Conducted
- 2,502 Complaints Investigated
- 1,078 Ambulance Inspections
- 100,000 Certified Medical Marijuana Patients
- 99 % of Child Care Centers and Group Homes are Empower Providers
- 50 % Reduction in Initial Application Processing Time

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## AZ Health Status

- 86,413 Births Registered in CY2015
- 54,853 Deaths Registered in CY2015
- [2008-2013 Infectious Disease Epidemiology Report](#)
- [2013 Arizona American Indian Trauma Report](#)
- [2014 Abortion Report](#)
- [2014 Advance Vital Statistics](#)
- [2014 Biennial Evaluation Report \(A Report on Tobacco Control Programs and Chronic Disease Prevention Services\)](#)
- [2014 Big Book Issued](#)
- [2014 Injury Mortality](#)
- [2014 Resident Birth/Death Trends](#)
- [2014 Teen Pregnancy](#)
- [2014 Valley Fever Report](#)
- [2015 Arizona Title V Needs Assessment](#)
- [2015 ASHLine Annual Report](#)
- [2015 Population Denominators](#)
- [2015 TB Surveillance Report](#)
- [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) in Arizona - 2014](#)
- [Annual Child Fatality Review Report on 2014 Arizona Deaths](#)
- [Annual Report for the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission 2014-2015](#)
- [Arizona 2016 Viral Hepatitis Profile](#)
- [Arizona Alzheimer's State Plan: A Framework for Action 2015](#)
- [Arizona Biomedical Research Commission 2014-2015](#)
- [Arizona Extreme Weather, Climate and Health Synthesis Report](#)
- [Arizona Injury Data Report, 2014](#)
- [Arizona Nutrition Network Target Population Report 2015](#)
- [Arizona Title V Needs Assessment 2015](#)
- [Az Chronic Disease Strategic Plan](#)

- [Az Healthy Aging Plan](#)
  - [Colorectal Cancer in Arizona 2008-2012](#)
  - [Food Safety and Environmental Services Annual Report](#)
  - [Health Status Profile of American Indians in Arizona, 2015](#)
  - [Healthy Smiles Healthy Bodies 2015 Survey Data Brief](#)
  - [HIV/AIDS Annual Report](#)
  - [Hospital Inpatient Discharges & Emergency Room Visits Statistics](#)
  - [Immunization Coverage Level Summaries by County and School](#)
  - [Poisonings Among Arizona Residents 2014](#)
  - [Smoke-Free Arizona Annual Report](#)
  - [STD 2014 Annual Report](#)
  - [Traumatic Brain Injuries Among Arizona Residents, 2014](#)
  - [Trends in Immunizations](#)
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## Arizona State Hospital

Providing Safe, Effective and Compassionate Psychiatric Care to Those Who Suffer From Serious Mental Illnesses at the Arizona State Hospital

- High acuity, long term inpatient psychiatric care provided to persons with serious mental illness
  - Three distinct facilities operated on ASH's campus: civil, forensic and the Arizona Community Protection and Treatment Center (ACPTC)
  - Civil and forensic campuses accredited by The Joint Commission
  - Civil campus certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - Information gathered to develop a center of psychiatric excellence through a public private partnership
  
  - 275 Unique Civil & Forensic Patients Served
  - 280,000 Clinical Service Hours Provided
  - 61,888,848 Dollars Total Operating Budget
  - 13,552 Unique Visitors to the Campus
  - 656 Average State Employees Per Month
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## Providing an Excellent Customer Experience

- Nationally recognized ADHS social media program expanded efforts resulted in a 200%+ increase in engagement
- Application and documentation submitted for accreditation to the Public Health Accreditation Board
- ADHS lean coaches provided technical expertise in the statewide permit blitz
- Electronic access to ADHS services increased
  
- 1,089 Employees Trained in CQI 101
- 75 % of ADHS Services Provided Online
- 511 Public Records Requests Completed

- 210 Subpoenas/Court Orders Completed
  - 62 Run Sections Improved
  - 1,360 Media Stories Involving ADHS
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## **Timeline - July 2015**

### **State Lab Expands Testing to Give Newborns a Healthy Start**

July 1, 2015 - ADHS State Lab implements a new test to screen newborns for critical congenital heart defects. This becomes the 30th newborn screening test performed for every baby born in Arizona.

