Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino

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THE LIVES WE TOUCH

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...it's about the people.

Department of Behavioral & Community Health

Department of Mental Health

Department of

Office of Health Veterans Affairs









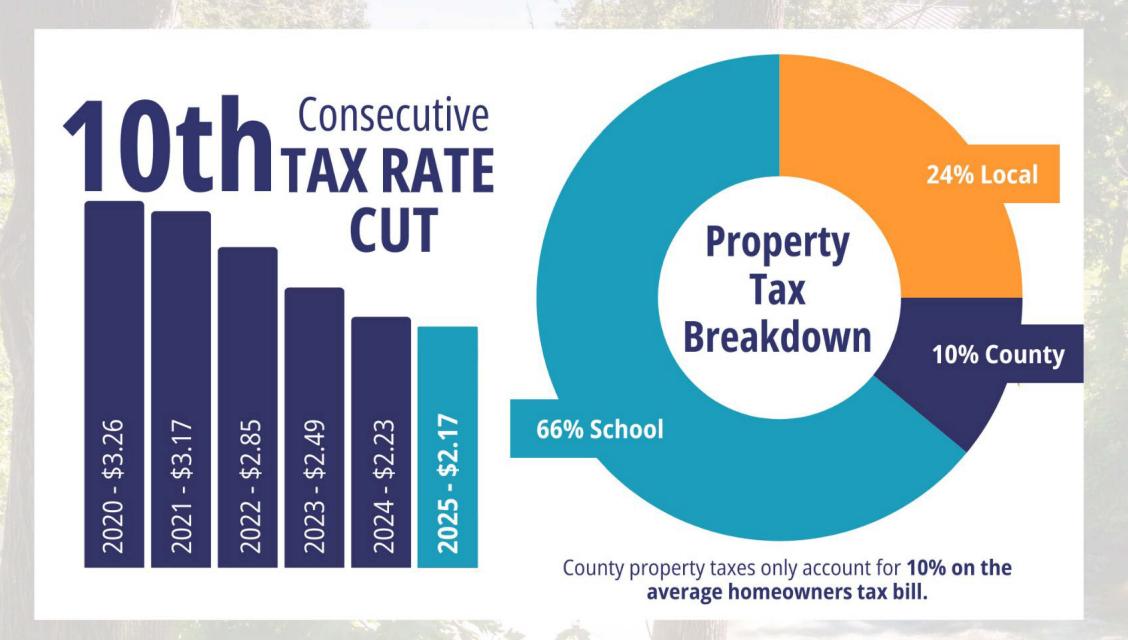
& we're seeing great results.





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Highest S&P Rating of Any NYS County



...watching how county government touches the lives of our residents.





...we have the power to do even more.





Office for the Aging ANDOR ANDOR

- Bridging the gap between seniors, their families, and Office for the Aging programs
- Focused on improving communication and access to services
- Ensuring that seniors are fully supported and connected to the resources they need



The Lives We Touch: SEMIORS

PUTTING YOUR SKILLS BACKTO WORK! Older Adults Skills Fair

- Empowering older adults to use their wealth of experience, wisdom, and knowledge
- Offering opportunities to re-enter the workforce, whether through part-time work or volunteering
- Providing a chance for seniors to stay engaged and connected to their community



The Lives We Touch: SRM () RS

THE LIVES WE TOUCH

...By the Numbers



143

older adults
received calls
through the
Friendly Calls
Program



40,623

meals provided at the 8 OFA
Friendship
Centers



3,984

older adults attended OFA's 12 senior picnics



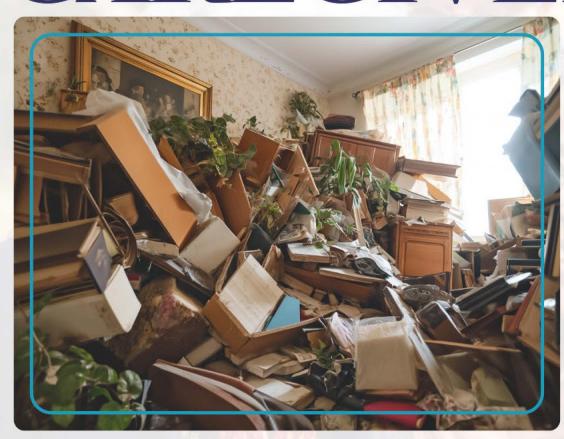
1,941

trips utilized through 'Go-Go Grandparent'

The Lives We Touch: SEMORS

Hoarding Task Force

CAREGIVERTRAININGS



Hoarding symptoms appear to be almost three times more common in older adults (ages 55-94 years) compared to younger adults (ages 34-44 years).

