

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



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Public Health**

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Vital Statistics
Registrar*

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FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER



Leigh N. Cannon, MPH

2023 Health Commissioner Report

2023 was my first year serving as the Fayette County Health Commissioner. After 19 years in Public Health, I would say 2023 was one of my favorite years. 2023 was the year we rebuilt Public Health after 3 long years responding to the pandemic. The work that public health as a whole completed during the high times of the pandemic, were unbelievably challenging. With dedication, perseverance, and whole lot of coffee, we somehow came out on the other side. 2023 brought a much-needed year of recovery and repurpose.

As we navigated back in our new normal, we spent a lot of time reviewing policies, procedures, and programming. While COVID-19 still lives among us, it was time to get back to serving Fayette County with quality health care services and programs beyond the pandemic.

In 2023 we launched our new Electronic Medical Records System (EMR). This new system has enhanced our ability to serve patients in our clinics. We now have advanced technology to make appointments, track patient records, mainstreamed medical billing, patient reminders through texting and phone call services, and less paperwork to file. The benefits of the new system are unlimited.

Additionally, we have added several new grants to our Reproductive Health and Wellness Program, Lead Education and Prevention Program, Vaccination Education and Promotion as well as Workforce Development and Staff Training. Our 2024 plans continue to focus on growth in programs, increase services offered and continue to train and develop a well-rounded competent workforce.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the staff that work here. I tell them regularly; I am nothing without them. They are the GLUE. They are the LIFE. They are the MAGIC. The last several years, we have had to deal with a lot of adversity, public criticism, funding cuts and losses, and many changes to our job duties as we evolved beyond the pandemic. Yet, our team shows up everyday ready to put their best foot forward and give quality care and services to the citizens of Fayette County. Their leadership is the foundation to any successes we encounter.

Additionally, we have a wonderful 5-member Board of Health. I thank them all for their willingness to serve and for bringing their expertise to our agency. We are led by the best!

Lastly, thank you to our wonderful community. We are all here because of all of you. We value your support and continued loyalty to our programs and services. We enjoy working together to make Fayette County the best place to live and play.

Respectfully,



Leigh N. Cannon, MPH

Health Commissioner



Public Health
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Fayette County Public Health

Mission

Fayette County Public Health strives to protect our community, placing emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention

Vision

Working together for a healthy community.

Values

Respect: We will create a culture that encourages our employees to conduct themselves in a courteous, conscientious and respectful manner in the workplace, where diversity and equity is appreciated and encouraged

Collaboration: We will work together to solve problems, make decisions and achieve common goals, both within our organization and with our partners.

Responsibility: We all have a responsibility to create a supportive, encouraging and motivating environment through embracing change, being visionary and involving others in the decision-making process.

Quality: We strive to increase our knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain high standards of service that are recognized by our community health partners.

Accountability: We value the public's trust and encourage personal responsibility in the provision of services to meet the needs of our clients with responsive efforts.



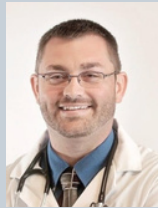
Health Commissioner Leigh Cannon, MPH and Director of Nursing Ashley Roberts, RN

2023 DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

Bloomingsburg Village
Concord Township
County Commissioners
Green Township
Jasper Township
Jeffersonville Village
Madison Township
Marion Township

Milledgeville Village
Octa Village
Paint Township
Perry Township
Union Township
Wayne Township
City of Washington

2023 BOARD OF HEALTH



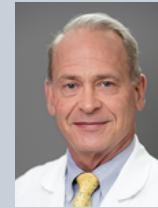
Brian Jenks, DO



Kristy Bowers



Terry Summers



William Stevenson, MD



Staci Hamilton, M Ed

The Board of Health meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 a.m. at the FCPH office.

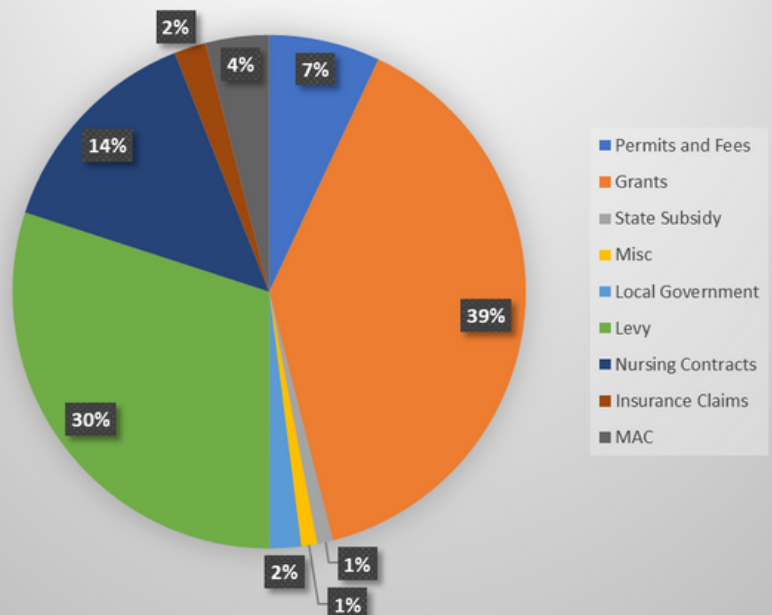


James McWeeney, MD
Medical Director



Leigh N. Cannon, MPH
Health Commissioner

2023 Revenue Fayette County Public Health





2023 Administration and Staff

Health Commissioner

- Leigh N. Cannon, MPH

Fiscal

- Stacey Mathews, *Fiscal Officer*
- Charity Lanning, *Billing Specialist / Deputy Registrar*

Nurse Practitioner

- Darci Moore, CNP

Director of Nursing

- Ashley Roberts, RN

Nursing

- Amy Friel, RN, *Immunization Coordinator*
- Holly Johnson, BSN, RN, *Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Coordinator*
- Erica Dumford, CMA, *Reproductive Health and Wellness Coordinator*
- Ashley Ruth, RN, *Communicable Disease Nurse*
- Marissa Ratliff, BSN, RN, *Preconception Health Home Visitor*

Miami Trace Local Schools Clinics

- Emily Bower, BSN, RN, *Lead Nurse*
- Melissa Reed, BSN, RN, *High School*
- Amanda Brown, RN, *Elementary*
- Whitney Foor, LPN, *Middle School*

Washington Court House City School Clinics

- Holly Johnson, BSN, RN, *Lead Nurse*
- Ashley Karnes, LPN, *Cherry Hill*
- Lindsey Rose, BSN, RN, *Middle School*
- Siobann Stoughton, BSN, RN, *Belle Aire*

Director of Environmental Health

- Brian King, BS, *Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)*

Environmental Health

- Shelby Hughes, *Environmental Clerk*
- Scherika Brinson, BS, *Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)*
- Eric Newcomer, *O&M Coordinator, Environmental Technician*

Clerical Director

- Cathy Smith, *Immunization Clerk*

Clerical Staff

- Sandra Armstrong, *Registrar*
- Heidi Phipps, *Reproductive Health and Wellness Clerk*
- Donna Butler, *Receptionist*

