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Greene County Public Health Annual Report



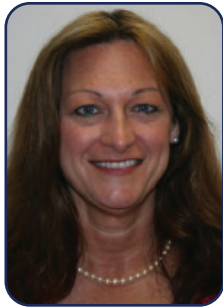
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Greene County



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Melissa Howell, MS, MBA, MPH, RN, REHS

Greene County Health Commissioner



Dear community members,

I am very pleased to present the 2023 Greene County Public Health Annual Report to the community. This report reflects our commitment to better health for all people in Greene County, the shared responsibility of our Board of Health, local officials, nonprofits, businesses, advocates for health, and you to deliver excellence in public health services. Public health connects all of us. While you review the facts, figures and statistics from Greene County Public Health, my hope is that it reminds you of the important work our public health employees do to protect our

community from disease threats, preserve our environment and promote positive health behaviors in our thriving communities.

2023 Board of Health Members

- Mark Walsh, MD, President
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- Sylvia Ellison
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- William Harden
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- David Thompson, Vice President
- Marty Larson
- Angelia Mickle
- J. Andrew Root
- Kathy Saunders
- Nancy Terwoord

Greene County Public Health is made up of 12 townships, and 10 cities and villages. The Board of Health is the policy making body for the health district, and has the authority to adopt rules and regulations according to law. The Board of Health consists of 13 members who serve 3 year terms. Six members are appointed by the cities of Beavercreek, Bellbrook, Fairborn, and Xenia. The remaining seven members are at large. Meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. You can find minutes of each meeting on our website at <https://www.gcph.info/about/meeting-minutes>.

District Advisory Council

2023 Officers: Chris Mucher, President; Kassie Lester, Secretary

Greene County Public Health serves the townships, villages, and contract cities of the county. The chief executive of each of the villages, the president of the Greene County Board of Commissioners, and the chairperson of each township's board of trustees are the designated members of the District Advisory Council. They are required by law to meet annually in March, and their statutory powers and duties include selecting board of health members, considering special reports from the board of health, and reviewing the health district's budget.

Team Building

In 2023, we welcomed a total of 11 new employees to our team in a variety of capacities. They replaced those members who chose a new road to travel, while others retired.

Employment Opportunities

Looking to start new career? All of our employment opportunities are listed on our website at: www.gcph.info/about/employment-opportunities

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- Bath Township • Beavercreek • Beavercreek Township • Bellbrook • Bowersville
- Caesarcreek Township • Cedarville • Cedarville Township • Clifton • Fairborn
- Jamestown • Jefferson Township • Miami Township • New Jasper Township
- Ross Township • Silvercreek Township • Spring Valley • Spring Valley Township
- Sugarcreek Township • Xenia • Xenia Township • Yellow Springs

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Leadership Team

Health Commissioner

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Deputy Health Commissioner

Noah Stuby, MBA

Medical Director

Kevin Sharrett, MD

Community Health Services

Jennifer Barga, MSN, RN

Environmental Health Services

Jeff Webb, REHS, MPH

Planning, Preparedness & Promotion

Sheryl Wynn, MSPH

2023 Team Members

- Shadrick Adams, Jennifer Barga, Iva Barnett
- Don Brannen, Susie Brooks, Bob Brooks
- Karen Burchfield, Kim Caudill
- Joleen Channels, Scott Collins, Nicole Crawford
- Juanita Davis, Kelley Day, Carla DeBrosse
- Olivia Detty, Evan Dillahunt, Sarah Dodds
- Jillian Drew, Camille Edwards, Tish Faler
- Margaret Fischer, Suzanne Fogarty, Laurie Fox
- Danielle Gantner-Cooper, Allison Glascoe
- Loressa Gonyer, Jeanne Gonzales, Jackie Gruza
- Julie Hahn, Aaron Hall, Pamela Hamer
- Brenda Hamilton, Colton Holley Wolf
- Melissa Howell, Jacob Hyer, Donna Jenkins
- Alyssia Jones, Jasmine Jones, Shae Kent
- Nancy Kessinger, Melody Kingsley,
- Leslie Koszycki, Jamie Kreitzer, Jorge Magana
- Cassidy Manor, Jere Marks, Susan Martin
- Matthew McCullough, Jacob Moon
- Allyson Moore, Teresa Myers, Lisa Myers
- Ukinebo O'Basuyi, Kelly O'Grady
- Deirdre Owsley, David Rasper, Kelly Ray
- Shernaz Reporter, Jennifer Reynolds
- Tara Robertson, Alayna Romer
- Stephanie Sanders, Mindy Saunders
- Rick Schairbaum, Jodi Shaw, DJ Shontz
- Larry Sites, Taylor Sparks, Patricia Spradling
- Melanie Straight, Noah Stuby, Kim Sullivan
- Molly Vaught, Ana Velez, Karen Ward
- Sam Webb, Jeff Webb, Sheryl Wynn