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### **Quality Management System Implemented at Arizona State Hospital**

July 1, 2015 - ADHS Director and hospital CEO create a new quality department and implement a new electronic incident reporting system to provide staff with immediate notification of hospital activity.

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### **ADHS Hosts Long Term Care Infection Prevention and Control Collaborative**

July 17, 2015 - ADHS, along with Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiology, provide about 150 long-term care leaders and staff with education and key tools to strengthen their infection prevention programs' action against healthcare-associated infections.

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### **Cancer Registry & Melanoma Task Force Recognized Nationally**

July 20, 2015 - Arizona's Cancer Registry was featured with Arizona Melanoma Task Force in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's [CDC] Skin Cancer Prevention Progress Report's "Success Stories from the Field."

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### **ADHS Educates Public Health Partners on Fighting Infectious Disease**

July 21-23, 2015 - The department hosts the sixth annual Arizona Infectious Disease Training and Exercise to bring our statewide public health community together and discuss the latest advances and best practices in preventing and controlling infectious disease.

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### **Key System Transformation Implemented at Arizona State Hospital**

July 29, 2015 - Process improvement teams deploy an electronic health record system at the hospital. This upgrade allows doctors, nurses and staff to capture clinical data related to our patients into electronic medical records throughout the hospital system.

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## Timeline - August 2015

### **Disease Detectives Discover Mosquito-borne Disease Link**

August 1, 2015 - Arizona identifies and investigates the nation's first ever, simultaneous reports of West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis mosquito-borne disease outbreaks.

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### **State Lab Receives Critical Accreditation**

August 4, 2015 - ISO 17025 accreditation is given to the State Lab for food safety testing.

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### **ADHS Featured on @FDAFood Twitter Tour**

August 4, 2015 - Showcasing Arizona's foodborne illness prevention work, ADHS is featured on FDA's 50 state food safety Twitter tour.

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### **Department Scores Five Public Health Communication Awards**

August 11, 2015 - ADHS receives five Awards for Excellence in Public Health Communications from the National Public Health Information Coalition including a Gold Medal award for our Voyage Trekkers youth anti-tobacco web video series.

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### **Public Health Creates Life-Saving Naloxone Curriculum**

August 13, 2015 - Saving lives by reducing opioid deaths; ADHS worked with law enforcement and first responders to create [training](#) to recognize an opioid overdose and administer naloxone to reverse the effects.

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### **Working to Save Arizona Babies with the ABCs of Safe Sleep**

August 18, 2015 - ADHS, Safe Sleep Task Force, and Community Partners launch the [Safe Sleep Campaign](#) to educate parents on the ABCs of Safe Sleep for infants to sleep Alone, on their Backs, in a Crib.

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### **ASH's Got Talent!**

August 20, 2015 - Patients and staff of the Arizona State Hospital up their therapeutic environment game as they display their entertainment talents during the ASH's Got Talent! show.

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### **Arizona to Combat Opioid Abuse**

August 31, 2015 - CDC awards ADHS a \$3.6 million grant as part of the Prescription Drug Overdose:

[Prevention for States program.](#)

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## Timeline - September 2015

### State Lab Confirms Salmonella Poona Source in Nationwide Outbreak

September 2, 2015 - Garden variety cucumbers grown outside of the United States are linked to 66 cases of Salmonella poisoning in Arizona and are part of a larger [multi-state investigation](#) of 285 Salmonella cases in 27 states.

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### State Hospital Restored to Deemed Status

September 8, 2015 - The Arizona State Hospital receives restoration of its status as a provider of hospital services following a recent inspection from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The announcement follows a three month intensive reform effort to provide a safe and therapeutic environment for patients and staff.

