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Achievement Award for Immunization Coverage to SWNPHD

McCook – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) recently received the 2013 Achievement Award for having 100% of the children immunized in their clinic up-to-date on their shots at two years of age. This award is presented by Joseph M. Acierno, Chief Medical Officer for Nebraska.

SWNPHD Public Health Nurse Melissa Propp, RN coordinates the immunization program and was pleased to receive this recognition. “We do regular follow-ups with all clients that get their shots at SWNPHD”, states Propp. “Our relationship with clients has helped us reach this goal. We provide information on all available vaccines and encourage them to stay current.”

SWNPHD uses the NESIIS (Nebraska State Immunization Information System) to track all vaccines given to each individual by medical personnel. If you are curious about you or your family members being current with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, contact Propp at 308-345-4223 or stop by 404 West 10th Street (on block north of Arby’s) in McCook.

“SWNPHD gives numerous vaccines to clients at no or minimal cost through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, AmeriCares program, and additional programs for those that have no insurance, their insurance doesn’t cover the cost of immunizations or they meet income requirements”, according to Propp. “We also accept private payments, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Midlands Choice insurance.”

Monthly clinics are held in several outlying communities:

Hayes Center Grade School - 1st Tuesday

Curtis (Medicine Valley High School) – 2nd Monday

Cambridge (Tri Valley Health Systems) – 2nd Tuesday

Trenton Community Building – 3rd Tuesday

SWNPHD serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow counties. The mission of Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, in partnership with other entities, is to promote a healthy and secure quality of life for our communities. More information can also be found on Facebook or Twitter and our website at www.swhealth.ne.gov.

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