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Wayne County Health Department 2023 Annual Report

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Health Commissioner

This past year was monumental for the Wayne County Health Department. There were three major accomplishments last year. The Wayne County Health Department became a nationally accredited health department through the Public Health Accreditation Board. This achievement basically lets our community know that the Wayne County Health Department is strong and has the capacity to protect and promote the health of the community. It also confirms our commitment to quality improvement, accountability and innovation. A longer description of this achievement is below. The second accomplishment was we moved our administrative and clinical offices from its longtime location on S. Walnut St. to W. South St. in downtown Wooster. The new location is where the current Wooster American Red Cross building is located.We are appreciative of the American Red Cross for donating the building to the Wayne County Commissioners. We are also appreciative to the Wayne County Commissioners for helping renovate the building to meet our needs to better serve the community. The third major accomplishment is we developed a new strategic plan to guide the agency for the next three years. This was a result of not only staff input but also community member and stakeholder input which resulted in a work plan that centers on four major themes; Workforce Development of Staff, Improving Marketing and Communication, Modernization of the Health Department and, Continuing to be Fiscally Accountable and Sustainable. Several of our departments had some major accomplishments which are located within this report. As always, please feel free to contact us if you have suggestions on improving the ways we can serve Wayne County.

Your Wayne County Health Commissioner

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Nationally Accredited & Recognized - What it Means

WCHD is nationally accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). By achieving this designation, WCHD has demonstrated the highest standards for delivering quality programs and services to Wayne County residents and visitors. To receive national accreditation, WCHD participated in a peer reviewed assessment against a set of 100 quality standards and measures which covered a broad range of service areas. These included developing health assessments, investigating environmental hazards, conducting public education campaigns, engaging the community to identify issues, developing plans and policies, enforcing health laws, promoting access to health care, developing our workforce, evaluating processes and programs, and analyzing data to develop evidence-based strategies to improve population health.

Women Infant & Children (WIC)

Helping Women, Infants, and Children

The mission of WIC is to assure healthy pregnancies, healthy birth outcomes, and healthy growth and development for women, infants, and children at nutritional risk by providing nutritious supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion and support, education on healthy eating, and referrals to healthcare. Wayne County WIC served an approximate caseload of 1177 participants and has a budget of $407,140.00 in 2023. The Wayne County Health Department WIC program continues to serve participants by appointment only. WIC is looking forward to 2024 as we moved into a new building and will better serve our community.

2023 Updates

The WIC team has experienced many ups and downs in 2023. The infant formula industry has continued to experience some difficulties, from formula contamination to supply issues. These problems resulted in shortages of formulas for the moms who choose or needed to use formula as way to feed their babies. The Recall from the Michigan plant in 2021 and 2022 led to parents and other care givers unable to find the formulas needed to feed their babies. This is an ongoing concern with the WIC staff and the moms we serve. WIC was also able to offer an increase amount of fruit and vegetable money through the Fiscal 2023 year and part of the new Fiscal 2024. The increase in fruit and vegetable dollars to help parents and caregivers promotes a healthier way of eating.

WIC Continues to Support Breastfeeding

The WIC Breastfeeding program remains strong while continuing to support breastfeeding. WIC provides individualized support, prenatal education, and access to breast pumps to encourage and support a mother's choice whether to breastfeed. WIC's breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program provides support to mothers facing breastfeeding barriers. This year we are excited to announce a NEW Breastfeeding Peer, Lesley. Lesley will join Carli, who is an International Board Certified Lactation Counselor and the Breastfeeding Coordinator, promoting breastfeeding. Lesley and Carli, along with the rest of the WIC team, provide moms with answers to breastfeeding concerns and questions, such as returning to work after delivery, lack of workplace support for breastfeeding, as well as family and social pressures. Our breastfeeding program is here to help moms reach success with their breastfeeding goals. As always we offer support, encouragement, and care when counseling moms. If you have Breastfeeding questions, please call us at 330-264-9590 Ext 222.

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FOOD. EDUCATION. SUPPORT. YOU GOT THIS.

WIC is simply here to back you up.