Vital Statistics

- Sandra Armstrong, *Registrar*

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

- Megan Batson, BS, REHS

Public Information Officer

- Missy Smith, MA, BTAS, CPST

Accreditation / Workforce Development Coordinator

- Jackie Lewis, M Ed

Health Educator

- Janessa Williamson, RN, CLS

Special Projects Coordinator

- Harley Dawson, BS

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Coordinator

- Ethan T. Johnson, MPH, MSOH

Director of Help Me Grow

Sharon Gibbs, BA

Help Me Grow

- Karen Creel-Lakes, BA, *Home Visiting Supervisor*
- Liz Deis, BS, *Supervisor, Home Visitor, Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Coordinator, Child Passenger Safety Technician*
- Jackie Lewis, M Ed, *Home Visitor*
- Shawna Chace, BA, *Home Visitor, Child Passenger Safety Technician*
- Beth King, M Ed, *Home Visitor, Child Passenger Safety Technician*
- Molly Gruber, BA, *Home Visitor, Child Passenger Safety Technician*
- Ellyse Sparkman, BA, *Home Visitor, Child Passenger Safety Technician*
- Jennifer Woods, BSS, *Home Visitor, Child Passenger Safety Technician*
- Sara Randolph, M Ed, *Home Visitor*
- Heather Hoppes, M. Ed., *Home Visitor*

Director of WIC

- Karyn Tucker, RD, LD

WIC

- Lisa Marting, *Clerk*
- Janessa Williamson, RN, CLS, *Breastfeeding Coordinator*
- Katelin Jones, *Peer Helper*

FISCAL AND SUPPORT STAFF



*Stacey Mathews,
Fiscal Officer*

Stacey is the Financial Officer who provides fiscal policy and internal control management of all Health Department funds. She handles all accounting and payroll for the Health District.



*Charity Lanning,
Billing Clerk*

Charity manages health insurance company's contracts and bills for nursing services rendered at Fayette County Public Health.



*Mike Meadows,
Information Systems
Manager*

Mike and Brad maintain Fayette County Public Health's 40+ computer stations and the server. They troubleshoot staff computers, install hardware, software and help with purchasing new equipment.



*Brad Smith
Information Systems
Assistant*



David Gibbs, Custodian

David provides custodial services for FCPH.



*Cindy Hayes,
Certified Infant
Massage Therapist*

Cindy Hayes is a certified Infant massage therapist and provides baby massage education. She is contracted through Help Me Grow.



*John D. Kinsel, MS
Infant and Early
Childhood Mental Health*

John Kinsel is the mental health consultant for Help Me Grow. He has 40 years of experience working with families and children. John is particularly skilled in infant mental health and works closely with the home visitors to support Help Me Grow families.



*Chase Smith
Help Me Grow Assistant*

Chase works part-time in the Help Me Grow office, shredding papers and cleaning and sanitizing toys for the home visitors.

FCPH contracts with Union County for epidemiology services. Maryanne assists FCPH with communicable disease tracking and investigations..



*Mary Salimbene
Merriman, MPH
Epidemiologist*

FARMERS MARKET

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MARKETS ATTENDED

In 2023, Fayette County Public Health became a monthly fixture at the Fayette County Farmers Market.

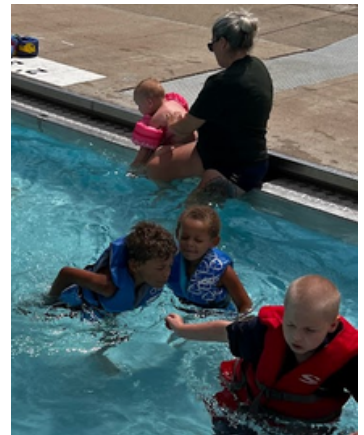
On the second Saturday of each month from May through October, a different department manned the community tent to provide blood pressure screenings, healthy recipes, crafts, giveaways, and information about our programs and services.



BACK TO CLASS "SPLASH BASH"

Fayette County Public Health sponsored a free day at the Jeffersonville Pool on August 10, 2023.

Admission was free, and health department staff was on hand to play games, provide education and information.



NEW IN 2023

“LIGHT IN THE DARK” SUICIDE PREVENTION GLOW WALK

We are proud to have joined community partners to co-host the first-ever “Light In the Dark” Suicide Prevention Glow Walk. The purpose was to remember loved ones we have lost, offer hope and support to anyone who is struggling, erase the stigma of talking about mental health, and offer information and resources.

The event was hosted by the Fayette County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Approximately 170 people attended.

There were 28 suicide deaths in Fayette County in the ten years from 2012-2022 and 8 in 2023. The age range of these losses is from 14 to 89 years old. The data shows that five Ohioans die by suicide every day, and one youth dies every 34 hours.

FCSPC was formed in 2019. Members include community agency representatives, clergy, community members, and family and friends of those who have died by suicide. Since its inception, the coalition has accomplished the following:

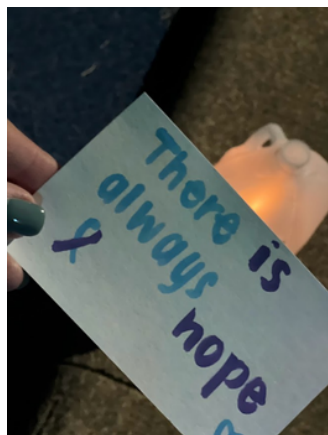
- Created care loss care packages to provide to families in Fayette County who were affected by a suicide death
- Provided awareness information at community events
- Purchased billboard messaging and yard signs to promote the 988 Suicide Crisis Lifeline
- Sponsored QPR Gatekeeper training

Future plans include:

- Focusing prevention efforts on groups that are considered at high-risk for suicide
- Reducing stigma around the utilization of mental health resources
- Promotion of the 988 Suicide Crisis Lifeline as well as local resources
- Support and promotion of programs in the schools

The coalition also distributed yard signs promoting the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

For more information regarding the coalition and its activities, please call 740-773-2283.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Megan Batson, oversees the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant. Megan ensures that Fayette County Public Health meets all of the requirements (deliverables) at local and regional levels.

The grant year runs from July to June and is renewed every year in the spring. The Funding for the Fiscal Year 2023 grant (which runs July 1, 2023-June 30 2024) was \$65,000. The money is used towards the salary of the coordinator, a part-time MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) coordinator, and training and exercises. FCPH also contracts with the Union County Health Department for Epidemiology Services. FCPH staff completes deliverables for the grant throughout the year.

This year's biggest deliverable was to participate in a statewide Medical Countermeasure Exercise, that involved the pick of Medication at a regional drop site. Otherwise, we have tested our redundant communications, completed an updated community partner list, and annual dispensing drills, updated the Crisis Communication plan and the Pandemic Flu Plan, and completed training on the RAPT Program..

2023/24 Projects

- Participate in statewide Medical Countermeasure Exercise- including pick of Medication at a regional drop site
- Test redundant communication
- Complete updated community partners list
- Annual dispensing drills
- Updates to Crisis Communication plan and the Pandemic Flu Plan
- Completed training on the RAPT program

The Fayette County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was established in July 2011. During the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers were a vital asset to the public health response by providing vaccinations, conducting contact tracing, and performing other support tasks. The MRC is also active in community events. This past year, volunteers provided vaccinations at the drive-through flu shot clinic and staffed a first aid station at the Suicide Prevention Glow Walk.

The Medical Reserve Corps is partially funded by the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant. Part-time coordinator Ethan Johnson oversees volunteer recruitment and training.

The MRC is always looking for volunteers to serve the community. Register by visiting www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov/ or email ethantjohnson@fayette-co-oh.com with any questions.

To view a copy of the county plans, contact Megan Batson at 740-335-5910.

The FCPH PHEP grant and the hospital grant require the formation of and participation in this coalition. The objective of this is to coordinate emergency response between healthcare facilities in the county and ensure that everyone has the proper plans in place without recreating the wheel every time. We have completed an Eclipse Planning Tabletop Exercise with local coalition partners. We participated in a Chemical Surge response with the Regional Coalition that include participants from 15 Central Region counties.