What IS Public Health?

Public health systems are commonly defined as “all public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of essential public health services within a jurisdiction.” This concept ensures that all entities’ (i.e. counties, villages, cities, townships) contributions to the health and well-being of the community or state, are recognized in assessing the provision of public health services.

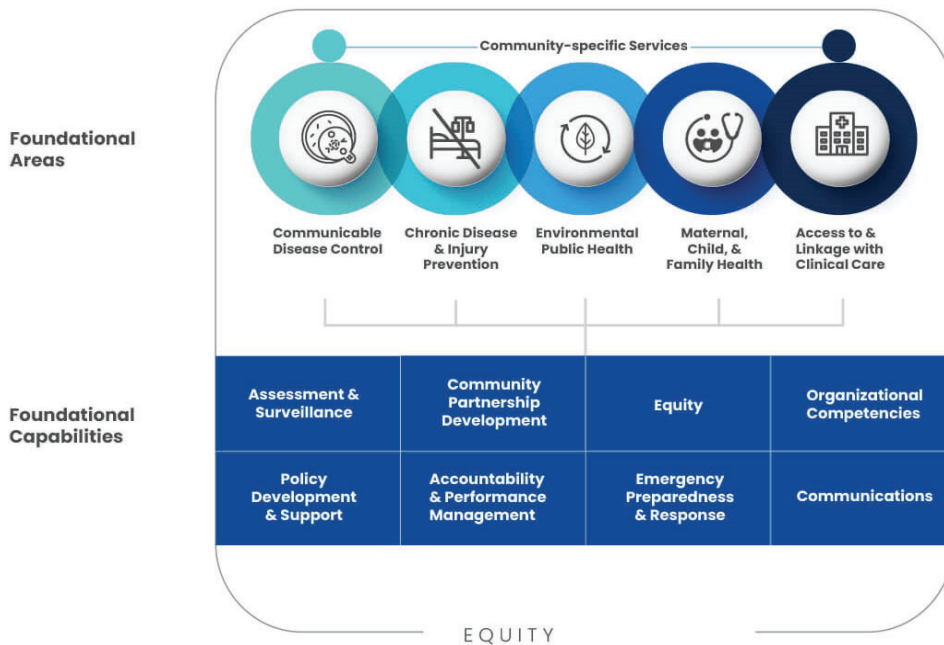
The public health system includes 1) public health agencies at state and local levels; 2) healthcare providers; 3) public safety agencies; 4) human service and charity organizations; 5) education and youth development organizations; 6) recreation and arts-related organizations; 7) economic and philanthropic organizations; and 8) environmental agencies and organizations.

The public health system is made up of government agencies and private organizations that work to:

- Prevent epidemics and the spread of disease
- Promote and support healthy behaviors
- Protect against environmental hazards
- Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery
- Prevent injuries
- Assure the quality and accessibility of health services.

Although public health organizations work closely with medical and social service providers, the field of public health is distinctly focused on **prevention** of health problems before they occur, **populations and groups** rather than individual patients, and **all factors that affect health**, including socio-economic factors and the physical environment.

Foundational Public Health Services



February 2022

In Loving Memory of Karen Ward

On April 25, 2023, our dear friend and co-worker, Karen Ward, passed away unexpectedly. She was a caring, dedicated, and loyal employee who served as Deputy Registrar in the Vital Statistics office for a total of 43 years.



This year's annual report is dedicated to our beautiful friend who we miss dearly.



Accreditation, Appointments, Awards and Achievements

Nationally Accredited and Recognized

Greene County Public Health is nationally accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). By achieving this designation, our agency has demonstrated the highest standards for delivering quality programs and services to Greene County residents and visitors. Greene County Public Health submitted for reaccreditation in November 2023. We have been working hard to compile all required documentation and will submit documents in early May 2024. We are looking forward to gaining reaccreditation status in 2024.