Community Health Services

Communicable Disease

We welcomed a new staff member to our Communicable Disease team. Betsy Miller RN joined our team in 2023. Betsy has over 35 years of experience working in many different areas of nursing. She lives in Ashland with her husband, is a mother to 4 adult children and grandma to 2 grandbabies. Betsy assists with reviewing positive lab findings, and investigates each as necessary. Another key component to her job, is to provide education and follow-up with case patients and their medical providers to ensure appropriate treatment to prevent the spread of disease. Over 3,592 reportable cases were investigated by our communicable disease nurses this past year.

The immunization program offered by the Community Health Department is a vital service for the community to help in the control of communicable disease. The goal of the immunization program is to reduce the number of vaccine-preventable diseases through preventative immunization. In 2023 the staff administered more than 1,499 vaccines during immunization clinics held by the Wayne County Health Department, both held in-house and at outreach clinics. The range of vaccines given at the health department is broad, over 25 different immunizations are administered to both children and adults. This year in addition to the Mt. Eaton immunization clinic held on the third Thursday of every month, we are expanding services to Kidron on the second Thursday of the month, with additional back-to-school and outreach clinics being planned. We are stepping up our community outreach with a new mobile unit prepared to travel across the county. The mobile unit was paid for with grant money from the Ohio Department of Health and the mobile unit will significantly increase our ability to provide quality public health services to all corners of Wayne County. The primary focus will be on vaccinations with this unit, but we will definitely be expanding all of our services to be available on the mobile clinic.

CPR/AVERT Training

CPR/AVERT training began being offered in 2023 at the Wayne County Health Department by the Community Health Staff. Community Based CPR, Basic Life Support, AED and First Aid classes are being held here at the Health Department as needed, as well as at your place of business. AVERT (Active Violence Emergency Response Training) is being offered at local businesses on site, and is tailored training based on the needs of your facility. CPR can be a lifesaving skill when appropriately used during a medical emergency in any environment. Empowering the community to learn how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator, can mean the difference between life and death.

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

The Children with Medical Handicaps Program (CMH) is a health care program in the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). CMH links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need. This year 290 families were assisted with locating CMH service providers, completing and understanding the required forms, and ensuring the family understands the program. Being an advocate for, and educating families of their rights and responsibilities in regard to the CMH and other programs in which they may be eligible, is an extensive component of the program.

This year we participated in several local events including the 2023 Wayne County Fair, and the Wayne County Senior Forum. At the events, community members were provided with educational materials about the services of the programs offered at the Health Department. Over 1,000 sick kits, including thermometers, gloves, gowns, and alcohol pads were distributed. These kits were made possible by funds obtained through grants in the state of Ohio. We were also able to supply local nursing homes, and the sheriff's department with needed personal protective equipment to help protect the staff and residents of these facilities.