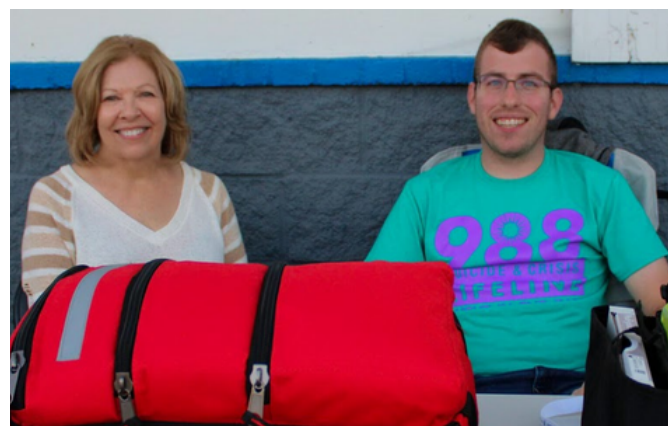
Megan Batson, BS
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator



Ethan T. Johnson, MPH,
MSOH
MRC Coordinator

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

93 VOLUNTEERS



PUBLIC INFORMATION & OUTREACH

The Public Information Officer promotes community awareness of FCPH through advertising and education by preparing and disseminating program materials, newsletters, and public announcements, creating media press releases; publicizing program activities; and receiving and responding to public inquiries. She maintains the Fayette County Public Health website and social media platforms.

The PIO is also responsible for promoting the programs of FCPH at community events, community presentations, and other outreach opportunities.

In 2022, FCPH staff collaborated with the local newspaper in Washington Court House, the Record-Herald, to publish a weekly health column.

In 2023, the PIO organized monthly outreach at the Fayette County Farmers Market and assisted with planning events for the Suicide Prevention Coalition. The PIO also developed a new website to provide better accessibility and to provide timely, relevant, and accessible information to the public,

The website can be viewed at faycohd.org.



Missy Smith,
MA, BTAS
Public Information Officer,
Child Passenger Safety
Technician

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Special Projects Coordinator supports office operations, provides administrative support to a variety of projects, and provides direct customer service.

Over the last year, the SPC has represented the health department at community meetings and outreach events, participated on the suicide prevention coalition and supported their events/activities, and has bridged a connection between FCPH and the Extension Public Health Americorps.

The SPC assists with public health accreditation, workforce development, COVID-19 response, emergency management and planning, fiscal management, health education, public information and staffing support for all work areas.

The Special Projects Coordinator has also been working as a liaison for the health department between the OSU college of public health and the Extension Office through the Extension Public Health Americorps program.



Harley Dawson, BS
Special Projects
Coordinator

OUTREACH, NETWORKING, COALITION BUILDING



ACCREDITATION

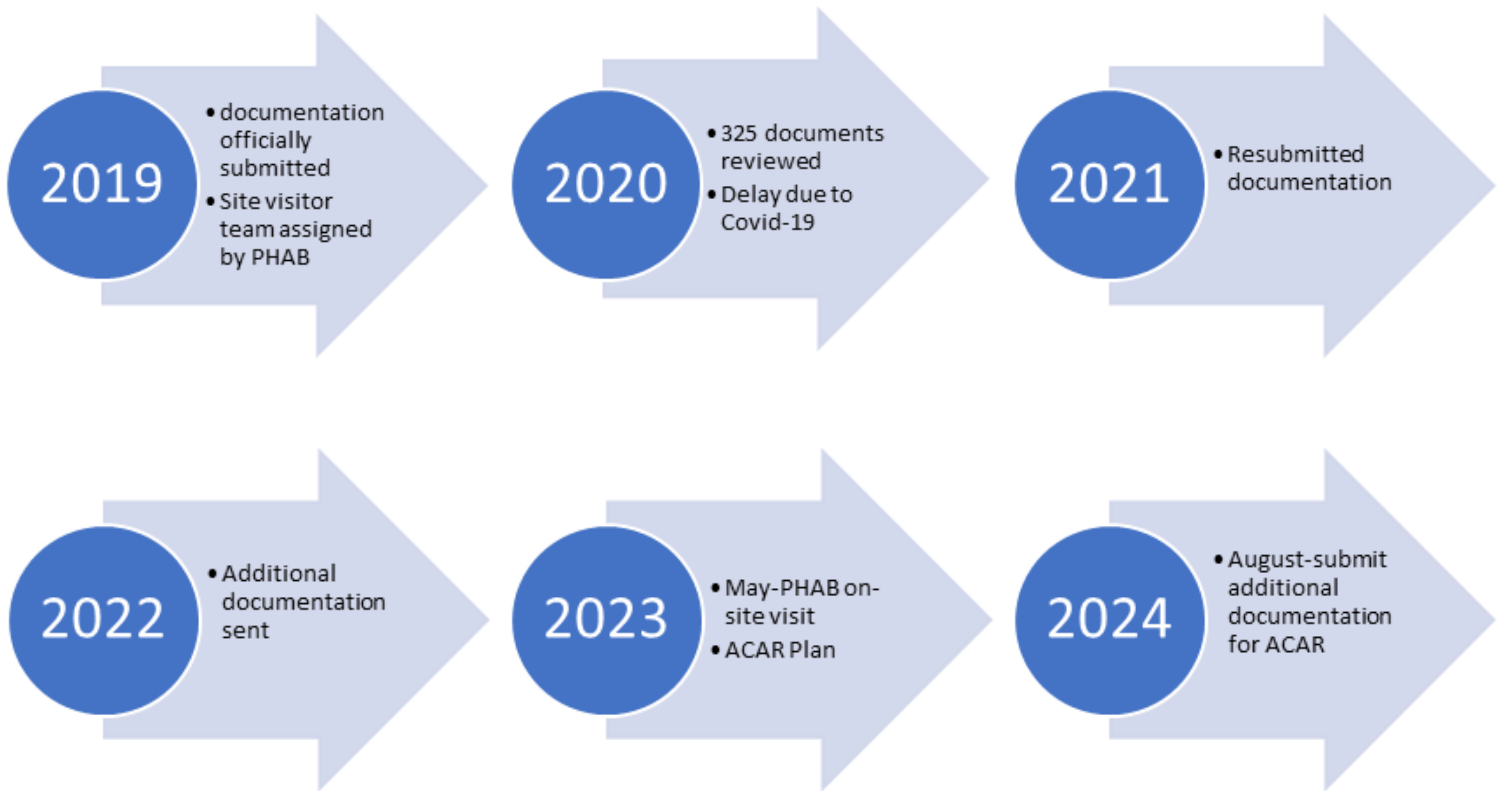


Jackie Lewis, M Ed
Accreditation
Coordinator
Workforce Development
Coordinator

Fayette County Public Health received the PHAB Accreditation on-site review on May 19, 2023. The PHAB Accreditation Committee determined that additional documentation is needed to make a final decision. The additional documentation is referred to as the Accreditation Committee Action Requirement (ACAR). FCPH has until August 2024 to submit the documentation.

Starting in October 2023, a committee has been meeting twice a month to review and update the Strategic Plan. This includes updating the mission, vision, and values statements. Once the Strategic Plan is complete, the committee will begin reviewing and updating other plans. FCPH has started to use Clear Impact, a program to track and analyze data to aid in planning and decision making. This will allow FCPH to meet the Performance Management standard for Accreditation.

For a timeline of accreditation activities, see the figures below.



Members of our team attended the Accreditation Learning Community (ALC) at Ohio State University. Participating on behalf of Fayette County Public Health were Jackie, Accreditation / Workforce Development Coordinator; Ashley, Director of Nursing; Megan, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; and Leigh, Health Commissioner.