The Lives We Touch: SENIORS





HONOR A VETERAN



OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Lives We Touch: VETERANS



HONOR A VETERAN





Andrew P. Doro

4/1/1945 - 4/11/2024

- First Lieutenant, United States Army
- Vietnam Veteran
- Purple Heart Recipient
- Silver Star Recipient
- · Founder & CEO of Millbrook Support Services, Inc.

The Lives We Touch: VETERANS

THE LIVES WE TOUCH

...By the Numbers



20,097

services rendered to veterans & their families



\$100,000

awarded through the Veterans Micro-Grants



300

FAVOR Cards
issued through
Dutchess County
Clerk Brad
Kendall



177

veterans utilized transportation services

The Lives We Touch: VERANS

New YETERANS OUTREACH SPECIALIST

- Direct Support for Veterans This new position will ensure veterans can easily access housing assistance, healthcare, employment, and financial resources.
- Proactive Outreach Rather than waiting for veterans to come to us, we are bringing services to them, ensuring no veteran falls through the cracks.
- Bridging the Gap Many veterans are unaware of the benefits available to them — this position will serve as a dedicated point of contact to help navigate the system.



The Lives We Touch: VETERANS

GO-GO VETERANS

- Providing transportation services to help veterans access essential services and appointments
- Ensuring veterans can remain independent and active in their community
- Promoting veteran well-being by reducing barriers to transportation and improving access to resources
- Enhancing mobility for veterans, allowing them to stay connected to family, friends, and their community



The Lives We Touch: VETERANS





Supporting FIRST RESPONDER Health & Wellness Efforts

- 400 first responders participated in Resiliency Awareness Classes, building resilience across Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, Dispatch, Corrections, and Probation
- Coordinated efforts, such as supporting responders during a multi-fatal house fire, and pioneering mental health and suicide prevention initiatives
- Launched proactive cancer education and delivered these wellness programs at zero cost to the county, demonstrating a strong return on investment

SUPPLEMENTAL AMBULANCE COVERAGE

396 Total Dispatches in January & February

On Scene 205 times

AMBULANCE DUTCHESS COUNTY

REGIONAL COLLABORATION





\$200,000 FLY CAR GRANT



Up to \$20,000 awarded to 10 Fire
Departments, Rescue Squads or
Ambulance Corps to purchase
life-saving equipment like LUCAS Chest
Compression devices

Leave Behind Information on FALL PREVENTION

Among people 65 years or older, falls accounted for 17% of 911 calls

More than 1 in 5 calls do not result in a transport to the hospital

Nearly 50% of lift-assist calls result in a 2nd lift-assist call within 2 weeks







PARAMEDIC ACADEMY with Dutchess Community College

\$100,000 Equipment Investment

Eliminating Barriers

+ Specialized
Training

PUBLICAWARENESS & Education Campaign









FRAUDPREVENTION Countywide Outreach Efforts



Almost 1 in 3 Americans were scammed in 2024

\$1,600 Average Loss

of victims were between 61 and 74 years old

of victims were between 11 and 26 years old

The Lives We Touch: PUBLIC SAREY

REAL TIME CRIME

- 70+ Flock cameras deployed throughout Dutchess County, enhancing real-time monitoring and response to incidents.
- Unified platform enables real-time intelligence sharing across law enforcement agencies, improving coordination and response times.
- Supported in-part by County funding, this initiative strengthens partnerships and improves safety across our communities.



