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2019 Pillars of Public Health Recipients

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Vector Control – Advancement of Public Health Programs by a City Department

Environmental Services Department's Vector Control team is responsible for keeping El Paso County's mosquito population under control. The team applies larvicide throughout the County to prevent as many mosquitos as possible from reaching adulthood. Vector Control Officers also set traps in areas where mosquito breeding tends to occur. The trapped mosquitos are sent to Austin where they are tested for Zika, West Nile, and other viruses. Areas where the traps contain a significant number of adult mosquitos are treated with adulticide.

Vector Control Officers spend a lot of time out in the community educating the public on mosquito population control and disease prevention. You can see them at City Council district meetings, Neighborhood Associations and school events. They also partner with the Department of Public Health, coordinating disease prevention efforts throughout the County.

Annette Torres – Path Builder

Annette L. Torres is a 2000 graduate of The University of Texas at El Paso with a B.A. in Psychology. She is currently a Program Manager for the A Smoke Free Paso del Norte Initiative at the YMCA of El Paso where she has worked in tobacco control since 2013. Since starting with the initiative she has helped to support local coalitions pass tobacco ordinances in Anthony and San Elizario as well as a tobacco free policy for El Paso County. She has also helped to support the City of El Paso in its adoption of a social host ordinance.

Ms. Torres has a background in grassroots and community organizing and a passion for community advocacy that strengthens the community she calls home. She is a member of the American Heart Association the Statewide Advocacy Committee and sat on the Program Committee for the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence.

CHAMPS – Outstanding Support to Community Health

SPCAA Project CHAMPS El Paso began on January 1, 2015. Project CHAMPS El Paso is a program under the Health Services Division of South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA). SPCAA is a Community Action agency that began in Hockley County in 1965. Community Action Agencies were first created by the federal government as part of President Lyndon Baines Johnson's War on Poverty in 1964 to combat poverty and to provide opportunities for low income individuals to access various resources to achieve their goals, become self-sufficient and support their community by helping others.

SPCAA's mission is Helping People Changing Lives. As a program of SPCAA's Health Services Division, Project CHAMPS El Paso is able to provide medical and social support services to HIV+ individuals and their families who align with the overall mission of our organization.

Project CHAMPS El Paso utilizes federal and state provided funding through Ryan White Part B, State Services and the HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) Program in an effort to improve the overall quality, availability, and organization of health care and support services for individuals with HIV infections and their families. Funds are utilized to develop or enhance access to a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based care for individuals and families with HIV disease who reside in the El Paso HIV Service Delivery Area, which consists of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties.

Promote Transparent and Consistent Communication Among All Members of the Community