Public Health Accreditation:

- ~ Promotes a culture of quality and performance improvement
- ~ Increases capacity to respond to public health emergencies
- ~ Encourages the use of equity as a lens to identify health priorities
- ~ Strengthens health departments to better serve communities



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

All Fayette County Public Health staff members are encouraged to attend seminars, workshops or college to keep education and job information current. Staff members who hold state licensure or certification are required to complete professional development to maintain the licensure and certification. In addition, staff complete monthly trainings and attend local and statewide trainings and conferences provided throughout the year.

A new orientation process began for new hires in June 2023.



STAFF RETREAT

The annual employee retreat was held in July at Deer Creek Lodge.

Trey Tompkins, of Horizon Athletic, and Emily Konerman, pharmacist and MPH student at Ohio State University were the presenters.

The retreat is an opportunity for all FCPH staff to get together and participate in professional development and team building.





The Fayette County Suicide Prevention Coalition serves as the county's mental health task force and promotes the 988 crisis line as one of the goals for the County Health Improvement Plan.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CHNA)/ COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

The Fayette County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is the result of a collaboration between local agencies, volunteers, and consultants, all dedicated to improving its community members' health and quality of life.

A community health assessment (sometimes called a CHA), also known as a community health needs assessment (sometimes called a CHNA) is a comprehensive and systematic data collection and analysis process. It is designed to inform communities of top health needs and priorities to drive effective planning, which results in positive change.

Following the development of the CHA, a CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) was created.

The creation of a Community Health Improvement Plan, or CHIP, is a collaborative and interactive process that represents the engagement of a wide range of community partners. Although there are several ways for a community group to facilitate a community-wide strategic planning process, the Fayette County Community Health Alliance utilized an evidence-based planning framework to create its plan.

This framework, M.A.P.P., or Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnership, was developed as a collaboration by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Association of City and County Health Officials. It resulted in a comprehensive planning process that included an assessment of the local public health environment, as well as a strategic analysis of the data collected

The Fayette County Community Health Alliance is a collaborative, community-based group whose efforts are aimed at improving the quality of life for residents of Fayette County. The coalition is structured with a steering committee focused on specific health priorities.

Coalition efforts are driven by a vision of educating and empowering individuals and families to achieve a thriving, engaged, and resilient community. Keeping in mind the values of collaboration, integrity, equity, and equality, the FCCHA is focused on raising awareness and ultimately improving the health and wellness of the residents of Fayette County through the ongoing cooperation and focus of its community leaders, local health care providers, and citizens.



Scan the QR code below to view the Community Health Needs Assessment



Scan the QR code below to view the Community Health Improvement Plan



NURSING AND CLINICAL SERVICES

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS

The Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program promotes the early identification of children with chronic medical conditions and the treatment of those children by CMH-approved healthcare providers. Our CMH nurses are available to assist Fayette County families by linking them to eligible providers, ensuring payment for the services their child needs, offering in-person visits, and providing necessary education. The CMH program covers children from birth to 24 years of age, and further into adulthood for qualifying diagnoses.

CMH

Total Active Clients: 150

New Clients: 48

Clients served- 392



Darci Moore, CNP
Certified Nurse
Practitioner



Ashley Roberts, RN
Director of Nursing



Amy Friel, RN
Immunization
Coordinator



Ashley Ruth, RN
Communicable
Disease Nurse



Holly Johnson, RN, BSN
CMH Coordinator



Marissa Ratliff, RN,
BSN
Public Health Nurse



Erica Dumford, CMA

CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS

Cholesterol screenings are offered on the 1st Tuesday of each month by appointment.

This service is free to Fayette County residents once per year. There is a \$15 fee for out of county residents.

HYPERTENSION PROGRAM

The nursing staff provides blood pressure (BP) monitoring for any resident of Fayette County.

BPs are routinely offered at the health department office and also at Job and Family Services, Seton Hall and the Commission on Aging.

CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM

When there are new cases, the Ohio Department of Health sends a case manager to the home to complete a lead questionnaire and inspection. Marissa Ratliff, RN, BSN educates the parents on how to prevent lead exposure. Pamphlets and lead education information are provided. Information obtained by FCPH is sent to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Lead levels over 3.5 warrant an inspection from ODH staff to evaluate and test the home environment. When the lead levels are under 3.5, FCPH staff meets with the parents to give them lead reducing tips, education, and follow-up to make sure lead levels go down.

Lead

New Confirmed Cases: 31

UNITED WAY FUNDED SERVICES

United Way of Fayette County provides funding to help pay for care for women's health services, medication assistance, and vision care to those without other means to pay.

United Way clients assisted-
13 Pharmacy / 7 vision

Lions Club Clients assisted- 2

Head lice screenings- 196

Hearing Screens- 0

Placement Exams- 0

Blood Pressure- 187

Weight Checks (Rolling Rimples
and Fat Fighters)- 705



FCPH nurses and staff at school screenings

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations provide one of the most effective means of preventing the spread of disease.

As the major provider of childhood immunizations, Fayette County Public Health has a key role in the prevention of major childhood diseases. Children (accompanied by an adult) and adults can receive immunizations by appointment only Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In 2024, the immunization program's goal was to continue to get routine immunizations back on track, especially for school-aged children in the community.

For school-aged children, FCPH clinical staff hosted three immunization clinics in the schools for children entering kindergarten and clinics at each middle and high school.

FCPH offered flu vaccines at a cost of \$25.00. Flublock for age 18 and older and high-dose flu for those age 65 and older was \$65.00 this year for cash-paying clients. Patients were also able to have insurance billed for the vaccine. FCPH also has VFC (Vaccines for Children) and 317 vaccines for uninsured children and adults.

Extended hours flu clinics and 12 community outreach flu clinics were held this year. The nurses worked hard to provide these flu outreach clinics during this very busy time of year. A drive-thru flu clinic at the Fayette County Fairgrounds gave 86 immunizations for flu and covid.

2,315

TOTAL DOSES GIVEN

TDAP- 264

DTAP- 49

Td- 3

Kinrix- 57

Hib- 37

HepB (pediatric)- 19

MMR- 36

MMRV- 100

Varicella- 39

Twinrix- 2

Flu (seasonal)- 531

Meningococcal- 410

Hepatitis A (Adult)- 11

Hepatitis B (Adult)- 28

ROTA- 8

HPV- 173

Shingrix- 15

Pediarix- 26

Meningococcal B- 111

Hepatitis A (pediatric)- 148

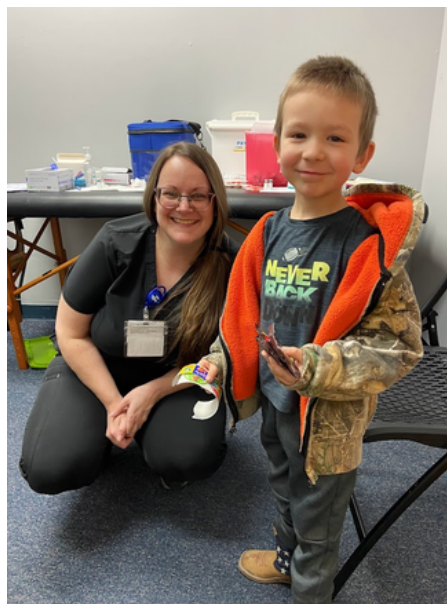
Covid- 90

PCV-13 (pneumococcal)- 53

Polio (IPV)- 48

12 COMMUNITY FLU CLINICS

- Head Start
- Halliday Lumber
- County Offices
- County Engineer's Office
- Miami Trace Schools
- Ranch of Opportunity
- Seton Hall
- Sugar Creek



All smiles at the Head Start vaccination clinic!