The Lives We Touch: PUBLIC SARE Y

NARCAN LEAVE BEHIND KITS

In nearly 400 of overdose deaths, someone else was present at the scene, but not aware, ready, or did not have naloxone.

first responder agencies participating

Narcan Kits distributed in initial phase

The Lives We Touch: PUBLIC SAFETY

DRUGTASKFORCE

Operation Fast & Furious

76

arrests relating to drugs and guns



301

purchases of dangerous drugs by the DTF 15

illegal handguns seized 1,500

pieces of evidence secured 40

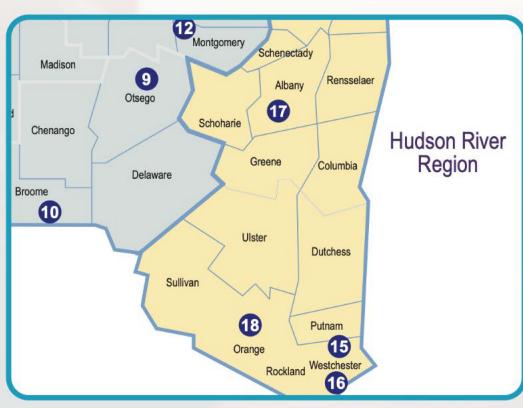
search
warrants
executed
through
Dutchess
County

50% reduction in overdose deaths in Dutchess County

The Lives We Touch: PUBLIC SAFETY



CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY RESIDENCE



- Home-like Environment: CCR programs provide a temporary, structured, and supportive living environment for youth aged 5 to 17
- Comprehensive Services: Youth receive a range of services, including behavior management, daily living skills training, socialization, educational support, family support, and recreational activities
- Community Integration: Youth attend local schools and receive treatment services, such as therapy and medication management, within the community

The Lives We Touch: WENTALL BEALTH



\$250,000

Establish a Children's

Mental Health Service in

Northern Dutchess

\$200,000

Support the Expansion of Adult Mental Health Services in Northern Dutchess

The Lives We Touch: WENTALL HEALTH

Access: Supports for Living URGENT Mental Health Clinic



The Lives We Touch: WENTALL HEALTH

The SIABILIZATION CENER



utilized 2,748 times

of visits were from people 22-39 years old



youth under the age of 18 visited the center



The Lives We Touch: WENTALL BALL

Expanding the

MOBILE HEALTHUNIT

Red Hook Community Center

> East Fishkill Town Hall

Northeast Community Center

Center of Compassion, Dover

Pawling Resource Center

The Lives We Touch: MR A A BAR A BAR

988 Public Awareness Campaign

25,000+

calls answered through 988 & 486-9700













The Lives We Touch: WENTALL HEALTH

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...By the Numbers



25,000+

calls answered through 988 & 486-9700



\$200,000

awarded to 13
organizations
through the
Youth Wellness
Mini-Grants



39

total participants
enrolled in Law
Enforcement
Assisted
Diversion (LEAD)



2,348

responses by the Mobile Crisis Team

The Lives We Touch: WENTALL HEALTH



HERMESAME ROUGH

...By the Numbers

Total Childcare Capacity in Dutchess County:

There are...

3.6 children under 6 years old for every 1 childcare slot

Sold for every 1 childcare slot



The Lives We Touch:

New In-Home Provider Start-Up Grant Program

- Supporting New Providers: Helping individuals start their in-home child care business
- Funding for Essentials: Grants cover safety upgrades, learning materials, and licensing costs
- Strengthening Child Care: Home-based providers are vital to the system—we're investing in their success



TECHNICAL SUPPORT with the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, DAY ONE & Child Care Council

- Supporting Small Providers: Training in-home child care providers to enhance safety and educational standards
- Strengthening Child Care: Helping providers gain skills and confidence to deliver high-quality care
- Expanding Learning Opportunities: Children in care will have access to hands-on educational experiences at the museum



BABYSITING TRAINING CLASSES



Exploratory Committee on

COUNTY EMPLOYEE CHICARE

- Addressing Workforce Needs: Work with committee to help County Employees find childcare solutions
- Strengthening Recruitment & Retention: Making Dutchess County Government a more family-friendly workplace





Increasing Housing





HOUSINGTRUSTFUND Increasing & Protecting the Housing Stock



- 18 total rental units
- 9 units supported by HTF; 2 units supported by HOME
- Total investment HTF and HOME: \$1,774,900
- Status: site and foundation work currently underway



- 3 total units
- All affordable, all supported by Housing Trust Fund
- Status: nearly completed, expected occupancy 2nd quarter 2025

The Lives We Touch:

Accessory Dwelling Units Expanding Housing Options: ADUs are a valuable tool to



- address the shortage of affordable housing
- · Local Success: 8 municipalities, in partnership with Hudson River Housing, secured funding through the ADU Plus One grant program
- Case-by-Case Waivers: The Department of Health has a process in place to consider waivers for ADU projects, ensuring flexibility while maintaining public health protections