Sugarcreek Cares Presents Award

Sugarcreek Cares presented its first **Diversity Ally Award** to Greene County Public Health. According to the Sugarcreek Cares website: “Greene County Public Health has shown a steadfast commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. They routinely use social media to increase awareness about minority health, including the health impacts of systemic racism and other forms of discrimination. They celebrate Black History Month, Pride, and Minority Mental Health. The healthdistrict provided vaccine clinics to minority populations, who were disproportionately affected by COVID. They also highlighted the unjust stigma and poor treatment of Chinese and Asian Americans in the early days of the pandemic. Finally, GCPH partners with organizations, like Inclusive Fairborn, to help distribute supplies and health resources to communities in need. We are so grateful to have such a valuable resource for all of Greene County”. The award was accepted on behalf of the agency by Laurie Fox, Public Information Officer, and Sheryl Wynn, Director of Planning, Preparedness and Promotion.



Barga and Sanders Recognized for Excellence at OPHA

On April 25, 2023 in Columbus, Ohio, the Ohio Public Health Association presented a series of awards that recognized excellence among its members and partners; and highlighted outstanding achievement in public health at the annual OPHA Public Health Awards Dinner.

Jennifer Barga, MSN, MHA, who serves as the Director of Maternal & Child Health, received the **John D. Porterfield Award**. This award recognizes a public health professional who has provided outstanding leadership and has demonstrated outstanding performance and accomplishment relating to public health throughout their career. This award was established in honor of John D. Porterfield, M.D. who served as Director of Health for the State of Ohio from 1947-1954. It has been awarded since 1976 and is OPHA’s most prestigious award.

Stephanie Sanders, BSN, serves as one of two nurses for the Children with Medical Handicaps program. She received the **Early Career Professional Award**. This award recognizes an individual who is new (five years or less) to the field of public health or a field that impacts public health policy or practice; and has contributed by challenging traditional public health policy or practice in a creative or positive manner.



Hamer Appointed by Governor DeWine

Our Early Intervention (EI) Program Manager, Pam Hamer, received an appointment by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to the Early Intervention Services Advisory Council for a term beginning October 27, 2023, and ending June 30, 2027. The Early Intervention Advisory Council is made up of governor-appointed members from other state agencies, providers, and parents of children with disabilities. The council plays an important role in advising the Department of Developmental Disabilities in implementing Ohio’s EI program.



Community Health Assessment & Community Health Improvement Plan

In 2023, we completed a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in collaboration with 31 community partners. A CHA provides comprehensive information about the community’s current health status, needs, and issues from both quantitative and qualitative primary and secondary data. Data from the CHA were carefully considered and categorized into four community priorities with accompanying strategies which are outlined in the CHIP. These priorities include access to care; healthy behaviors; mental health and addiction; and maternal and child health. Over the next three years, these priorities and strategies will be collaboratively implemented at the county-level with the hope to improve population health and create lasting, sustainable change.

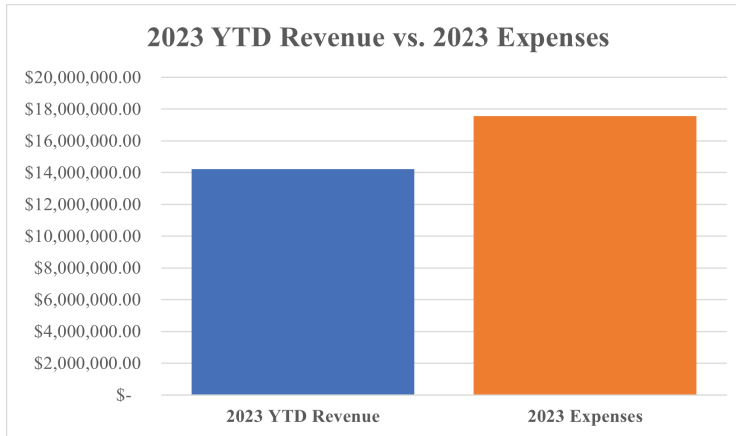
Financial Summary

Percentage of Revenue Spent
123%

2023 YTD Revenue
\$14,216,540.47

2023 YTD Expenses
\$17,548,587.62

Difference
\$3,332,047.15



The chart to the left shows our revenues and expenses for the period which ended December 31, 2023. A detailed copy of the annual financial statement is available by contacting Evan Dillahunt at 937-374-5620 or edillahunt@gcph.info.