In order to help maintain a healthy community it is necessary to be aware of communicable diseases in order to prevent widespread disease outbreak. The list below represents a summary of communicable diseases reported to Fayette County Public Health in 2023. Each one is investigated to help prevent the spread of the disease and help with treatment if necessary. This activity is essential in preventing the spread of communicable disease.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- Campylobacteriosis- 8
- C. Auris- 1
- Cryptosporidiosis- 1
- CP-CRE- 2
- Hepatitis B- 14
- Hepatitis C- 139
- Influenza (associated hospitalization)- 8
- Lyme Disease- 3
- Meningitis, Aseptic- 2
- Giardiasis- 4
- Yersiniosis- 1
- Selmonellosis- 2
- Shigellosis- 1
- Streptococcal A- 10
- Streptococcus Pneumoniae, invasive- 4
- Varicella- 2
- E-Coli- 1

Tuberculosis- 3 investigations

- Active Cases- 0
- Skin Tests- 58

There were no reports of the following in 2023: Amebiasis, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B perinatal, Hepatitis C perinatal, Hemophilus Influenza, Influenza A, Influenza B, Legionnaires, Meningococcal disease, Brucellosis, Creutzfeldt-Jakob, Streptococcal B, newborn, Dengue, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

VIVITROL

In 2016, FCPH began providing Vivitrol injections to assist the community in battling the opiate epidemic. Vivitrol is a non-addictive brain inhibitor that tells the brain it is not craving opiates. Program staff works with the local probation departments and counseling services to provide a comprehensive road to recovery. Patients must complete required counseling sessions and strive to maintain a drug-free lifestyle while on Vivitrol therapy. Currently, there are roughly 15 patients in the program with multiple referrals being received each week.

In 2017, Fayette County was recognized through an event with Ohio Attorney General for the retention rate among the Vivitrol program.

In 2018, Fayette County Public Health received a grant from Prevention Action Alliance. The funds were used to print resource guides to be handed out at our local emergency room within their discharge packets. During this period, the number of injections and referrals decreased while the complexity of patients increased. Each appointment is different but can range from assisting with comfort medications to making withdrawal management better to injection appointments with wellness checks.

In 2019, the program saw a rise in patients with polysubstance abuse. Many were battling with a combination of opioids and methamphetamines. While Vivitrol does not help with cravings for methamphetamines, we firmly believe that being there to assist them and help provide connections to treatment is a vital part of their success. It truly takes a community to assist those with substance-use disorder.

In 2024, we will continue to provide as many resources to our patients as possible. We hope to continue breaking down barriers with them and continue to work with local resources to help as many people as possible.

FAYETTE COUNTY JAIL

FCPH nurses provided nursing services to inmates within the Fayette County jail through 4/30/2023. Expectations included:

- History and physicals
- Sick call for illness
- Receiving and reconciliation of inmate medications
- Daily setting of inmate medication
- Follow up of any medical issues that inmates may encounter.

Our CNP assists Dr. McWeeney, FCPH Medical Director, in decision-making for inmates' medical needs that occur while incarcerated.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & WELLNESS

Reproductive Health & Wellness

Total Visits: 607

New patients: 151

Condom bags distributed: 820

Pregnancy tests: 209

STD screenings: 149

Chlamydia cases: 59

Gonorrhea cases: 9

Syphilis cases: 9

Clients outside of child bearing age: 32



Darci Moore, CNP and Erica Dumford, CMA at an outreach event at the Ranch of Opportunity

The Reproductive Health and Wellness (RHW) program offers a multitude of services to men & women before and after childbearing age.

Comprehensive services may include wellness exams, STD testing, pap and pelvic exams, testicular and prostate exams to name a few.

Patients are seen by appointment in weekly clinics on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

An after-hours clinic is provided on the third Wednesday of the month.

In April 2019, FCPH received a Title X grant from the Ohio Department of Health. Funds from this grant allow staff to reach those community members with limited or no insurance. This allows RHW staff to provide outreach to the community's at-risk populations.

In 2023, FCPH received a Preconception Health and Wellness Grant that is aimed at improving maternal and fetal outcomes by educating the community about overall health and wellness and reproductive life planning. 2023 continued to see a lot of growth in this program and the staff is grateful to serve the community.



In 2023, we continued our partnership with Cedarville University. Student nurses shadowed FCPH staff and assisted with school screenings.

SCHOOL NURSING

The health department contracts with Miami Trace and Washington City Schools in Fayette County to provide school nursing services.

Nurses are available to provide student health services, immunization records, perform hearing and vision screenings, referrals and provide other services as needed.

Nurses are onsite full-time in the Miami Trace Elementary, Middle, and High school. Nurses are full-time at Cherry Hill Elementary, Belle-Aire Intermediate, and Washington Middle School with diabetic assistance and medical emergency services available at the High School.

Total hours for the school year run from June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023.

During the summer, nurses go over the immunization records of students entering a grade with a required new vaccination, review new student files, review immunizations, call parents regarding records and questions they may have about the student.



Every year all students in preschool, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 9th, and 11th graders at the end of their 10th-grade year are screened for vision and hearing and 7th graders for vision.

MIAMI TRACE



Emily Bower, BSN, RN



Amanda Brown, RN



Melissa Reed, BSN, RN



Whitney Foor, LPN



Marissa Ratliff, BSN, RN

27,157 STUDENTS SEEN
2,210 STUDENTS SCREENED

6125 NURSE HOURS

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE

19,062 STUDENTS SEEN

2,538 STUDENTS SCREENED

5,075 NURSE HOURS



Holly Johnson, BSN, RN



Lindsey Rose, BSN, RN



Ashley Karnes, LPN



Siobann Stoughton, BSN, RN



HEALTH EDUCATION

14 SAFE SITTERS TRAINED

Children entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade learn proper methods of caring for young children. They are also taught CPR, First Aid, and safe procedures for providing childcare in the home.

Two Safe Sitters classes were held during the summer of 2023.



Safe Sitters - June 21, 2023



Safe Sitters - June 27, 2023

580.8 POUNDS LOST ROLLING RIMPLES



Rolling Rimples Program 32

Biggest Loser (Team)- 77.6 Lbs.
Biggest Loser (Individual)- 42.9 Lbs.
Total Participants- 9 businesses, 17 teams, 66 individuals

Rolling Rimples Program 33

Biggest Loser (Team) - 78.9 Lbs.
Biggest Loser (Individual)- 44.9 Lbs.
Total Participants - 11 businesses / 89 individuals

The Rolling Rimples started in January 2007 with great success. Each month, Janessa Williamson, RN goes out to each participating business or agency for their weigh-ins. At the time of weigh-in, each person is given a letter with either healthy tips or support, a piece of fruit, and a healthy recipe. A \$100 gift card is given to the first-place biggest loser, \$50 to the second-place, and \$25 to the third place. Members of the team with the greatest weight loss each get a \$50 gift card.

This program is supported by the Fayette County Public Health Education program and United Way.



JFS



Miami Trace

FAYETTE FAT FIGHTERS

The Fayette Fat Fighters began meeting in 2010 at Fayette County Public Health. The group meets every Monday evening from 5:30-6 pm. Weigh-ins generally take place from 5-5:30 pm. This program is open to adults who would like support in their weight loss fitness journey. During the program, encouragement and motivation are offered. We also have discussions, weekly recipes, and occasional prizes.

Our GOAL is not to be on diets, but to change our lifestyles to eating real food, drinking more water, and moving more! Several individuals attending classes have lowered their blood pressure and have been able to stop or reduce medication such as insulin. CLASS IS FREE!

