

There are so many wonderful and important aspects to the nursing field. From work at the bedside, to the ER, to clinic appointments, to communities, the role is vital to the hospitals and communities they serve.

Karla Hynes is an RN and our Public Health Nurse/Coordinator for Union County. She works tirelessly and with great energy and positivity for the people of Union County. Since assuming the role a few years ago, she's changed the face and the visibility of Public Health in our community. The role is thankless, visiting the meal site for flu shots, giving advice to the public on immunizations and testing needs, training the elderly public on personal health and safety. She sits on our Service Area 1C for public health planning, the Southern Hills Crossroads committee for mental health services in our area, and part of the Union County Planning Coalition for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Her key responsibilities include assessing and monitoring public health in Union county, investigating and addressing public health hazards affecting our population acutely and chronically, works to build grants to give away bike helmets and life jackets to the kids of Union County free of charge, oversees two current grants for basic services and immunization dollars, goes to our local schools and trains our children in health eating choices and attends and reports at the Board of Public Health meeting each month on behalf of Greater Regional and Union County.

She is a bright light; uplifting the energy in the room when she enters. She's proud of Greater Regional. She's proud of Union County and works every single day to care for the largest and smallest need that our community and patients need from her. She has turned Public Health into a visible, involved, trusted resource for the community. Cone are the days where Public Health was just where you went to get your child a vaccine. Thank you, Karla for all you do.







Our 10 year old son has been coming to the infusion center for about 5 months now. He receives two days of IVIG infusions each month. From the very beginning, Laura made him feel safe and at home. He had a lot of anxiety about driving over an hour to get a needle poked in him and she has constantly made him feel at ease. She makes him laugh at her jokes, allows him to be an advocate for his care, as well as follows up on his personal life checking in on his family's health and his sports teams. She clearly loves what she does and allows us to trust her fully in taking care of him. We could not have asked for a better experience than what we have had with Laura. She has been another important figure in his life that we will remember as part of his journey. Thanks for allowing us to work with her, she has made a difficult situation and year feel brighter because of our interaction with her.