WE DID IT!

We were able to pay off the new building in 2023! By doing so, taxpayers will save \$2 million dollars in interest over the life of the loan.



2023 Revenue

.8 Mil Levy	\$3,055,441.82
Taxes/Homestead Rollback	\$ 359,005.84
Subdivision/City Contracts	\$ 121,970.00
State Monies	\$1,201,305.99
Federal Monies	\$2,080,620.04
Fees	\$ 475,622.13
Licenses/Permits	\$1,201,478.92
Reimbursements	\$ 102,430.12
Other	\$ 81,639.14
Transfers In	\$5,537,026.47
Advances	\$ 0.00
Total	\$14,216,540.47

2023 Expenses

Staff Salaries	\$3,923,013.44
Fringe Benefits	\$1,228,234.01
Professional Services/Contracts	\$ 335,855.24
Travel/Training	\$ 59,791.16
Advertising/Printing	\$ 63,680.80
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 196,273.91
Materials/Supplies /Utilities	\$ 400,843.56
Equipment/Vehicles	\$ 36,849.55
State Remittance Fees	\$ 317,010.08
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 215,580.86
Debts/Leases	\$5,234,428.54
Transfers Out	\$5,537,026.47
Total	\$17,548,587.62

Office of Vital Statistics

Our office receives, records, and maintains all birth and death certificates for Greene County from December 1908 to the present. Certificates are recorded in the county in which the birth or death occurs regardless of place of residence. Birth certificates are available at our Xenia office for births that occurred in any county in Ohio.



4,879

Birth
Certificates
Distributed



5,847

Death
Certificates
Distributed



1,698

Births



1,610

Deaths

10 Leading Causes of Death in Greene County 2023

Cause of Death	2022	2023*
Heart Disease.....	344	351
Cancer.....	285	307
Stroke.....	142	151
Accidents.....	122	102
Respiratory diseases.....	74	60
Diabetes.....	39	47
Alzheimer's.....	39	35
COVID-19.....	123	27
Kidney Disease.....	32	21
Septicemia (blood infection).....	26	21
All other causes.....	494	488
Total Deaths	1,909	1,610

*These totals are provisional as of 2/1/2024.

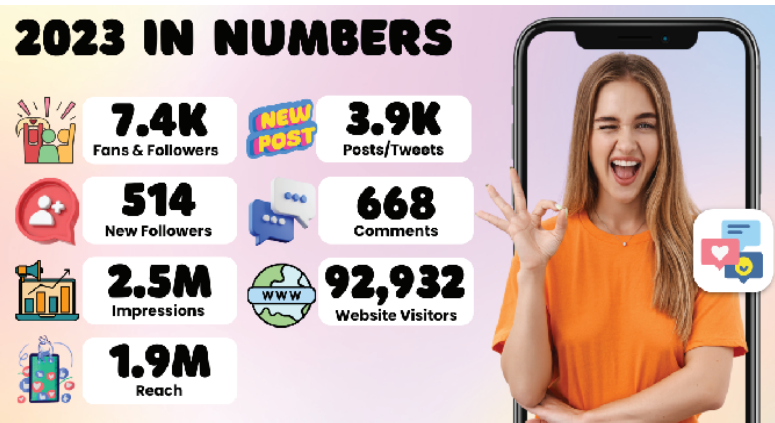
Inform & Educate...The Importance of Sharing our Message

Community outreach is an important and crucial piece to the public health puzzle. In 2023, we once again ventured out into our communities with our public health mobile trailer and were pleased to be able to attend the following festivals: **Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival, the Greene County Fair, the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival, the Jamestown Lion's Club Fall Festival, and the Spring Valley Potato Festival.** The warm welcome and friendly faces from each of your communities was greatly appreciated.



The Buzz on Social Media & Our Website

Our social media platforms continue to be important pieces of our communication efforts. Sharing messages from the Ohio Department of Health, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and other reputable sources, along with messages about our own programs, services, events, and activities, is key to ensuring that residents have the most up to date information available to make the best decisions regarding the overall health and safety of their families.



