2024 Annual Report Clinton County Health District



Prevent. Promote. Protect.



Clinton County Health District 2024 Staff

Administrative

Health Commissioner - Pamela Walker Bauer Director of Administration - Monica Wood Business Manager - Tansy Bernard* Administrative Clerk - Elizabeth Wheeler Administrative Clerk – Misty Hamilton* Fiscal Clerk - Cheryl Babb Fiscal Clerk – Weston Trampler Special Projects Coordinator - Tonja Ruther

Environmental Health

Environmental Health Director - Katie Burwinkel Environmental Health Clerk - Melanie Nienaber* Plumbing Inspector/Plans Examiner - JD Crowe REHS 2 - Matt Johannes REHS 2 - Stephanie Stewart REHS 2 - Christine Propes* EHS-IT - Camden Kenney EHS-IT – Maria LeFaive

Nursing

Medical Advisor - Dr. Steven J. Englender Nursing Director - Michaella Quallen Public Health Nurse 2 - Hannah Hayes Public Health Nurse - Delilah Pritchett* Public Health Nurse 2 - Jennifer Simpson Public Health Nurse - Samantha Shivers Public Health Nurse - Jonda Meddock Nursing Clerk - Kate Justice* Nursing Accounts Specialist - Haley Fouch

WIC/Breastfeeding

WIC Director - Renee Quallen WIC Clerk - Alicia Miller WIC Clerk - Diana Groves WIC Clerk - Kate Justice* Breastfeeding Coordinator - Delilah Pritchett* WIC Peer/WIC Clerk - Danielle Grubb WIC Remote Nutritionist - Rachel Eichholtz WIC Registered Dietetic Technician - Christine Propes*

Vital Statistics

Registrar – Melanie Nienaber* Deputy Registrar – Misty Hamilton* Deputy Registrar - Tansy Bernard*

New Staff

Elizabeth Wheeler Cheryl Babb Camden Kenney Jonda Meddock Alicia Miller

Former Staff

Haley Fouch Diana Groves Misty Hamilton Maria LeFaive Samantha Shivers Weston Trampler



WIC - Women Infants Children

REHS - Registered Environmental Health Specialist EHS-IT - Environmental Health Specialist in Training * Shared within 2 programs



Clinton County Health District Public Health - Prevent. Promote. Protect.

2024 Health District Advisory Council



Township Trustees

Adams - James Reveal Chester - Rusty Rich Clark - David West Green - Steven Huff Jefferson - Dale Cochran Liberty - Ron Stryker Marion - Gregory Hefner - DAC Chairperson Richland - Richard Grove Union - Fred Stern Vernon - Dan Speelman Washington - Chris Horsley Wayne - Kevin Bean Wilson - Andy Kenney

<u>Mayors</u>

Blanchester - John Carman Clarksville - Noni Wood Martinsville - Jedidiah Mountjoy Midland - John Burris New Vienna - Kathi Stone Port William - Robert Collins Sabina - Benjamin Collings Wilmington - Pat Haley

Board of Health Members

Terri Thobaben, Chairperson Jane Vandevort, RN, Vice Chair Patricia Settlemyre, RN, BSN Brian Larrick Janet Gick, MD

<u>Clinton County Commissioner's</u> <u>Representative</u> Kerry Steed

This Health District Advisory Council (DAC) meets annually in March to bring health concerns and recommendations to the Board of Health and to appoint new Board of Health members from the county. This council is composed of the Presidents of the Boards of Township Trustees, the Mayors of the City and Villages, and the President of the Board of County Commissioners in the Health District in accordance with 3709.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.



Mission, Vision, and Values

<u>Mission</u>

Striving to improve Clinton County by preventing disease, promoting health, and protecting the environment.

<u>Vision</u>

To provide the highest level of education, leadership, and service to promote the well-being of those living and working in Clinton County.

<u>Values</u>

<u>Commitment</u> - We are committed to building strong communities with healthy people for a healthy Clinton County.