INFRASTRUCTURE Inventory



HOMEREHAB PROGRAMExpansion



- Typical repairs include: roofs, furnaces, plumbing and foundations
- Only single family detached homes
- Must be owner occupied
- Anywhere in Dutchess County



EMERGENCYHOUSING

- Strengthening Mental Health
 Support Two Licensed Social
 Workers now provide crisis
 intervention and mental health
 services to individuals in emergency
 housing
- Comprehensive Case Management –
 DCFS case managers work to secure
 housing, benefits, and long-term
 stability for those in need





NYS Downtown Revitilization Initiative



SMALL BUSINESS Roundtables



NorthEast Roundtable



Arlington Business District Roundtable

PLAN FOR AFUTURE THAT WORKS! Career in the Skilled Trades Fair



>300 Student Participants



>7 Businesses & Organizations

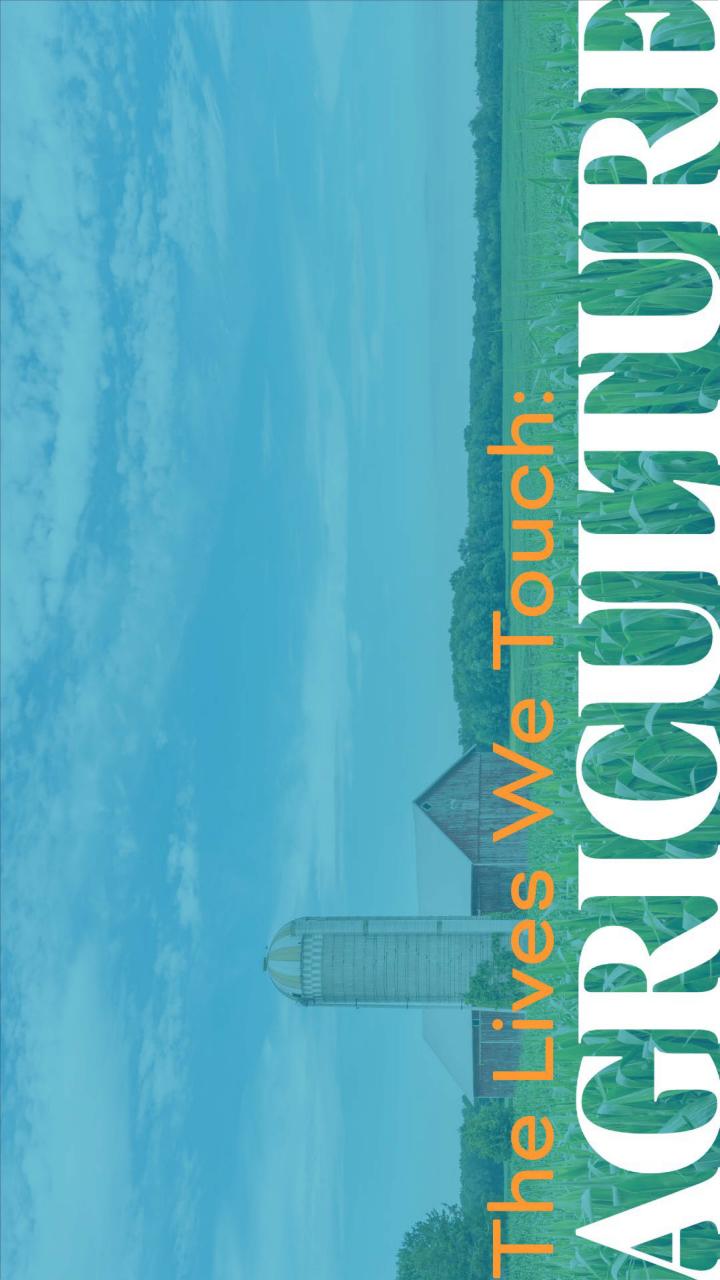
CDL Training Program Department of Public Works



Celebrating 10 YEARS of Thin CDIFFERENTLY.