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### Strong Families Home Visiting Conference

September 9-10, 2015 - More than 800 home visitors convene for education and training to help [Arizona families](#) raise healthy children.

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### Arizona Hosts First Viral Hepatitis Summit

September 17, 2015 - The inaugural summit brings 85 physicians, social workers, nurses and pharmacists from across the state together to increase their awareness [of the disease and ability to treat](#) viral hepatitis B and C, HIV/AIDS infection and liver cancer.

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### ADHS Earns Two First Place Awards

September 18, 2015 - The department [earns two first place Health Education Media Making Yearly](#), or HEMMY, awards from the Arizona Public Health Association for our work in childhood lead poisoning prevention and diabetes.

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### Quest for Public Health Accreditation Begins

September 25, 2015 - ADHS submits its application to the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#). Agencies awarded are credited with advancing quality and performance within public health. We hope to know our accreditation status in early 2017. Wish us luck!

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## Timeline - October 2015

### **Inaugural Dental Infection Prevention Collaborative**

October 2, 2015 - ADHS partnered with local health departments, Midwestern University, the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, the Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and others to educate more than 100 dental providers and staff on the key concepts and basic principles of infection prevention in dental settings.

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### **State Hospital Continues to Receive Joint Commission Accreditation**

October 6, 2015 - The hospital is notified it demonstrates compliance with Joint Commission [accreditation standards](#). The nod shows the great team of doctors, nurses and staff are meeting standards above and beyond patient care guidelines.

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### **Launch of Arizona's First HIV Public Awareness Campaign**

October 6, 2015 - [It's Only Dangerous When You Don't Know It's There](#) is designed to positively promote and support HIV-related public health and safety.

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### **State Lab Announces Biosafety Improvement Plan**

October 12, 2015 - As part of the national response to the Ebola crisis, the lab is awarded grant funding to [improve biosafety readiness in Arizona](#). The three year plan will cover the latest techniques and procedures for conducting biosafety risk assessment, gap remediation, and mitigation of potential hazards.

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### **Prescription Drug Misuse & Abuse Health Care Advisory Team Launched**

October 20, 2015 - DHS brings together the state's pain management and medical experts to help make recommendations for health care providers and take actions to reduce overdose deaths associated with the opioid epidemic.

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### **Empower Program is Featured on USDA's SNAP-Ed Toolkit**

October 24, 2015 - Arizona's [Empower Program](#) is selected for inclusion in the third revision of SNAP-Ed Strategies & Interventions: An Obesity Prevention Toolkit for States.

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### **Arizona Stays in the Lead for Declining Tobacco Use**

October 26, 2015 - Arizona's smoking prevalence [rates are at an all-time low](#) of 15.3 percent, down almost a full percentage point from last year, according to the CDC's, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. The

drop represents approximately 40,000 fewer smokers in Arizona in the past year.

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### **Medical Licensing Achieves 100 Percent on Federal Performance Measures**

October 31, 2015 - Our medical team is recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a [perfect score on its federal contract deliverables](#).

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## **Timeline - November 2015**

### **Arizona WIC Program Selected for USDA Lean Process**

November 2, 2015 - The United States Department of Agriculture [USDA] looks to help us develop the WIC state plan over a five month [Six Sigma process](#) improvement project. The national project is designed to streamline the process for WIC programs throughout the country.

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### **Arizona Babies Receive Good Grades in March of Dimes Report Card**

November 5, 2015 - The March of Dimes 2015 Premature Birth [Report Card](#) gives our state a "B" grade for babies born close to full-term, during or after the 37th week of pregnancy. The [March of Dimes](#) grades Arizona cities with the greatest number of births on their 2013 preterm birth rates. A preterm birth is considered to occur before the 37th week of pregnancy.

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### **Let's Brighten the Family Table!**

November 16, 2015 - This colorful campaign focuses on promoting preparing and eating healthy meals with the family. Move room to room with us as we show you all the ways to Brighten the Family Table.

