

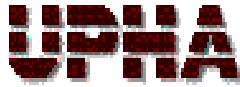


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## *Public Health in Pictures to Celebrate Public Health in Utah*

(Salt Lake City, UT) - What does public health do for you? As part of April's Public Health Month, the Utah Department of Health, the Utah Alliance for Public Health, the Utah Public Health Association and the Department of Environmental Quality are urging youth to learn about public health by participating in an art contest called "Public Health in Pictures." This year's Public Health Month theme is "Utah's Public Health is for Everybody, Everyday and Everywhere."

Most people know public health best for protecting their food, air, water and providing preventive health services such as immunizations and prenatal care. Public health is much broader and includes tracking infectious diseases and controlling outbreaks. Public health also makes sure there is a certified ambulance service in your area to respond to medical emergencies and provides access to health insurance and health care for qualified individuals. In addition, public health licenses and inspects day cares and nursing homes, stores and collects birth and death certificates, helps families who have children with disabilities, tracks and analyzes health data and educates to help us all lead healthier lives.

The youth can learn more about public health by reading the story "A Day in the Life of Public Health" where public health impacts the quality of life throughout a typical day. This story, contest details and useful links can be found at <http://www.health.state.ut.us/pio/phmonth/2001/>.

Pictures will be judged by age category on creativity and the clarity of the message. The pictures should be original artwork and clearly identify an important role of public health.

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Pictures should be submitted on a white sheet of 8.5 x 11 inch paper and include the youth's age and full name on the back of the picture. The contest is open to students, boy/girl scout troops, Boys and Girls Clubs, school groups, individuals, etc. All entries must be postmarked by **April 30, 2001**.

To submit an entry, obtain a cover sheet at the above web address and mail picture to:

**Public Health in Pictures**

Utah Department of Health

Attention: Susannah Derbenwick

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The pictures will be displayed at the [Utah Public Health Association \(UPHA\)](#) Conference May 9-11, 2001, at The Yarrow Hotel, Park City, Utah. Public health professionals who attend the conference will select the three best pictures in each age category (ages 5-8, ages 9-13, ages 14-18). Winners will be announced and recognized at the (UPHA) conference on May 11, 2001, or by their local health department. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in each age category.

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