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Tri-County Health Department Receives National Award Four Years in a Row

For the fourth consecutive year, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has given Tri-County Health Department a Model Practice Award, their highest honor. The award is for innovative nutrition education kits for physicians. Tri-County is one of only 29 local public health agencies selected from across the nation to receive this award.

“We are proud to receive this national recognition,” said Richard L. Vogt, MD, Executive Director . “The award is evidence of our commitment to develop innovative public health programs that improve the health and nutrition of our citizens.”

Tri-County Health Department’s Nutrition Division developed the patient education kits for physicians in an effort to decrease childhood obesity, improve breastfeeding rates and increase physician awareness of their nutrition services.

The kits contain materials in English and Spanish, resource lists, assessment tools, nutrition counseling tips, obesity and breastfeeding promotion ideas, tobacco prevention materials, and information about WIC- the Special Supplemental Food and Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. Physicians’ staff members report that they use the kits on a daily basis.

This is the fourth consecutive Model Practice Award for Tri-County Health Department. Prior honors include the “Fight the Bite” West Nile virus prevention campaign, the “Shots for Tots” immunization program and technical assistance for Community-Based Injury Prevention Programs.

Tri-County Health Department serves the 1,250,000 residents of Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. For more information on their numerous services, visit www.tchd.org.

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