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Macomb County Health Department receives national award

The Macomb County Health Department of Environmental Preparedness was recently awarded the National Health Security Award for its work with their Youth Preparedness Program.

The award recognizes “departments that have demonstrated significant accomplishments in implementing health security-related initiatives within their jurisdictions,” according to the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO), the national organization that gave out the award. NACCHO supports local health departments prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters.

“This initiative teaches fifth-grade students how to talk with their parents about emergency preparedness – things like communication plans, first aid kits and evacuation plans,” said Andrew Cox, Emergency Preparedness coordinator at the Macomb County Health Department.

Macomb County’s Environmental Preparedness partnered with its Medical Reserve Corps, Macomb Intermediate School District and Oakland University’s School of Nursing in 2015 to present emergency preparedness lessons to about 2,000 fourth- and fifth-grade students throughout Macomb County.

“One of the goals is to make Macomb County a resilient community. To do that, residents are empowered to be prepared in emergencies. Resources are critical in emergencies. The more residents are prepared in advance, the better the outcome for the whole community,” said Cox.

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