Wayne County Disease Report 2023				
Reportable Condition	Count 2021	Count 2022	Count 2023	Disease Class
Babesiosis	0	0	0	B
Botulism - Infant	0	0	0	B
Campylobacteriosis	39	23	26	B
Chlamydia infection	276	254	231	B
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	0	B
COVID-19	12241	9888	2553	B
CPO	2	3	4	B
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	0	0	0	B
Cryptosporidiosis	6	4	4	B
E. coli—Shiga Toxin producing-(0157:H7, Not 0157, unknown serotypes	7	9	7	B
Ehrlichiosis-Echlichia chaffeensis	0	0	1	B
Giardiasis	2	7	5	B
Gonococcal infection	49	103	53	B
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	1	3	2	B
Hemolytic uremic syndrome(HUS)	0	0	0	B
Hepatitis A	2	0	0	A
Hepatitis B- acute/chronic	16	7	8	B
Hepatitis B - Perinatal Infection	0	0	0	B
Hepatitis C - acute/chronic	72	70	34	B
Hepatitis C—Perinatal Infection	1	0	0	B
Influenza-associated hospitalization	3	67	45	B
Jamestown Canyon Virus	0	0	0	B
Lacrosse Virus Disease	2	0	1	B
Legionellosis	7	5	2	B
Listeriosis	0	0	0	B
Lyme Disease	5	3	33	B
Measles	0	0	0	A
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	0	4	4	B
Meningitis– Bacterial (not N. meningitidis)	0	1	0	B
MIS-C associated with COVID-19	1	0	0	B
Mumps	0	0	0	B
Pertussis	11	9	30	B
Q Fever	0	0	1	B
Rubella	0	0	0	A
Salmonellosis	13	20	18	B
Salmonella Typhi	0	1	1	B
Shigellosis	1	7	1	B
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis, including Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF)	1	0	0	B
Staphylococcal aureus - vancomycin resistant (VISA)	0	0	0	B
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	0	4	6	B
Streptococcal - Group B - in newborn	0	0	2	B
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome (STSS)	0	0	1	B
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance unknown or non-resistant	4	7	4	B
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance intermediate	0	1	1	B
Syphilis - unknown duration or late	4	5	8	B
Tetanus	0	1	0	B
Tuberculosis	0	1	1	B
Varicella	2	9	2	B
Vibriosis (not cholera)	1	1	1	B
West Nile Virus	0	0	0	B
Yersiniosis	1	3	1	B
Zika Virus Infection	0	0	0	B
Total Reports for Year	**12770**	**10521**	**3090**	
A = Diseases of MAJOR concern (report immediately)				
B = Diseases of significant concern (report by end of next business day)				
Results as of 02/08/24 using ODRS "Created Date" and includes all Confirmed, Suspect, and Probable cases. Information is accurate on day of report and subject to change as cases are added/updated.				

WCHD Nursing Services
January 2023-December 2023

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH) Program = minutes
Immunization Program (IMM) = number of doses
Tuberculosis Control (TB) = number of tests administered

Townships	BCMH	IMM	TB
Apple Creek	1140	16	
Baughman	8100	73	
Burbank	600	8	
Canaan	8820	28	2
Chester	1920	32	1
Chippewa	14460	48	1
Clinton	4260	1	
Congress Village	570	4	
Congress	6780	81	
Creston	2400	10	
Dalton	1260	10	
Doylestown	3390	24	2
East Union	9975	334	3
Franklin	2775	66	1
Fredericksburg	540	10	
Green	10050	132	1
Marshallville	1710	8	1
Milton	2970	91	1
Orrville	12765	112	3
Paint	5010	186	1
Plain	3300	79	1
Rittman	8850	105	2
Salt Creek	4740	160	
Shreve	1575	4	
Smithville	420	31	
Sugar Creek	4065	185	1
Wayne	4722	93	6
West Salem	1080	17	
Wooster City	20085	502	17
Wooster Twp.	6630	46	
Out of County	7590	204	5
TOTAL	162552	2700	49

Project DAWN

Project DAWN is a network of Ohio-based drug overdose education and naloxone distribution programs. Project DAWN programs provide take-home Narcan kits to the public, free of charge. The staff at the Health Department has teamed up with area businesses, schools, restaurants, hotels and other community resources to distribute Project Dawn kits. Six hundred ninety-five (695) Project Dawn kits were distributed last year throughout the county. Wayne residents who may be in a position to reverse an overdose should carry naloxone. This is especially true for family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors and service providers in contact with people who use drugs other than marijuana.

Environmental Health Services

Did you know?

The Wayne County Health Department licenses and inspects the Tattoo & Body Piercing Establishment program which is in place to prevent injury and the possible transmission of diseases through tattoos and body piercings. The state program rules require annual licensing and inspection of these facilities. Our inspections look at the overall sanitation of the facilities to ensure compliance with the state code requirements. The inspection criteria includes, but is not limited to, operator training in tattoo and body piercing procedures, first aid and blood borne pathogens certifications, overall sanitation of work areas and equipment, records of sterilizer tests, patron records, and various written procedures to protect the public. In 2023, WCHD performed 20 licensing inspections.

