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## Local Health Department Recognition

The Local Health Department Recognition Award recognizes local health departments that have developed an innovative program that has produced measurable, sustainable outcomes. Award recipients receive monetary grants of up to \$5,000 to be used for activities such as special projects, staff development or educational materials.





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Because of hard work by public health staff and partners, Chatham County is a leader in the state and the country for early child vaccinations. In fact, Chatham regularly ranks #1 in the state in immunization rates among children ages 0 to 36 months. In each of the past three years, these rates have exceeded 90 percent, well above the statewide county average. The Chatham County Health Department has achieved this with an innovative approach blending policy changes, training, tracking, feedback gathering and followup with childcare facilities. The staff provided training workshops and technical assistance to help licensed childcare facilities correctly complete and submit the Annual Child Care Immunization report, and sent letters to parents stressing the importance of immunizations early on. In just a few years, the percentage of facilities that submitted the reports rose to 100 percent from 62 percent, and the percentage of facilities with reports showing all children were up to date on immunizations rose to 96 percent, an exciting achievement and indicator of the dedicated and effective work of those involved. Given the critical importance of early childhood immunizations in reducing the spread of disease, this initiative has been at the forefront of Chatham's efforts to promote public health among some of the county's most vulnerable residents.

Denotes 2018 Award Recipients