X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook remain our top two platforms for information, however, we continue to share information on all of our platforms, which include YouTube, LinkedIn, and Instagram. Our agency also make a point to share information about the programs, events, and services provided by our local partners.

Emergency Preparedness

In 2023, **four Greene County Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings** were held to enhance community partnerships. We **participated in the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) statewide radiation tabletop exercise with local partners** to better prepare our team for a real-world radiation event.

The Emergency Response Coordinator, Epidemiologist/Medical Reserve Corps Unit Coordinator, and Certified Information and Technology Officer (CITO) **attended the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, GA.** Our epidemiologist led a poster

presentation called *'Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers' Characteristics Affect Disaster Survival'*, while our CITO served on panels and discussions about cybersecurity and digital threats. The **ODH statewide regional drop site exercise** allowed our team to work with other public health employees and partner agencies. A point of dispensing (POD) was set up for our newer employees to learn about mass dispensing.

Planning commenced for **the 2024 Eclipse and Greene County GuardCare 2024.** Additionally, **Emergency Preparedness presentations were conducted** to educate individuals.

Heroes Aren't Born...They VOLUNTEER as part of the Medical Reserve Corps

In 2023, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers, totaling **218**, dedicated over **582 hours** to various public health events, with an economic value of **\$28,197.** Activities included initiatives on Healthy Eating and Active Living, SafeTrade education, HIV prevention, Naloxone distribution, food pantry support, providing support at local festivals and events, and much more.

Our epidemiologist presented on community stakeholder partnerships at the Regional MRC Conference. Volunteers also took part in a mass casualty exercise with WSU nursing students, simulating injuries and transport to participating hospital emergency rooms. A full-scale radiological exercise was also conducted, educating WSU nursing students on screening for radiological contamination.



*Greene County Medical Reserve Corps Radiation Community Reception Center Training, November 30th, 2023.
(used with permission, in center of WSU Nursing students: Professor Carolyn Jackson, MSN, RN, and Epidemiologist Don Brannen, PhD, Greene County MRC Coordinator)*

Reportable Diseases

Campylobacteriosis.....	27	Lyme Disease.....	17
Chlamydia infection.....	503	Malaria.....	1
Coccidioidomycosis.....	2	Meningitis - bacterial (Not N. meningitidis).....	2
COVID-19.....	5,340	Mpox.....	1
CPO.....	15	Mumps.....	1
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.....	1	Pertussis.....	23
Cryptosporidiosis.....	7	Q fever, acute.....	1
Cyclosporiasis.....	3	Salmonellosis.....	21
Dengue.....	1	Shigellosis.....	1
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing.....	9	Streptococcal - Group A -invasive.....	23
Ehrlichiosis-Ehrlichia chaffeensis.....	1	Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance unknown or non-resistant.....	13
Giardiasis.....	8	Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistant/intermediate.....	4
Gonococcal infection.....	147	Syphilis - unknown duration or late.....	19
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease).....	7	Tuberculosis.....	5
Hepatitis A.....	3	Varicella.....	3
Hepatitis B - Investigation.....	1	Vibriosis (not cholera).....	2
Hepatitis B - Perinatal Infection.....	4	Yersiniosis.....	4
Hepatitis B (including delta) - acute.....	1		
Hepatitis B (including delta) - chronic.....	19		
Hepatitis C - chronic.....	160		
Immigrant Investigation.....	3		
Influenza-associated hospitalization.....	47		
Legionellosis.....	8		
Listeriosis.....	1		
		Total.....	6,459

Partnership Between HIV Program & SafeTrade Syringe Services

In 2023, SafeTrade began offering a range of smoking and snorting supplies. By expanding offerings, we aim to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and create a more equitable program, specifically catering to the needs of the BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color) community and PWUD (people who use drugs) in other routes than injection.

By joining forces to offer testing & syringe exchange services at outreach events, it allows us to meet people where they are. HIV continues to affect marginalized populations and has a disproportionate impact on racial and ethnic minorities. Collaborations also were strengthened with Central Outreach, Bridges of Hope, Recovery Plus, and TCN to name a few.

