

Ex-officio: Senior Deputies Representative

Cassie Cochran

Deputy Director for Public Health Programs



Cassie Cochran has worked in some form of public health for over 16 years. She started her public health career in south Texas on a bioterrorism response team and eventually made her way to Arkansas and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

During her career at ADH, Cochran has worked in the Preparedness and Emergency Response Branch located within the Center for Health Protection in various positions including program design and development, federal grants, special projects on both the state and federal levels, federal liaison positions, community, hospital, and volunteer programs, and various leadership roles.

In 2017, Cochran joined the Center for Local Public Health which oversees the Local Health Units in each county in the state, Environmental Health Services, Engineering, and Hometown Health Initiative sections. This Center provided the opportunity to be more involved in the day-to-day workings of educating and helping the citizens of this state obtain needed services at the local level, which is very important to her. When she first moved to this center, she started as a Health District Manager in the Central Region, progressed to Central Region Director, then became the Northwest Region Director, and finally the Center for Local Public Health Director. In 2021, Cochran became the Deputy Director for Public Health programs, overseeing all five Centers at the ADH, along with the faith-based outreach program and Spinal Cord Commission. She is passionate about the services provided at the ADH and the many ways the ADH can help improve the lives of those served.

On a personal note, Cochran is married to her best friend, Stephen, and they live on a farm in Northwest Arkansas. She is delighted that you have chosen to spend part of your day with us and hopes you find your time well spent, informative, and invigorating!