<u>Educate</u> - We strive to inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.

Equality - Everyone should have equal opportunity to health.

Inspire - We believe that health is more than life without disease.

Leadership - We provide our highest and best efforts in every aspect of our work.

<u>Prevention</u> - We emphasize prevention, health promotion and early intervention.

<u>Respect</u> - We have respect for our community, our citizens, each other and ourselves.

Service - We value fiscal responsibility and stewardship.



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A 2024 Letter to the Clinton County Community

Dear Clinton County Community,

As we continue to navigate the post-COVID recovery era, we would like to reflect on the journey that we have all shared and to outline our ongoing commitment to support the health and well-being of Clinton County.

Throughout the pandemic response, we witnessed resilience, response and compassion from many community members, and we are deeply grateful for the collective efforts that allowed us to overcome such an unprecedented challenge. Now as we continue the transition through the recovery phase, we recognize that the effects of this global pandemic are still being felt in many areas, and our work continues to evolve in response to these new realities.

The health and safety of our community remain our top priority. In this new chapter, our organization has shifted our focus to the following key areas:

- Mental Health and Grief Support- The COVID pandemic has had a profound impact on mental health, with many facing increased levels of stress, anxiety and grief. Our organization has expanded its programming to include grief recovery tools and techniques.
- Vaccination and Surveillance-While vaccinations, along with natural immunity, have had a significant impact in reducing the spread and poor outcomes of COVID, we continue to prioritize immunization efforts to ensure our community remains protected against vaccine preventable diseases. We also maintain vigilant surveillance of a variety of communicable diseases, current and emergent.
- Community Outreach and Education- In collaboration with local organizations, we are enhancing community
 outreach programs like diabetes education to ensure that all residents have access to accurate information
 and resources. Education efforts are a crucial role in ensuring long-term health and safety.
- Workforce Development- The COVID pandemic exacerbated an already stressed public health workforce. We
 continue efforts to bolster and rebuild our public health workforce by increasing capacity, improving technical
 skills and providing opportunities for increased formal advanced education to build the next generation of
 public health leaders.

We appreciate your resilience, patience, and understanding as we move through our recovery phase. We remain committed to adapting and responding to the evolving needs of Clinton County. Thank you for your continued trust in us! We are hopeful you enjoy the 2024 Annual Report to the Community.

Sincerely. Bank Iu Baun

Pamela Walker-Bauer, MPH, REHS Clinton County Health Commissioner

Terri Thopapen

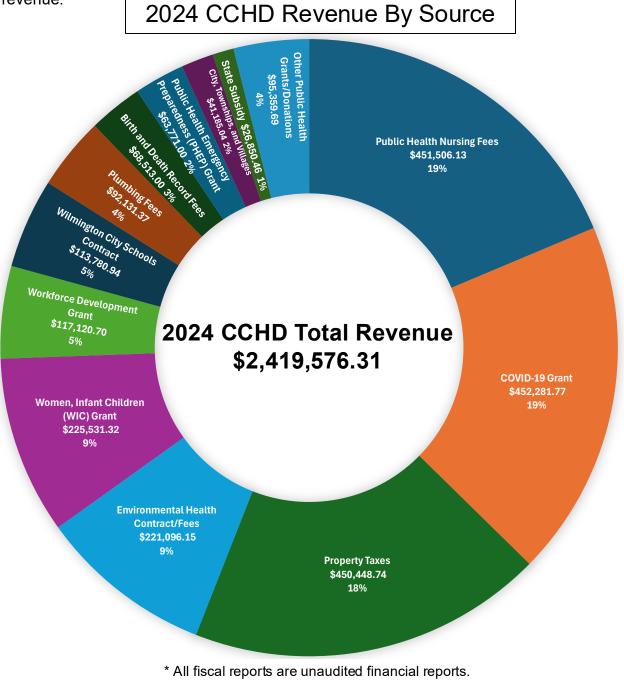
Terri Thobaben Board of Health Chairperson/President



Equal Opportunity Employer/Provider

*2024 CCHD Annual Fiscal Report

Less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of CCHD revenue is received from property taxes, including a 5-year $\frac{1}{2}$ million dollar Health Levy and fees received from local governments (\$41,185.04). Federal pass-through grants account for nearly 35.0% of revenue. These grants are COVID-19 (19.0%), Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) (9.0%), Workforce Development (WFD) (5.0%), and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) (2.0%). Nursing fees account for 19.0% of revenue while Environmental Health fees account for 9.0% of revenue.