Communicable Disease Testing and Treatment by the Numbers:

50	doses of Jynneos vaccine for Mpox given
104	doses of COVID-19 vaccine given
15,552	at-home COVID-19 tests distributed
187	HIV tests performed
139	HCV (Hep C) tests performed
93	Syphilis tests performed
23	TB tests performed
6,600	loose condoms distributed
4,155	Safer Sex Kits distributed (41,550 condoms and educational information)
42	HIV/SafeTrade outreach events
1,088	engagements/interactions with community members through the HIV/SafeTrade Program



Tobacco/Vaping

We continue to follow a Five-Year Tobacco Health Equity Strategic Plan to reduce the disproportionate burden smoking has on our low-income households. By partnering with the Greene County FISH Pantry (Xenia), we educated families about the impact of tobacco use on food insecurity and the benefits of cessation on food security. Our foodbank partnership project is an effort to reduce barriers to stop smoking that many food bank participants may have. Nicotine addiction competes with household spending on food, exacerbating food insecurity by the disproportionate spending of household income on cigarettes.

In 2023, we continued to prioritize limitations on youth access to vaping and tobacco products by conducting compliance check with retailers. A total of **81 stores were checked; 75% of stores passed**, meaning no sale was made to a minor. To reach our youth, we **engaged with 14 youth** who created an art project that was displayed at a special event. There were approximately 50-60 people in attendance, but we **reached well over 100** (100% of goal) due to the promotion of the event.



TaT (Teens Against Tobacco) Man & Oxygen Boy vs. The Joker (Tobacco)

We also conducted a tobacco use survey. **80% of those surveyed** agreed that e-cigarettes and other electronic vaping products should be treated the same as regular cigarettes in terms of tobacco laws and policies. This included limiting tobacco advertisements, specifically targeted toward youth, as well as supporting bans on candy, fruit, and menthol/mint flavors in vaping products.

This program promotes the Ohio Quit Line as a free resource available to adults 18 years and older who want to make a quit attempt. By calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW, participants can access phone and online coaching services. For youth age 13-18 who vape or smoke, we encourage use of the free text-based cessation services called “My Life, My Quit”. To get started on their nicotine free life, teens can text “Start My Quit” to 36072.

Safe Communities

Safe Communities is a grant-funded, data driven initiative with the primary goal to reduce preventable crashes by increasing seat belt usage, increasing motorcycle safety awareness, and reducing distracted and impaired driving. In 2023, there were **5 fatalities, a 66% decrease** compared to 2022. This was the lowest amount of fatal crashes since 2018.

We attended several events to spread awareness to traffic safety messages including Blessing of the Bikes at Kil-Kare Speedway, Jamestown Fall Fest, and the Greene County Fair.

We **partnered with AAA to hold 2 Seat Belt Challenges** at the local high schools. In the spring, Beavercreek High School won with **93.6% of their students buckled** and, in the fall, Bellbrook High School won with **92.8% of their students buckled**. We hosted a ThinkFast Interactive Program at Fairborn High School to educate students on safe driving techniques. Our Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over kickoff event was held at the Trans Am Nationals in Beavercreek in conjunction with a press conference with Ohio State Highway Patrol and AAA. We partnered with Central State University Extension Office for our second annual Mocktail Challenge (no alcohol) to bring awareness to the danger associated with alcohol consumption, impaired driving, tobacco and vaping, and mental health resources. We were fortunate to have Sergeant Milstead, from the Ohio State Highway Patrol - Xenia Post, present to the students on impaired driving. Student organizations participating in the Mocktail Challenge competed to create the best mocktail and had the opportunity to win gift cards ranging from \$50-\$200. Thank you to State Farm for their generous donation and support! This **event reached over 200 students and faculty**. For the 2023 Super Bowl, **16 Greene County restaurants participated in the Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk initiative**.



Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL)

In 2023, assessments and focus groups were conducted in Xenia, Jamestown, and Fairborn to determine community priorities and gaps. There were **28 participants across the three communities**. In the summer, we **implemented 4 little pantries across all three communities**. Each little pantry unveiling was coordinated alongside a health fair with local resources and organizations. The Fairborn Police Department and Ohio State Highway Patrol - Xenia Post



provided large donations with the help of staff, Kroger of Fairborn, and PepsiCo. An educational series was provided to the city of Fairborn on topics including budget friendly shopping, food

demos, and mobility/transportation with **over 20 participants**. Central State University, Greene CATS, and OSU Extension provided presentations for the educational series.