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### **State Hospital Initiates Patient Forums**

November 17, 2015 - An open forum is established for patients to talk to hospital administrators about what's on their mind. The free flowing discussion allows hospital staff to hear positive feedback and identify areas for improvement so we may provide a safe and therapeutic environment for our patients and staff.

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### **Celebrating National Adoption Day with Vital Records**

November 17, 2015 - Supporting Arizona families in their legal process of becoming a family, the ADHS Vital Records team processed 295 birth certificates on National Adoption Day.

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## Timeline - December 2015

### Medical Facilities Licenses its 3,000<sup>th</sup> Facility

December 1, 2015

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### ADHS Staff Recognized for Leading Projects that Transform Government

December 10, 2015 - Responding to Governor Doug Ducey's call for [government transformation](#), ADHS employees are deployed to provide professional, results-driven systems to improve internal and external services for several of our sister agencies.

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### ADHS Volunteers to Make Arizona Mission of Mercy a Success

December 11-12, 2015 - More than 20 ADHS staff give their time and professional support during the annual [Dental Mission of Mercy event](#) at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. Organizers say 1,825 patients in need were provided with free dental care over the two day period, some of them receiving dental care for the first time.

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### Pediatric Safety Highlights Emergency Exercise

December 17, 2015 - [ADHS](#), the [Arizona Pediatric Disaster Coalition](#), and Arizona schools conduct an emergency preparedness exercise to improve the relationship between hospitals and schools in order to streamline emergency care for vulnerable pediatric populations.

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### ASH Hosts the First HRC Holiday Party for Patients

December 22, 2015 - Focusing on the patient experience, the Human Rights Committee creates an atmosphere of holiday wonder at the Arizona State Hospital.

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### Top Baby Names for 2015

December 31, 2015 - The list of names given to babies born in Arizona during 2015 show the name, Sophia, holds a five year lead as the top girl's name in Arizona while the name, Noah, stays on the top of the boys' list for a second year. The [top baby names](#) come from birth certificates submitted to the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of Vital Records.

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## Timeline - January 2016

### Big Drop in Arizona Youth Tobacco Use

January 20, 2016 - Survey shows 13,000 fewer high school aged youth are using [tobacco](#) in our state.

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### **Arizona Saves More Than 5,200 Lives Making Significant Trauma System Improvements**

January 26, 2016 - ADHS releases a [new report](#) showing a significant decrease in patient mortality rates from trauma and injury. Overall, trauma death rates have declined by 29 percent since 2006 with more than 5,200 lives saved.

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### **Arizona Ranked Number One in Diabetes Self-Management Education**

January 28, 2016 - CDC credits Arizona for leading the way in [diabetes self-management education](#). Residents with prediabetes and diabetes increased their participation by 34 percent from 2012 to 2014 building their knowledge, skill, and abilities necessary for diabetes self-care.

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## **Timeline - February 2016**

### **Public Health Laboratory Staff Selected to Present Biosafety Outreach Program**

February 5, 2016 - The [Association of Public Health Laboratories](#) requests State Lab staff present to its national audience to share information on how our laboratory established its biosafety outreach program as well as our strategies for continuing future improvement.

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### **Live Free of the Dangers of Tobacco in AZ**

February 9, 2016 - #AZAwesome fact: Arizona continues to be among the nation's leaders in [tobacco control](#) and is ranked in the top ten in several categories, including decreasing tobacco use among adults, youth, and pregnant women.

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### **Flu Hits "Widespread" Status in Arizona**

February 10, 2016 - ADHS [encourages flu vaccination](#) as more than 3,700 cases of flu are reported throughout Arizona in February with 51 percent of those in Maricopa County.

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### **End to Enhanced Ebola Screening in Arizona and the US**

February 19, 2016 - The World Health Organization declares the end of Ebola virus transmission in Guinea effectively declaring the area has stopped the chain of transmission. There were no reported cases of Ebola in the state and ADHS remains vigilant in its preparation for [infectious disease outbreaks](#).

