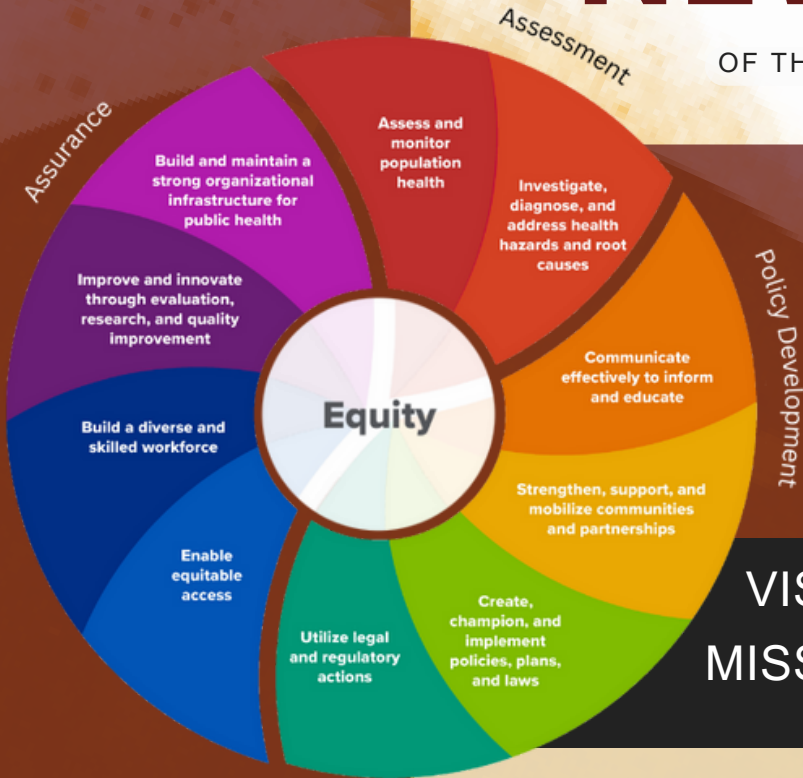


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# NEWSLETTER

OF THE APPLETON PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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**VISION:** Health for all, together.

**MISSION:** Facilitate equitable community wellbeing through education, health promotion, and response to public health needs.

## 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Each month, the Appleton Health Department Newsletter features stories about how we are achieving each of the 10 Essential Public Health Services. This month, we focus on:

Essential Public Health Service #1: Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.

## APPLETON VOLUNTEERS GATHER FOR THE POINT IN TIME COUNT

Fifty volunteers from 25 different organizations gathered at the Fox Cities Salvation Army on the evening of January 24th to receive instructions and supplies for the Point in Time Count (PIT Count). The PIT count refers to the coordinated effort to count and survey individuals experiencing homelessness within a specific geographic area. Appleton's PIT Count occurs each year in both January and July and is serves as a "snapshot" of what our community's homeless needs are right now. At 11pm volunteers headed out on foot and by vehicle to search for and complete a short survey with people across the Fox Cities experiencing homelessness.

Between 1am and 3am, teams of volunteers filtered back into the Salvation Army gym to share their conversations and survey data collected from persons found living in uninhabitable spaces. In total, thirty-seven (37) individuals, including two children, shared their current and historical experiences of living in uninhabitable spaces such as streets, cars, or abandon buildings across the cities surveyed (Appleton, Fox Crossing, Grand Chute, Harrison, Little Chute, Menasha, Neenah). Immediate shelter, personal care kits, food, and resources were offered to each person volunteers contacted.

Appleton's PIT Count data is reported to Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care (WIBOSCO), U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, and in the Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) that is provided to the U.S. Congress. Data collected allows for continued funding for homelessness prevention programs in our communities.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## FOX CITIES SALVATION ARMY



The Fox Cities Salvation Army is a faith-based organization which addresses the needs of people in Appleton and surrounding communities through a compilation of programs. The Fox Cities branch of the Salvation Army has been a pillar in the network of community service organizations in Appleton since 1917. Local programs offered include the daily Noon Meal Program, Emergency Food Pantry, Housing Services, Pathway of Hope, Celebrate Recovery, Children’s Learning Center, and Christmas Assistance Program.

The City of Appleton serves as the collaborative applicant and lead agency for the administration of the four (4) Continuum of Care/Supportive Housing grants in community partnership with ADVOCAP, Fox Cities Salvation Army, Harbor House, and Pillars, Inc.

**Correction: January 2024 Appleton Health Department Newsletter**  
Community Health Steering Committee Members- Omission error

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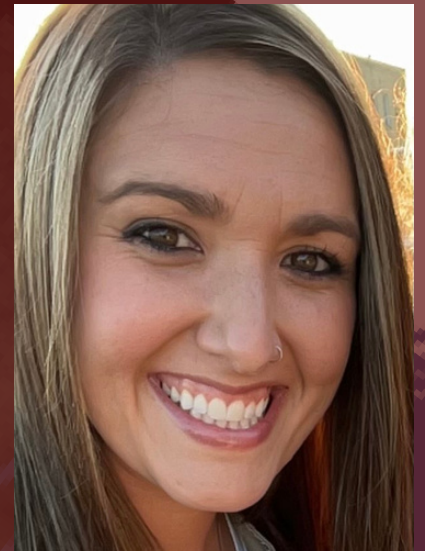
## RESOURCES

[CDC-10 Essential Public Health Services -Full](#)

[Fox Cities Salvation Army](#)



## MEET LIZ



Liz Croley hit the ground running in the newly created role of Coordinated Entry Specialist in August 2023. Her behavioral education background and resource navigation for AASD families lead Liz into advocacy for people facing homelessness.

Liz hopes to educate Appleton residents, business owners, and organizations about the prevalence of homelessness and help the community push past fears and stereotypes TV and social media spread about homelessness. “Any stereotype, you can get rid of it!” Coordinated Entry services are near at hand. Call, text, email, or visit the website (left) for housing resources.

When Liz is not at work she unwinds with her wife Gabby and their two boys Tuk and Mack, doing puzzles, watching tv and movies, traveling, and cooking.

[BOARD OF HEALTH CALENDAR](#)