We were **awarded the HEAL Tier 2 grant in September 2023**. For this grant period, which runs from October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024, we will focus on the city of Fairborn in order to increase walkability/mobility to obtain healthy foods. We will conduct a walkability audit on areas in Fairborn in order to develop and implement an improvement design and create a healthy food map for community members. Grant work will be driven by a planning committee consisting of Fairborn residents and stakeholders.

Harm Reduction

In a significant step towards community safety and overdose prevention, the funding received in 2023 from the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) enabled the expansion and increased access to harm reduction and overdose prevention services across Greene County. Throughout the year, we **partnered with TCN Behavioral Health to expand their Quick Response Team (QRT)** to respond to overdoses in Fairborn, Xenia, and Beavercreek, including the presence of a peer supporter to provide resources, support, linkages to care, and naloxone to individuals impacted by overdose. Additionally, we **conducted training and developed a virtual training for public safety officers and first responders**. These trainings focus on how stigma can impact access to services and effective strategies to promote open and non-judgmental communication about substance use and mental health.

Safe Trade

SafeTrade has continued to evolve, offering more comprehensive harm reduction services that address both the health and safety of people who use drugs as well as their environment. In 2023, the health district **launched a mobile SafeTrade unit** to help eliminate barriers to service and saw **10 new participants with 66 additional interactions**. SafeTrade **now operates three days a week**: Monday and Friday in Fairborn and Wednesday in Xenia. Since 2017, our agency provided sterile injection equipment, and in early 2023, SafeTrade **expanded its reach to offer more equitable services by introducing safer smoking and snorting supplies**. In the months following this expansion, the **participation in SafeTrade services increased by 192%**. The program also saw an increase in BIPOC (black, indigenous people of color) participants **from 2% in 2022 to 12% in 2023**.

With the goal of helping people who use drugs stay healthy and reduce the spread of bloodborne pathogens, the program also includes HIV, HCV (Hep C), and Syphilis testing, counseling, and referral, along with educational resources on safer drug use, overdose prevention, and substance use disorder treatment referrals. In 2023, SafeTrade **saw a 20% increase in the number of new participants**. SafeTrade conducted numerous testing events, connected individuals to treatment, and notably, **exchanged 57,680 syringes – nearly double the amount from the previous year**.

Project DAWN

Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is a network of opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution programs coordinated by the Ohio Department of Health. In 2023, our Project DAWN program **distributed 5,103 naloxone kits, a 17% increase from the previous year**.

In partnership with the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties, and with grant funding through NACCHO, we **placed 31 NaloxBoxes around Greene County**. These boxes, equipped with naloxone, are strategically placed in areas and organizations to ensure immediate access during opioid overdose emergencies. Their installation marks a proactive approach in empowering the community to respond effectively to overdoses, potentially saving numerous lives.

In addition to increasing community access to the lifesaving medication naloxone, we **installed 12 purple naloxone kiosks throughout Greene County**. These kiosks provide free public access to naloxone, reducing barriers to obtaining it. Notably, Central State University has a naloxone kiosk accessible 24/7, an incredible asset for the college campus and Greene County. This helps to reduce barriers to accessing naloxone and helps decrease the stigma often associated with carrying naloxone. In 2023, **Fairborn City Schools became the first in Greene County to install NaloxBoxes in every school and equip the nursing staff with naloxone**.

Our Statewide Mail Order Naloxone (Narcan) program **saw a 50% increase in the number of kits delivered in 2023, totaling 1,020 kits mailed across 23 counties in Ohio**. Order yours online: <https://bit.ly/3f2yj1J>. We will continue to educate and distribute naloxone to any organization or business that is interested.



Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow is a system of supports for pregnant women, caregivers with new babies, and families with young children with developmental delays and disabilities. This system includes Central Intake, **Early Intervention (EI)** and **Early Childhood Home Visiting**.

- **Early Intervention (EI)** serves families with children birth to age three (3) who have a developmental concern. In 2023, the program served even more children with speech, sensory, and behavioral-related concerns.



The EI program is strong! **The program achieved its 8th consecutive “MEETS REQUIREMENTS”**

rating from the Department of Developmental Disabilities. This rating stems from several factors including parent’s rating/survey.