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### **AzHIP Steering Committee Approves First Arizona State Health Improvement Plan**

February 29, 2016 - The development of the Arizona State Health Improvement Plan (AzHIP), Healthy People, Healthy Communities, is the result of the diligent work of numerous public health professionals, advocates and community stakeholders at the state, county and community levels. View our [plan](#) to improve the health of communities and individuals across Arizona [here](#).

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## Timeline - March 2016

### **ADHS Preparedness Team Joins Partners in Palo Verde Emergency Exercise**

March 1-2, 2016 - The department participates in a full scale exercise with Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Arizona Department of Emergency Management and Maricopa County. The drill is graded by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to test our response to an emergency at the power plant.

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### **ADHS Director, Dr. Cara Christ, Confirmed by Arizona Senate**

March 2, 2016 - The Arizona State Senate unanimously confirms Cara Christ, M.D. as the director of ADHS. Dr. Christ has served the agency for more than nine years. Among her many accomplishments at ADHS, Dr. Christ collaborated with health partners and stakeholders to develop strategic plans for infectious disease prevention and control including the Governor's Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response. Follow the Director on Twitter @DrCaraChrist.

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### **Arizona Reduces Healthcare Associated Infections**

March 3, 2016 - [National and State Healthcare Associated Infections Progress Report](#) shows Arizona reduces the rate of infections in five of six healthcare associated infection types compared to 2013. Visit the [Prevent HAI website](#) to learn more about how ADHS is working to reduce these types of [infections](#).

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### **ADHS Wins 21 Awards from the American Advertising Federation**

March 8, 2016 - Our tobacco and nutrition network [campaigns secure national recognition](#) for our public education and outreach efforts. The awards include the Best in Show award and National Campaign Gold Award for the DeNoble files and TV Commercial Gold Award for How Much Longer.

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### **State Lab Confirms Arizona's First Zika Case**

March 28, 2016 - The state lab was one of the [first three state labs approved](#) to test for Zika virus in humans. The confirmed case was in a patient who traveled outside of the U.S. to a Zika affected area before developing symptoms of illness. ADHS Director Dr. Cara Christ states, "While this is a first, the risk of this virus spreading throughout Arizona is very low. Arizona's public health system has a plan in place and we are ready to rapidly respond."

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## **ADHS Publishes 2014 Vital Statistics "Big Book" Report**

March 29, 2016 - The [report](#) provides statewide numbers and rates of vital statistics including Arizona births, reportable diseases and hospital discharges. Public health uses the data to understand statewide trends and determine high-risk geographical areas within our state so we may initiate [public health programs](#) where needed.

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## **Arizona Receives \$10 Million Grant to Strengthen Home Visiting Program**

March 29, 2016 - ADHS is awarded \$10.9 million to continue its federal Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting grant that provides services to pregnant women and families with young children in targeted communities.

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# **Timeline - April 2016**

## **ADHS Delegation Invited to Attend CDC Zika Action Plan Summit**

April 1, 2016 - State and local public health professionals from Arizona travel to [CDC](#) headquarters in Atlanta for the national summit. During the summit, Arizona is acknowledged for its preparation efforts already in place for [mosquito-borne infectious disease](#) identification and prevention.

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## **Arizona Expands State Loan Repayment Program to Increase Quality Healthcare in Rural Areas**

April 1, 2016 - Governor Ducey signed Senate Bill 1194 on February 24, 2015, expanding ADHS' [State Loan Repayment](#) Program. [New administrative rules](#) implementing the changes go into effect today, enhancing the types of eligible providers and loan repayments available for health care professionals working in underserved areas of Arizona.

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## **Success in Reducing Teen Pregnancy Outcomes**

April 6, 2016 - Arizona sees a 61.7 percent drop in teen pregnancy rates among 15-17 year olds between 2004-2014.