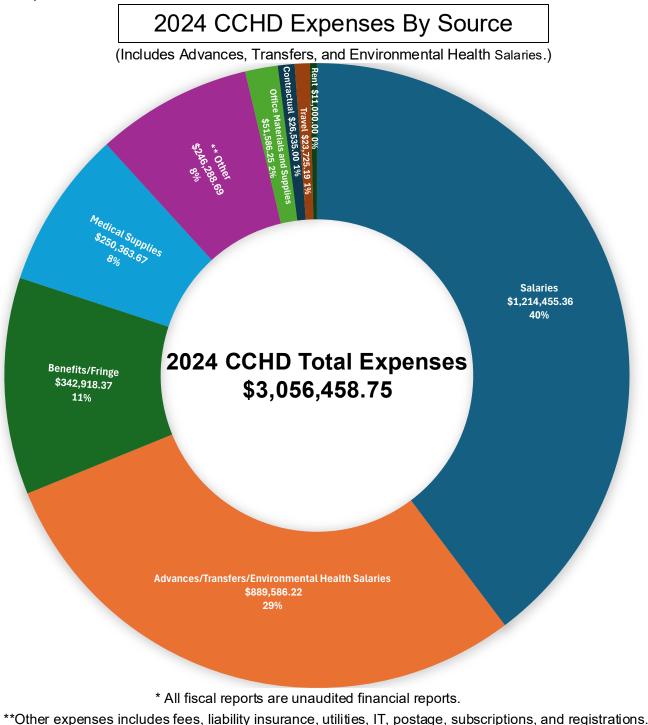
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*All fiscal reports are unaudited financial reports.

*2024 CCHD Expenses Report

In 2024, a little over half of CCHD expenses, 40.0% and 11.0%, went to employee salaries and benefits, respectively. Per Clinton County Auditor practices, \$889,586.22 of advances, transfers, and Environmental Health Salaries were included in the total expenses.