FREE Weight Loss & Healthy Living Class

FAYETTE FAT FIGHTERS

Fayette County Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

With Health Educator Janessa Williamson, RN

Mondays
Fayette County Public Health
Weigh-In (optional), 5-5:30 p.m.
Class, 5:30-6 p.m.

- Education
- Encouragement
- Support
- Recipe demonstrations



THE OHIO SCHOOL INSPECTION PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide Fayette County's youth with a safe and a healthy learning environment. The health department inspects the school from the offices to the classrooms, and even playgrounds, looking for health and safety hazards. The goal is to provide the schools ways to maintain and improve the environment of their facilities in order to meet the needs of their students. FCPH inspects Washington Court House City Schools, Miami Trace, and the Fayette County Christian School.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

The department is required to license and inspect a number of programs. Tattoo/ piercing and micro-blading are inspected for proper sanitary procedures to ensure safe conditions are maintained. Campgrounds are inspected to keep areas clean and in compliance with all regulations. Swimming pools and spas are inspected to determine compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding water quality, safety, operation, and maintenance.

Swimming Pools & Spas- 11
Campgrounds- 2
Tattoo Establishments- 6
Inspections- 33

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

The responsibility of this section is to protect the community against food-borne illnesses resulting from improper handling of food by conducting regular unannounced inspections of food service operations and vending locations. The department also licenses and inspects temporary food service operations, mobile units, and catering operations. The department inspects mobile food booths at the Fayette County Fair and other festivals and similar events around the county. Staff regularly attends seminars and training sessions to keep current on regulations and safe food practices. This information is then used to educate and train food service operators and employees during regular inspections.

Licensed Food Service Operations- 110
Licensed Retail Food Establishments- 57
Licensed Mobile Booths- 21
Licensed Vending Locations- 16
Licensed Temporary- 10
Total Licensed- 219
Number of inspections- 420
New operations- 4

OHIO SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACE LAW

Fayette County Public Health monitors and handles any smoking complaints that are submitted for any Fayette county businesses or workplaces.

Total Complaints Received: 2
Total Investigations: 2
Closed complaints due to insufficient claims: 0
Dismissed complaints: 2

PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS

The purpose of this program is to assure safe water to users of private water supplies. The department issues permits to install and alter private water wells.

Pre-construction approval of the site is required. After installation, the well is inspected and a sample is collected to ensure the safety of the water supply.

Water samples of existing wells are collected on request. Evaluation of existing wells is an ongoing service. The department samples and inspects wells before properties are sold. Defects must be corrected prior to the sale of the property. The department is also available to assist citizens with problems with their water supply.

New permits issued: 19
Alteration permits issued: 4
Sealing permits issued: 0
Water samples collected: 65
Approved Water samples: 65
Renewal: 0

SOLID & INFECTIOUS WASTE

With nearly 30,000 people living in Fayette County, we generate approximately 30,000 tons of solid waste every year. Enforcing regulations concerning the proper disposal of these wastes is the responsibility of the health department.

Staff conducts regular inspections and enforces rules and laws that become more complicated every year to ensure that public health and the environment are protected. The health department licenses and inspects the Fayette County Transfer Station, Construction, Demolition Debris Facility, Closed Sanitary Landfill, and Tire Collection Facility to assure compliance with rules adopted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, regular inspections are conducted of infectious waste generators located in the county such as the Adena Fayette Medical Center.

Licensed Facilities: 1
Scrap Tire Facility: 1
(Closed) landfill monitored: 1

Transfer Station: 1
Solid Waste Facility inspections: 13
Refuse haulers licensed: 7

RABIES PROGRAM

The purpose of the rabies program is to investigate all animal bites and promote rabies prevention. FCPH staff ensures that any domestic dog, ferret or cat involved in a bite is properly quarantined and checked for signs of rabies by a veterinarian before it is released. If the biting animal is a wild animal or the domestic dog or cat is euthanized or dead, the specimen is submitted to the Ohio Department of Health for analysis.

Total number of bites reported- 65
Dog bites- 55
Cat bites- 9
Other- 1
Specimens submitted for rabies- 3
Non-bite specimen submitted- 0
No. testing positive for rabies- 0

NUISANCE COMPLAINTS

Fayette County Public Health investigates all nuisances that are reported. Abatement of nuisances is a statutory requirement of the health department. Some of the most common nuisance complaints involve improper storage of trash, domestic animal waste, rodents, insects, un-maintained structures, and living conditions.

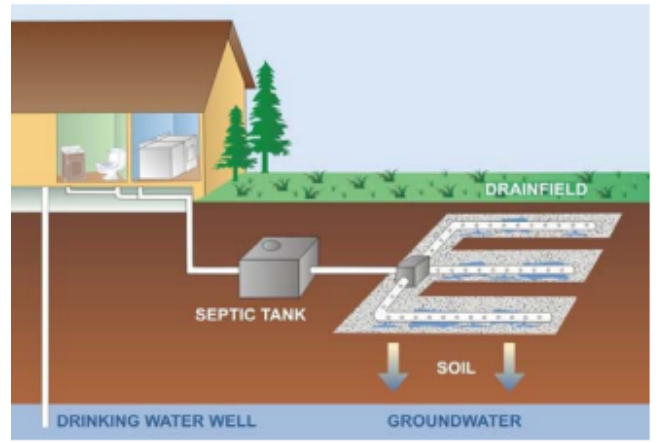
Generally, these are conditions caused by people that may enable the spread of disease, create accidental hazards, discomfort, property depreciations or any other conditions that are related to health or safety.

Total number of complaints- 57
Premise Code- 57
Solid Waste Related- 18
Residential Sewage- 2
FSO/RFE- 4

SEWAGE

The purpose of this program is to prevent the spread of disease; prevent nuisances, stream pollutions and ground water contamination resulting from the improper disposal of sewage from one, two or more bedroom homes. The health department issues permits to install and operate sewage systems for all family dwellings. Upon determining that a site is satisfactory for the installation of a sewage system, a permit-to-install is issued. All sewage systems are inspected prior to being placed into service.

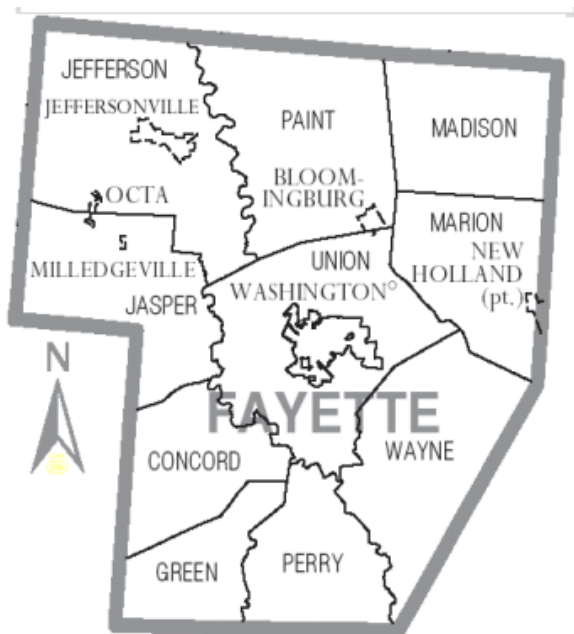
Sewage permits issued: 26
Alteration: 2
Installers licensed: 6
Septic service providers licensed: 6
Septic system sewage haulers licensed: 3
Annual Inspections of Mechanical and Discharging Treatment Systems: 276



OPERATION & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

In January 2015, The Ohio Department of Health adopted new sewage treatment system laws. These new laws mandate every private septic system have an operation permit in order for the system to be monitored on a regular basis. This will ensure all sewage treatment systems are working correctly and not polluting the environment.