Program Spotlight: School Inspections

School buildings and associated grounds have inspections each year in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health guidelines. This is done in an effort to ensure the health & safety of the students and staff. The main focus of these inspection is for sanitary conditions. We also inspect the physical condition of the buildings, the condition and safety of the school playground equipment, various chemical and equipment storage and handling. In addition, the school cafeterias are inspected as part of our Food Protection Program. Wayne County Health Department performed 78 school inspections in 2023.

Septic Operation and Maintenance Program

All types of sewage treatment systems are required to obtain an operation permit from the local health department. The Wayne County Health Department (WCHD) is focusing on discharging septic systems in its initial phase due to their higher chance of polluting the environment and causing a public health nuisance. Approximately 2000 households and businesses are currently on the annual operational permit program. The operational program includes; inspections, tracking maintenance and service contract requirements as well as education. Business and property owners that do not demonstrate proper maintenance are inspected by the WCHD to ensure proper function. In total WCHD performed 957 operational inspections for 2023.

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Inspection/Service Breakdown By Township	
TOWNSHIP	# Activities
Apple Creek	205
Baughman	522
Burbank	17
Canaan	424
Chester	503
Chippewa	1156
Clinton	285
Congress	612
Congress Village	18
Creston	91
Dalton	234
Doylestown	198
East Union	982
Franklin	597
Fredericksburg	32
Green	367
Marshallville	40
Milton	546
Mt. Eaton	31
Orrville	929
Paint	670
Plain	402
Rittman	259
Salt Creek	628
Shreve	149
Smithville	163
Sugar Creek	931
Wayne	533
West Salem	73
Wooster City	3731
Wooster TWP	595
TOTALS	15923

Activities include but not limited to: Inspections, investigations, consultations and education.

Inspection / Service by Township

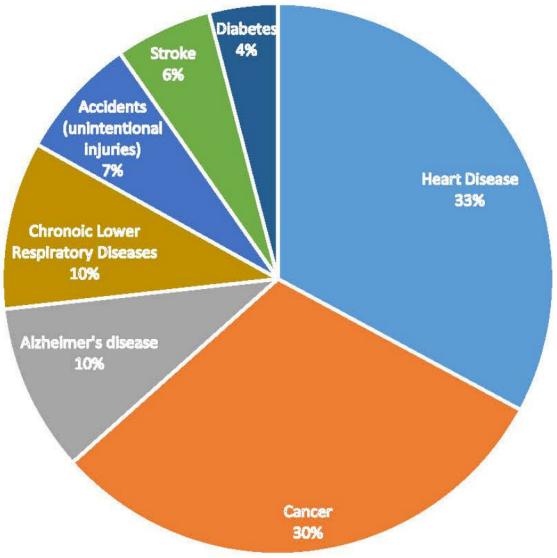
The programs WCHD EH Unit administers not only range by types of programs and but also services offered in all political subdivisions throughout Wayne County. Program services and activities include but not limited to inspections, consultations, investigations, administrative work and educational events. In 2023 a total of 15,923 services and activities were completed in all political subdivisions throughout Wayne County.

The Wayne County Health Department (WCHD) Environmental Health Unit (EH Unit) oversees approximately 15 programs to administer and enforce. Several of these programs are required to be surveyed for compliance by either the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio Department of Health or Ohio Department of Agriculture. In 2023 the WCHD EH Unit underwent survey for 5 programs with no major issues being identified. This reflects on the level of competent service we provide to our residents in administering the program correctly.

Environmental Health Programs Administered by Wayne County Health Department
Rabies/Vector Control*
Public Health Nuisance Abatement*
Food Service Operations, e.g., restaurants
Retail Food Establishments, e.g., grocery stores
Campgrounds and Resident Camps
Household Sewage Treatment Systems & Small Flow
Semi-Public Sewage Treatment Systems (OEPA)
Public Swimming Pools/Spas
Private Water Systems
Tattoo and Body Art
Schools and Jails*
Solid Waste Facilities
Infectious Waste Facilities
Household Hazardous Waste and Tire Recycling
Plumbing Residential and Commercial

*For the programs asterisked above, there is no statutory authority to charge a state or local fee for program implementation.