FOOD SECURITY COUNCIL COUNCIL

2025 Objectives:

- Develop Comprehensive
 Food System Assessment
- Purchase Refrigerated Box
 Truck



PARTERNERSHIP for MANAGEABLE GROWTH



New CONNECTING FARMERS INITIATIVE

- Securing the Future of Farming: Supporting the next generation of farmers as current farmers retire
- Matching Aspiring Farmers with Opportunities:
 Connecting young people, veterans, and others with retiring farmers
- Preserving Agriculture: Ensuring protected farmland remains in production for future generations



New GARDENING SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM







CUTH OPPORTUNITY UNION GRANTS

- Expanding Youth Opportunities: Providing funding to support youth drop-in centers
- Creating Safe Spaces: Ensuring young people have a welcoming place to learn, grow, and connect
- Investing in the Future: Strengthening community-based programs that empower youth



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Afterschool Programming Youth Assessment



- Expanding Access: Investing in programs that provide safe, enriching afterschool opportunities
- · Supporting Working Families: Ensuring kids have a place to learn and grow while parents are at work

The Lives We Touch:

YOUTH&POLICE MINANA

students participated since 2022

law enforcement professionals involved in the program



Next Session:

Poughkeepsie Middle School (April)

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New Playground at Bowdoin Park



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LYME & TICK-BORNE DISEASES

NEW Signage at County Parks! —>

Stay Tick Smart!

Protect Yourself from Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases



- Use insect repellent
- Walk in the center of trails; avoid high grass & brush
- Wear light-colored clothing & tuck pants into socks



- Inspect yourself, kids, and pets after outdoor activities
- Shower soon after being outdoors
- Remove ticks promptly with fine-point tweezers





 Call your provider if you develop a fever, rash, or flu-like symptoms

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k) Tick







For more details, contact the **Dutchess County Department of Health**845-486-3402 | dutchessny.gov/ticks

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Video Competition



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11

adoptions were finalized



150

youth attended the Annual Youth Summit



28

students
participated in
the Youth and
Police Initiative

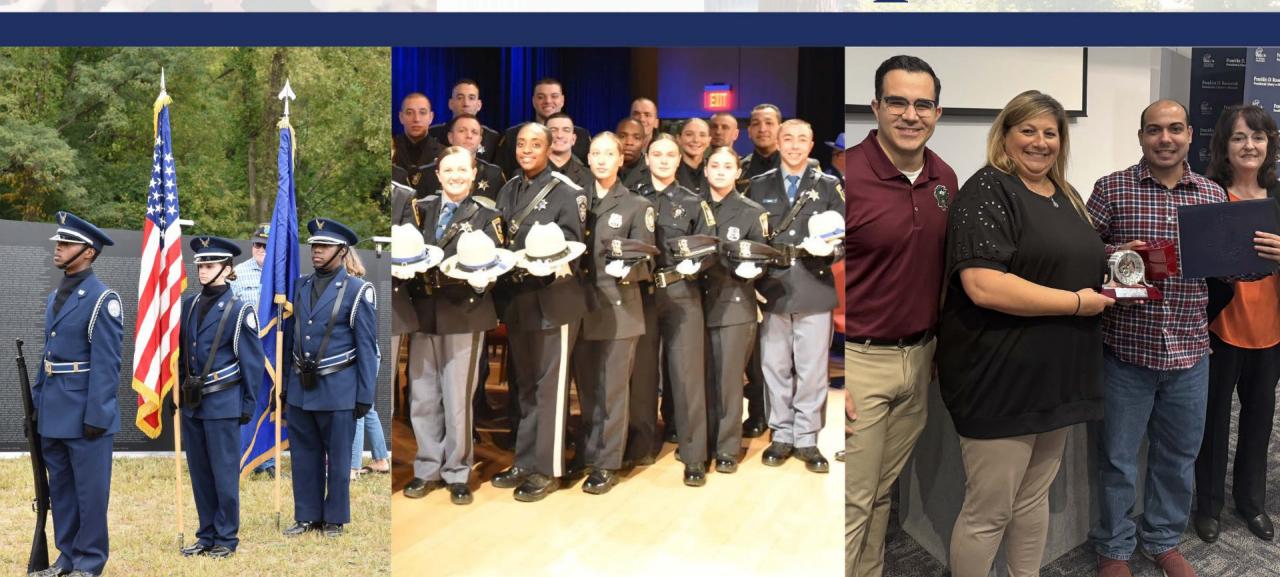


67

youth and adult participants in the YOU Without Walls 'Swim with a Friend'

The Lives We Touch:

...filled with hope...





the lives we touch everyday



None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of the employees of Dutchess County Government.







...let's continue to work together...



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