Every system in the county will in time be issued an operational permit and inspected on a regular basis based on the complexity of the system. We continue to gather information on systems as they are brought to our attention through installations, real estate sales and complaints. Point of Sale inspections started in September 2019 and have added many systems to our database. These inspections are required in the sale of any properties with well & septic systems. This gives our department a chance to gather information and help educate the potential owners on the condition and requirements of their systems serving the residence. We will continue to gain information on systems as 2024 continues.



Brian King, BS



Eric Newcomer



Shelby Hughes



Scherika Brinson, BS

CLERKS



Our clerks are essential to the functionality of Fayette County Public Health. These ladies go above and beyond to keep the environment functioning as the public comes through the front doors. On top of that, they direct all phone calls and patients to the appropriate individuals or departments. These are the friendly faces that greet the public on a daily basis. Each clerk has a special function in a set department and is also cross-trained in other divisions to cover all departments when needed. These departments include front desk information and payment, vital statistics, immunizations and charts, and reproductive health and wellness.



VITAL STATISTICS

Total Live Births - 4
Male - 0
Female - 4
City - 1
County - 3

Total Deaths - 321
City - 187
County - 98
Out Of County - 36

Total Certified Copies Issued
Birth Certificates: 1634
Death Certificates: 1051

3068

**TOTAL
CERTIFICATES
ISSUED**



Cathy Smith



Sandy Armstrong

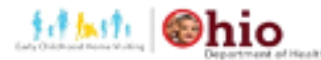


Heidi Phipps



Donna Butler

HELP ME GROW



Fayette County Help Me Grow (HMG) has been accredited since 2017 through Healthy Families America (HFA) a signature program of Prevent Child Abuse America. In 2021, the program also became accredited through Parents As Teachers (PAT). The national offices for these programs provide support, technical assistance, training, affiliation, and accreditation to the local program.

Families are enrolled prenatally until 24 months of age. Once enrolled, Fayette County Help Me Grow offers services to families until the child's fifth birthday. HMG offers at least one home visit per week for the first six months after the child's birth. After those initial months, visit frequency is based on families' needs and progress over time. Typically, home visits last one hour.

Services include screenings and assessments, home visiting services, routine screening for child development and maternal depression, parent support groups, parenting education workshops, car seat safety program, mental health consults, nursing visits, baby massage classes, and links to local resources.

Fayette County Help Me Grow aims to:

- Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parent practices
- Provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues
- Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Increase children's school readiness and success
- Improve parent-child interactions and children's social-emotional well-being
- Promote child physical health and development
- Promote positive parenting
- Promote family self-sufficiency
- Increase access to primary care medical services and community services and decrease child injuries and emergency department use.
- Increase smoking cessation
- Increase Family Support
- Increase meaningful connections to the community



Sharon Gibbs, BA



Karen Creel-Lakes, BA



Liz Deis, BS



Shawna Chace, BS



Beth King, M Ed



Sara Randolph, M Ed



Molly Gruber, BA



Ellyse Sparkman, BA



Jenn Woods, BSS



Scan the QR code to follow HMG on Facebook.



Jackie Lewis, M Ed



Heather Hoppes, M Ed



HELP ME GROW

**3530
HOME
VISITS**

**2905 HFA VISITS
325 PAT VISITS**



**412
VIRTUAL
VISITS**

**270 HFA VISITS
142 PAT VISITS**



**78 VISITS WITH
A FATHER
PARTICIPATING**



**51
PRENATAL
MOMS SERVED**

**38 HFA
13 PAT**



**12 BABY
MASSAGE
CLASSES**



**207
FAMILIES
VISITED**

**168 HFA
39 PAT**



**85 CAR SEATS
DISTRIBUTED &
CHECKED**



**27 FIRST
TIME
PARENTS**

**16 HFA
11 PAT**



**8 CAR SEAT
TECHS**



**12 GROUP
SOCIAL
GATHERINGS**



**9 MENTAL
HEALTH GROUP
CONSULTATIONS**

Fayette County Help Me Grow started a child find outreach project that eventually combined with the local hospital's community outreach and health screenings project. That event - known now as the Community Health Fair and Family Fun Day - offers free and low-cost health screenings as well as information and resources from over 70 vendors and a general attendance of 1,500 people. The Community Health Fair Family Fun Day will celebrate its 32nd anniversary on June 1, 2024.

HELP ME GROW

A SUCCESS STORY

Written by a HMG Home Visitor & shared with permission from the family

When you work with a family that has mental health challenges, it can be a hard obstacle for them to try to work through and get the help that they need and deserve.

When I began meeting with a family in June of 2023, the mom was majorly depressed and closed off to the idea of getting help. Mom had tried to work with counselors before and had shared that she was not sure that anyone would be able to help her. Mom had grown up in a home with a mother who had mental health challenges and had not been as present in her life as she might have hoped.

Mom and I were meeting one week and she shared that she does have suicidal thoughts and cuts herself regularly. At this point, I had given mom information on suicide hotlines and asked mom what is her reason for getting up every day. Mom shared that her 2-year-old daughter and the baby she is currently pregnant with.

From that conversation, we were able to have a great dialogue about getting help managing her depression. The next week when I met with Mom, I printed out a list of mental health providers in the area that accept her insurance. Mom called one to schedule an appointment right after that visit. Mom remained skeptical for the first few weeks of counseling but then shared with me that she feels like this counselor she is seeing is effective and is helping to make a difference in her life.

Mom shared that she has not been cutting herself anymore. When she talks with me, her whole demeanor has changed. She smiles more, she is talking about the baby and is getting things for the baby that she needs. She is starting to look forward to things with enjoyment.

As with all mental health challenges, Mom is not instantly cured of her depression, but a little bit of encouragement and support from having someone in her corner who can advocate for her has done wonders for her and her family.



Fayette County Public Health serves as Fayette County's Ohio Buckles Buckeyes distribution site, the Ohio Department of Health's child passenger safety (CPS) program.

Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB), provides child safety seats and booster seats to eligible low-income families in all Ohio counties. The overall goal of this program is to increase the availability of child safety seats for families who could not otherwise afford them and to increase the correct installation and proper use of child safety seats. For the eligibility criteria, visit faycohd.org.

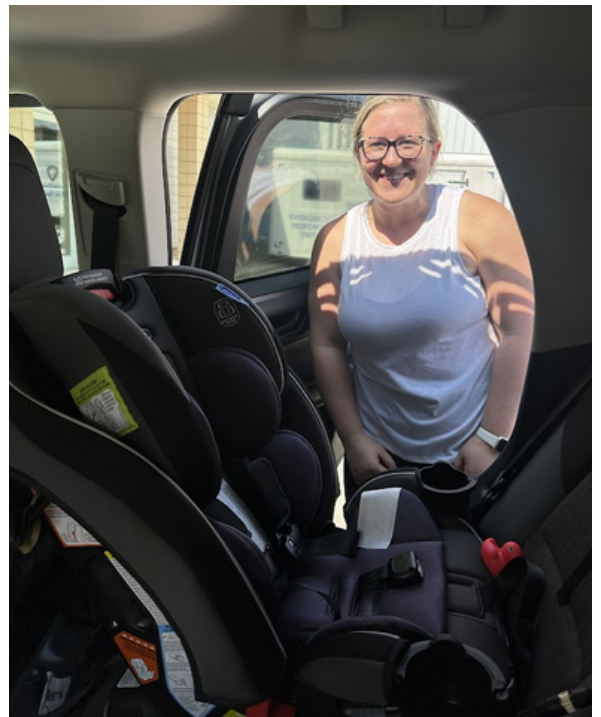
Child Passenger Safety Technicians are available to provide community education to parents. If you represent an organization in the community and would like for a technician to speak at one of your classes or events, call 740-335-5111 for scheduling information.

