WY Mentorship Participants

Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department (WY)

Background

State: Wyoming

LHD Population Size Served: 94,483

Number of Retail Food Establishments Inspected: 603

Retail Program Standards Met/Working On: 2, 4, 7, Self-Assessment

Enrolled in the Retail Program Standards: 2006

NACCHO Mentorship Program Cohort(s): 3

The Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department’s mission statement is to preserve and enhance the health of the people of Laramie County and to assure conditions to which people can be healthy.


The Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department Division of Environmental Health serves many sectors of the retail food industry including but not limited to: adult care facilities, bars, bed & breakfast, cafeterias, camps, child care facilities, church kitchens, commissaries, c-stores, delis, fairs, farmers markets, food banks, grocery stores including specialized departments, health care facilities, markets, meals for home bound, mobile carts and wagons, penal institutions, pre-packaged retail, restaurants (multiple types), schools, snack bars, and temporary events.

Cheyenne-Laramie County Division of Environmental Health is currently serving 603 total food establishments. 422 of the establishments are retail food, 132 are in child care facilities, 44 are school cafeterias and 5 are bed and breakfasts. The Division also licenses approximately 300 temporary food vendors during the year with around 100 of those occurring in the month of July at The Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo.

Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department Division of Environmental Health derives regulatory authority in several ways including delegation agreements with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, direct statutory authority via the Board of Health WY Statute 35-1-305, and Local City of Cheyenne ordinances.

The Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department has 60 FTE including 9 FTE in the Division of Environmental Health of which only 6 FTE work in the Food Safety Program.

Role in Mentorship Program

Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department participated in the NACCHO Retail Program Standards Mentorship Program as a mentee in third cohort and was mentored by Alexandria Health Department (VA).

Lessons Learned/Tips

The first impact that the project has had on our department is that we have created a well-defined training policy for new hires. I expect this training program, built on Standard 2 will help these employees excel in their field work over their career.
Another impact is that even though these standards were developed for the food safety program we have been able to use the principles in other programs such as swimming pools, child care etc.

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