Wayne County Leading Causes of Death 2023



Wayne County Residents Births by Township

2023 Births	Count
BAUGHMAN	32
CANAAN	36
CHESTER	21
CHIPPEWA	30
CLINTON	25
CONGRESS	47
EAST UNION	109
FRANKLIN	43
GREEN	98
MILTON	50
PAINT	61
PLAIN	26
SALT CREEK	88
SUGAR CREEK	73
WAYNE	151
WOOSTER	125
UNKNOWN	14
	1029

Wayne County Births

Hospital Name	Count
WOOSTER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	605
AULTMAN ORRVILLE HOSPITAL	218
HOME BIRTHS	103
MT EATON CARE CENTER	103
	1029

2023 BUDGET SUMMARY

REVENUES		
General Fund	$497,691.00	14.20%
Local Tax Monies	$638,510.00	18.21%
State Subsidy	$21,388.00	0.61%
Mobile Home Parks/Campgrounds	$14,186.60	0.40%
Private Water Systems	$87,401.25	2.49%
Solid Waste	$300.00	0.01%
Swimming Pools/Spas	$18,200.00	0.52%
Solid Waste Assistance	$61,666.00	1.76%
C&DD	$213,198.73	6.08%
Tattoos	$4,845.00	0.14%
Sewage	$418,016.02	11.92%
Food Safety	$317,088.76	9.04%
HB110	$32,507.50	0.93%
COVID 19 Grant	$0.00	0.00%
Contact Tracing Grant	$0.00	0.00%
Coronavirus Supplemental Grant	$0.00	0.00%
WIC Grant	$361,305.39	10.31%
GVO Grant	$28,398.00	0.81%
PHEP Grant	$104,454.85	2.98%
COVID Enhanced Operations Grant	$319,823.08	9.12%
Public Health Workforce Grant	$279,982.79	7.99%
COVID Vaccination Grant	$86,859.37	2.48%
Total Revenue	**$3,505,822.34**	**100%**
EXPENDITURES		
Fund	$750,211.00	21.14%
Funds	$2,797,838.00	78.86%
Expenditures*	**$3,548,049.00**	**100%**

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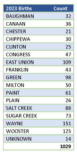

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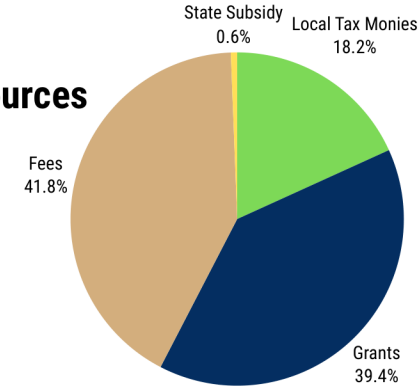

PHEP - Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The Wayne County Health Department's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program, now in its 21st year, is funded by a CDC grant through the Ohio Department of Health. Liz, the current Emergency Response (ERC) and PHEP coordinator, joined the department in late summer of 2023. Her role involves preparing for, mitigating, responding to, and aiding in the recovery from public health threats and emergencies. The program aims to bolster the department's capacity to handle events like bioterrorism and infectious disease outbreaks. In the fall of 2023, Liz continued the emergency preparedness efforts of her predecessor, overseeing activities such as State-wide Full-scale exercise in collaboration with partner organizations like the Red Cross, local hospitals and law enforcement agencies.

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Mission

The Wayne County Health Department safeguards the health of its residents by:
*Promoting healthy lifestyles through education
*Preventing and monitoring disease
*Protecting and preparing against environmental and public health risks

Vision

The Wayne County Health Department, as a trusted community leader, will advocate for the optimal health of its residents through education, outreach and the provision of services

Values

Customer Service

Creating positive relationships by exceeding the needs of others through kindness, professionalism, communication and outstanding service.

Integrity

We strive to conduct ourselves in an honest and ethical way. We honor our commitments and take ownership of everything we do with transparency.

Collaboration

We work as a team and with the community for the betterment of Wayne County.

Education

We believe a well-trained workforce empowers the public by helping them take charge of their health and well-being.

Respect

We treat everyone with dignity. We value all individuals by recognizing their merits.

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