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## **Inaugural Arizona Cord Blood Conference Builds Awareness of Public Cord Blood Donations**

April 7, 2016 - The Arizona Biomedical Research Commission and University of Arizona College of Medicine in Phoenix hold the Lifeline to the Future [conference](#) with policy makers, patients and their families, researchers, and clinicians in attendance.

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## **Medical Marijuana Program Exceeds 100,000 Cardholders**

April 26, 2016

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### **Monitoring Pregnancy Risks**

April 28, 2016 - CDC awards Arizona with nearly \$175,000 in grant funding to provide public health surveillance of newly delivered mothers and work to identify ways to improve birth outcomes for Arizona's babies.

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### **ADHS Honored for Excellence in Breastfeeding Support**

April 30, 2016 - The [International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners](#) and [International Lactation Consultant Association](#) recognize ADHS for excellence in lactation care with the International Board Certified Lactation Consultant Care Award.

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### **ADHS Wins PR News Daily's Best Video Series Award**

April 30, 2016 - The DeNoble files are a series of videos geared toward Arizona youth to let them know about the dangers of tobacco use. The series features voiceovers from Victor DeNoble, a former Phillip Morris scientist and first whistleblower to testify before Congress about nicotine addiction.

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## **Timeline - May 2016**

### **Diamondbacks Stadium Cheers on ADHS SunWise Poster Contest Winner**

May 1, 2016 - Wade Carpenter Middle School seventh grader Kassandra Loya submitted her winning artwork to the department to show how we all can prevent skin cancer by being [SunWise](#). The Arizona Diamondbacks joined us in featuring [Kassandra's winning artwork](#) on the pre-game Jumbo Tron and then asked her to throw the opening pitch for the Diamondbacks vs. Colorado Rockies game!

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### **New Public Awareness Campaign "Put a Little Play Into Your Day" Encourages Families to be Physically Active**

May 2, 2016 - [ADHS shows you how to get your body moving](#) with fun, free activities that bring your family together. Visit the [Arizona Nutrition Network online](#) to learn how easy it can be to incorporate physical activity into our daily routines.

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### **ADHS Employee Appreciation Day**

May 4, 2016 - We our employees. Governor Ducey declares May 4 as Arizona State Employee Recognition Day and the ADHS leadership got to work serving breakfast and lunch to our amazing employees. It's a small token of our enormous appreciation for this dedicated team that comes to work every day to improve the health and wellness of all Arizonans.

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### **ADHS Celebrates Women's Health Week at the Arizona Capitol**

May 8-14, 2016 - In partnership with the Arizona Department of Administration, ADHS organizes presentations and health screenings to support the national call for women to focus on their health at any age. More than 350 state employees attended the event at the State Capitol.

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### **Power Me A2Z Recognized as National Promising Practice**

May 11, 2016 - The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs recognizes our [Power Me A2Z](#) program for the distribution and education of folic acid in women 18-45 years old.

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### **Governor Ducey Signs Bill to Help Arizonans Suffering from Addiction**

May 12, 2016 - [HB 2355](#) allows a pharmacist to dispense Naloxone without a prescription to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, a family member or community member in a position to assist that person.

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### **ADHS Unveils New Logo**

May 18, 2016 - The rebranding of ADHS included an updated [logo](#) that embodies what we do for our community and represents the passion and energy of [our team](#).

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### **Treat and Refer Program in Partnership with AHCCCS**

May 19, 2016 - Working with AHCCCS and stakeholders, ADHS develops a [Treat and Refer Program](#) to increase the public's access to [community-based social](#), behavioral and physical healthcare resources through first responders.

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### **ADHS Brings Statewide Public Health Together for Local Zika Action Plan Summit**

May 24, 2016 - More than 300 public health partners convene for the [statewide summit](#) to learn more about Zika virus and coordinate planning, prevention, and response efforts.