- **Early Childhood Home Visiting**

In Greene County, this includes **Healthy Families America** and the **Nurse-Family Partnership**. We have grown to include **four (4) HFA Family Support Specialists and two (2) NFP Nurse Home Visitors**. Both programs begin education prenatally. NFP serves up to age two, and HFA up to age three. In 2023, we participated in an Ohio Department of Children & Youth (ODCY) incentive program, and provide Kroger gift cards to families to assist with the high cost of groceries or gas. We also partnered with Hannah’s Treasure Chest, providing care packages to participating families.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

The special supplemental nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) plays a vital role in our community, providing critical support for low-income families during crucial stages of development. In 2023, we saw a remarkable **33% increase in our caseload**, showcasing the growing need for WIC’s service. Our baby shower event in August was attended by **over 40 families**. The event buzzed with excited chatter as expectant mothers learned about breastfeeding, healthy eating habits, and the joys of parenthood.

Baby & Me Tobacco Free™

This program is an evidence based, smoking cessation program created to reduce the burden of tobacco on the pregnant and postpartum population. This program helps pregnant women and their partners quit smoking before the baby is born. There is no income requirement and program participants can receive up to \$400 in gift cards for diapers and wipes. If another adult in the same household enrolls, they can get up to \$300 in gift cards for diapers and wipes, for a total benefit of \$700!

- **12 new clients were enrolled in 2023**
- **70% of clients were smokefree at the time of delivery**
- **About 67% of clients were still smoke-free 6-months postpartum**

Children with Medical Handicaps

The mission of the Ohio Department of Health Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program is to ensure, through the development and support of high quality, coordinated systems, that children with special healthcare needs and their families obtain comprehensive care and services that are family-centered, community-based and culturally sensitive. Throughout the year our public health nurses worked with an **average of 540 families including 276 new families**. The maximum age eligibility for a treatment plan was increased to the age of 24 as of July 1, 2023.



Disconnect to Connect

Disconnect to Connect (D2C) is a committee made up of professionals from several different county organizations, including Greene County Public Health, the Greene County Educational Service Center, Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties, Greene County Children Services, Greene County Family & Children First, and the Greene County Public Library. The group was developed to tackle the concerns of parents, educators, and community



members about the effect of digital devices on the mental health and well-being of our youngest community members.

We held the **first Global Day of Unplugging in March** in Greene County by encouraging businesses, schools, organizations and the public to “unplug” from their digital devices for one day to make real, meaningful connections. We also held a **public screening of**

the film, Childhood 2.0 - The Living Experiment, in May showcasing the impact of social media on the mental and social well-being of our youth.

Maternal & Child Health By the Numbers

1,674 Early Intervention Service Coordinator Visits
532 Early Intervention Total Children Served
~53 Help Me Grow Families Served Monthly
1,426 Help Me Grow Home Visits
7,135 WIC Total Number of Contacts
942 WIC Average Monthly Caseload, Xenia
661 WIC Average Monthly Caseload, Fairborn
12 New Clients Enrolled in Baby & Me Tobacco Free
540 CMH Average Caseload
276 New Families Enrolled in CMH

Environmental Health Services by the Numbers

Food Inspections, Licenses & Investigations

2,605 Inspections
178 Temporary Licenses Issued
898 Licenses Issued (*incl. vending & mobile*)
60 Facility Sanitation Concerns Investigated

Food Protection Training Courses

149 Students
10 Classes
5 ServSafe® Exam Sessions
9 SeveSafe® Re-tests

Rabies Prevention

216 Cases
12 Specimens Submitted for Testing
0 Positive Cases

Body Art

46 Inspections
69 Consultations



Plumbing/Sewage/Water

2,382 Plumbing Permits Issued
3,191 Plumbing Inspections
86 Sewage/Water Permits Issued
66 Sewage Treatment System Permits Issued

Mosquito Control

7 Breeding Sites Evaluated
1,189 Pounds of Treatment Applied
 (adulticide and larvicide)
65 Pools Sent for Testing
11 Positive Pools

Other Inspections & Registrations

92 School Inspections
389 Pool and Spa Inspections
221 Trash Disposal Trucks Registered

A Year In (Just A Few) Pictures





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