United Way of Fayette County supports the Child Passenger Safety program by providing funding for additional seats and education.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians

- Elizabeth Deis, OBB Coordinator, CPST
- Missy Smith, CPST
- Shawna Chace, CPST
- Beth King, CPST
- Molly Gruber, CPST
- Ellyse Sparkman, CPST
- Jennifer Woods, CPST
- Karen Creel-Lakes, CPST



WIC Staff

Lisa Marting, Janessa Williamson,
RN,
Katelin Jones,
Karyn Tucker, RD, LD,



WIC



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WIC is a nutrition education and supplemental food program for infants, children through age 5, and pregnant, postpartum, and nursing mothers. WIC ensures that young children receive good nutrition, giving them a healthy start in life. The parents receive information on health and nutrition. WIC has proven to be an effective child health and education program.

We are currently doing in-person interviewing and parents are required to bring children into the office for height and weight assessments.

Our breastfeeding team continues to do a prenatal class for pregnant Moms once a month and latch/breastfeeding assessments by appointment.

If you are interested in the WIC Program please call the Fayette County WIC office at (740) 333-3552.

2023 WIC ACTIVITIES



**TOTAL
PARTICIPANTS
551**



**INFANTS
140
CHILDREN
334**



**HELP ME
GROW
REFERRALS
101**



**PREGNANT: 50
BREASTFEEDING: 26
POSTPARTUM: 44**

CRIBS FOR KIDS / BABY & ME, TOBACCO FREE

Cribs for Kids and Baby & Me, Tobacco Free are programs that are administered by Highland County Community Action. Fayette County is in the service area.

Baby & Me, Tobacco Free

Families who enroll in this program commit to the following:

- Attend 4 prenatal smoking cessation sessions.
- Take a monthly breath test to prove that they are tobacco-free.
- Stay smoke-free after the baby is born to receive a monthly diaper gift cards for up to 12 months!

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PARTICIPANTS

Cribs for Kids

The mission of Cribs for Kids® is to prevent infant sleep-related deaths by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep for their babies and by providing portable cribs to families who, otherwise, cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep.

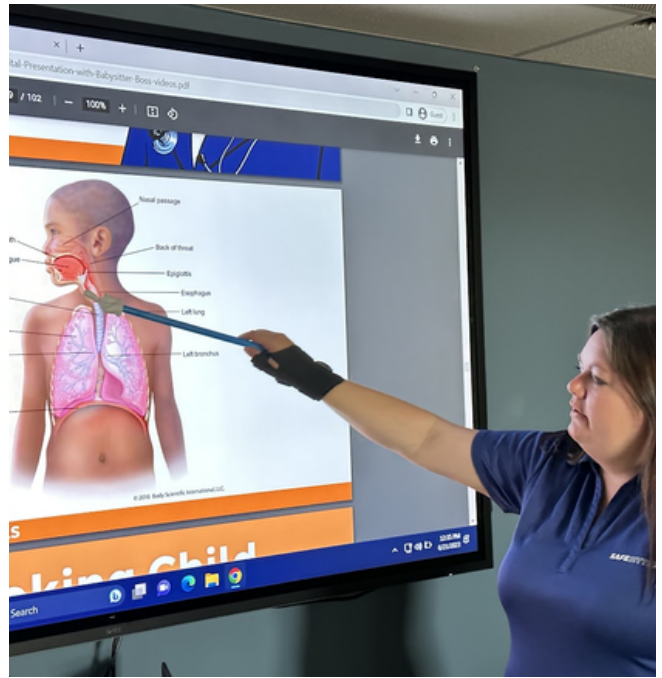
To receive a FREE crib the family must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be WIC (Women Infants and Children) eligible
2. Family must need a safe place for their baby to sleep
3. The infant is less than 30 days old
4. Mother is at least 32 weeks pregnant

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CRIBS GIVEN & FAMILIES EDUCATED

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY





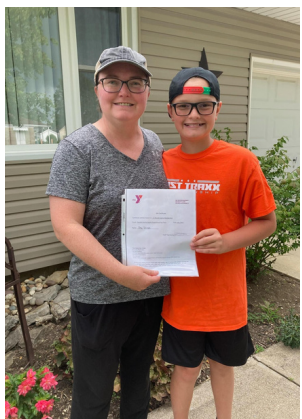
COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Fayette County Public Health staff are represented in or involved in working with the following organizations:

- Adena Fayette Medical Center Community Council
- Ambulatory Advisory Committee
- Central Ohio Public Information Network (COPIN)
- Central Ohio Region Executive Committee
- Central Ohio Region Public Health Workgroups
- Children Offered Resources Early (CORE) Early Childhood Collaborative Council
- Commission on Aging
- Community Action Commission
 - FAITH in Recovery
 - Fayette County Prevention Coalition
- Community Health Fair & Family Fun Day Committee
- Diabetes Association
- Extension Office Advisory Board
- Extension Public Health Americorps
- Fayette Christian Schools
- Fayette County Child Fatality Review Board
- Fayette County Community Health Alliance
- Fayette County Continuum of Care
- Fayette County Emergency Management Agency
- Fayette County Family and Children First Council
- Fayette County Farm Field Day
- Fayette Co. Dept. of Job and Family Services
- Fayette County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Greene County Smoke-Free Coalition
- Head Start
- Interagency Council
- Litter Prevention and Recycling
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Miami Trace Local Schools
- Ohio & National Environmental Health Association
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Association of Health Commissioners
- Ohio Public Health Association
- Ohio Valley Regional Planning Commission
- OSU Advisory Board
- Seton Hall
- Society for Disabled
- Solid Waste District Policy Council
- State WIC Directors' Association
- State HMC Directors Association
- United Way of Fayette County
- Washington City Schools
- Washington Fire Department
- YMCA Board of Directors

CHILD FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

The Fayette County Child Fatality Review Board meets annually to review deaths of persons 17 and under. County Child Review Boards were created to decrease the incidence of preventable deaths by promoting cooperation between groups that serve children. In our county, the Fayette County Health Commissioner is the chairman of the Board. The Fayette County Coroner, Director of Children Services, Deputy Coroner, Fayette County Sheriff, Paint Valley ADAMH Board Executive Director, and a Public Health Representative meet annually to discuss any deaths of children 17 and under. The Board makes recommendations on how some deaths could be prevented by public education and working with other agencies that serve children.



TEAM-BUILDING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Congratulations to Fayette County Help Me Grow for winning the first FCPH Spirit Week Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Inspired by the creative vision of Ellyse, the team of Sharon, Karen, Liz, Shawna, Jackie, Beth, Sara, Molly, Jenn, and Heather entered "the sweetest pumpkin of all."

The Fayette County WIC Program team of Karyn, Lisa, Janessa, and Katelin promoted the very hungry caterpillar far and wide and they were the runner-up in a tight race. This was a fun and creative exercise in team building and every entry knocked it out of the ballpark!

A special thank you to Special Project Coordinator, Harley and her dad, Allen Dawson, for their work in creating the traveling trophy!

We are appreciative of everyone who took the time to participate by voting and sharing.

AWARENESS DAYS

Domestic Violence Awareness



We wear blue for

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World Diabetes Day



Breast Cancer Awareness



World Diabetes Day



COMMUNITY APPRECIATION



SPIRIT DAYS

Flannel Day



Crazy Hat Day

Wear Orange For Gary Wednesday



Favorite Sports Team Day



Costume Day





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