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### **Public Health Responds to Measles Outbreak in Eloy**

May 26, 2016 - A measles outbreak begins at a private detention facility in Eloy, Arizona. Public health employees work tirelessly to [investigate the series of measles infected individuals](#), identify points of community contact, and vaccinate individuals working at the detention facility to stop the outbreak. Daily updates are posted to [our](#) website along with areas of possible public exposure and resources available for clinicians, school nurses, residents and media.

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### **Summer Lunch Buddies Program Helps Families Find Healthy Meals**

May 29, 2016 - ADHS teams up with the Arizona Department of Education to promote "Summer Lunch Buddies." The initiative promotes healthy meals for kids when school is out. Families are introduced to our new interactive site locator to help them find a Summer Food Service Program at [Summer Food Service Program](#).

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### **Innovative Rules Published to Allow for Colocation of Medical Providers**

May 31, 2016 - The rulemaking allows for integrated services to occur at the same physical outpatient treatment center location under multiple licenses (colocation). Previous rulemakings only allowed for integration of behavioral and physical health services to occur under a single health care institution license.

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## **Timeline - June 2016**

### **Vision Unveiled for a Center of Psychiatric Excellence on the Arizona State Hospital Campus**

June 1, 2016 - [ADHS announces a public private partnership](#) concept to enhance and improve behavioral health services within the 93-acre campus.

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### **ADHS and ARMA Present Public Health Award to Representative Heather Carter**

June 3, 2016 - Arizona House Health Committee Chair and State Representative Heather Carter is recognized for her advocacy for and contributions to public health in Arizona.

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### **U.S. Surgeon General visits Arizona**

June 13, 2016 - America's top doc Vivek Murthy brings his [#TurnTheTide](#) on opioid misuse tour to ADHS to visit with Dr. Cara Christ and the state's public health leaders.

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### **Arizona Improves Disease Surveillance Capacity**

June 14-15, 2016 - ADHS, together with the International Society of Disease Surveillance and the [Defense Threat Reduction Agency](#), hosts a workshop to identify better ways of using multiple kinds of data to enhance surveillance capacity for disease spread by mosquitos. The event [allows partners to develop strategies](#) to better target public health actions to reduce disease spread.

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### **ADHS Hosts 2016 ADVICE Collaborative: Moving Forward**

June 16, 2016 - Working to improve infection control at dialysis facilities, the day-long event brings nearly 135

participants together to identify data-driven opportunities to [improve dialysis services](#) and share best practices in clinical care, infection control, and biomedical services in Arizona.

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#### **ADHS is a Gold Status Healthy Arizona Worksite Program and FitPHX Worksite**

June 23, 2016 - The numbers show [healthy employees](#) reduce their risk for both short-term illness and long-term chronic conditions. [ADHS is proud to be recognized](#) for its health and wellness employee initiatives.

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#### **ADHS Director Attends White House Summit on Zika**

June 24, 2016 - Dr. Cara Christ and Public Health Preparedness Branch Chief Jessica Rigler attend a White House Summit in Washington, D.C. to coordinate states' preparation for battling the spread of Zika virus in the U.S.

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#### **Successful Transition of Behavioral Health Services to AHCCCS**

June 30, 2016 - The Division of Behavioral Health Services joins AHCCCS to administratively streamline monitoring and oversight of the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities throughout Arizona.

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## **ADHS Annual Report Required Items**

- Each year, ADHS compiles the [Arizona Health Status and Vital Statistics Report](#) with information on vital statistics and the health status of Arizona residents.
  - In addition to the highlights previously outlined, the activities of the Department are chronicled on the [Director's Blog](#).
  - County Public Health Departments continue to serve a vital role in public health and had many accomplishments in FY2016.
  - ADHS monitors and tracks various diseases throughout the state.
  - Public health expenditures by the state and counties add up to millions of dollars.
  - While obesity remains a major public health concern, our state currently faces a deadly opioid epidemic.
  - The Arizona State Hospital serves an important role for the Department.
  - The functions of CRS were successfully transferred to AHCCCS in 2011.
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## **Looking Forward**



## Health and Wellness for all Arizonans

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