2024 Clinton County Health District Annual Report

*2024 CCHD Year to Date Balance Report

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Fund	E	Beginning Balance		Yearly Receipts	ransfers & dvances In	I	fotal Funds Available	E	Yearly Expenses	ransfers & Ivances Out		Total Yearly Expenses	Less Total Funds Available	Ye	ar End Cash Balance
General Health (GH)	\$	880,512.36	\$	713,104.50	\$ 151,000.00	\$	1,744,616.86	\$	629,155.79	\$ 735,165.00	\$	1,364,320.79	\$ 1,744,616.86	\$	380,296.07
GH/Sick/Vacation Contingency	\$	23,061.62	\$	-	\$ 10,000.00	\$	33,061.62	\$	12,885.89	\$ -	\$	12,885.89	\$ 33,061.62	\$	20,175.73
Manufactured Home (MH) Parks	\$	7,616.14	\$	-	\$ -	\$	7,616.14	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 7,616.14	\$	7,616.14
Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks	\$	16,277.88	\$	3,874.50	\$ -	\$	20,152.38	\$	4,221.70	\$ -	\$	4,221.70	\$ 20,152.38	\$	15,930.68
Sewage Treatment Systems	\$	190,797.63	\$	75,137.00	\$ -	\$	265,934.63	\$	61,098.08	\$ -	\$	61,098.08	\$ 265,934.63	\$	204,836.55
Swimming Pools	\$	13,704.78	\$	6,080.00	\$ -	\$	19,784.78	\$	5,222.46	\$ -	\$	5,222.46	\$ 19,784.78	\$	14,562.32
Water Systems	\$	24,092.62	\$	12,463.00	\$ -	\$	36,555.62	\$	10,509.02	\$ -	\$	10,509.02	\$ 36,555.62	\$	26,046.60
Women, Infant, Children (WIC)	\$	73,797.28	\$	225,531.32	\$ 110,000.00	\$	409,328.60	\$	231,010.82	\$ 114,421.22	\$	345,432.04	\$ 409,328.60	\$	63,896.56
WIC/Sick/Vacation Contingency	\$	12,412.95	\$	-	\$ 3,421.22	\$	15,834.17	\$	747.48	\$ -	\$	747.48	\$ 15,834.17	\$	15,086.69
United Way Medications	\$	51,839.87			\$ -	\$	51,839.87	\$	5,356.43	\$ -	\$	5,356.43	\$ 51,839.87	\$	46,483.44
Retail Food Establishment	\$	57,878.90	\$	39,810.40	\$ -	\$	97,689.30	\$	38,565.99	\$ -	\$	38,565.99	\$ 97,689.30	\$	59,123.31
Public Health Nursing	\$	1,181,262.74	\$	588,241.76	\$ -	\$	1,769,504.50	\$	431,107.28	\$ -	\$	431,107.28	\$ 1,769,504.50	\$1	1,338,397.22
Food Service Operation	\$	99,313.95	\$	79,871.25	\$ -	\$	179,185.20	\$	70,621.99	\$ -	\$	70,621.99	\$ 179,185.20	\$	108,563.21
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	\$	112,076.06	\$	516,052.77	\$ 524,000.00	\$	1,152,128.83	\$	492,027.95	\$ 25,000.00	\$	517,027.95	\$ 1,152,128.83	\$	635,100.88
Childrens Immunization	\$	587.42	\$	-	\$ -	\$	587.42	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 587.42	\$	587.42
Maternal, Infant, and Early Children Home Visiting (MIECHV) Grant	\$	9,950.93	\$	-	\$ -	\$	9,950.93	\$	(2.43)	\$ -	\$	(2.43)	\$ 9,950.93	\$	9,953.36
Workforce Development Grant*	\$	56,969.99	\$	117,120.70	\$ 51,000.00	\$	225,090.69	\$	125,477.01		\$	125,477.01	\$ 225,090.69	\$	99,613.68
Teen Driving Grant	\$	15,000.00	\$	-	\$ -	\$	15,000.00	\$	4,740.00	\$ -	\$	4,740.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$	10,260.00
Get Vaccinated Grant	\$	15,698.81	\$	41,330.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$	73,028.81	\$	33,504.60	\$ 15,000.00	\$	48,504.60	\$ 73,028.81	\$	24,524.21
Breastfeed in Workplace Grant	\$	-	\$	7,165.00	\$ 9,165.00	\$	16,330.00	\$	7,165.00	\$ -	\$	7,165.00	\$ 16,330.00	\$	9,165.00
Covid Bridge Grant	\$	-	\$	6,680.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$	21,680.00	\$	3,457.47	\$ -	\$	3,457.47	\$ 21,680.00	\$	18,222.53
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* All fiscal reports are unaudited financial reports.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health (EH) Division administers many public health programs to ensure a healthy and safe environment for the community. The division acts as an approved agent of the State and performs environmental duties locally for Clinton County. The division is surveyed periodically by State agencies to ensure that the prescribed duties of each program are being administered in accordance with the Ohio Administrative and Ohio Revised Codes.

For 2024 the EH team was comprised of one full-time EH Clerk, four full-time Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS), one full-time Environmental Health Specialist In-Training (EHS-IT), and one Plumbing Inspector/Plans Examiner. We work to prevent disease, promote health, and protect the environment through inspections, education, and enforcement.

Back, Left to Right: Stephanie Stewart, REHS J.D. Crowe, Plumbing Inspector/Plans Examiner Matt Johannes, REHS Camden Kenney, EHS-IT

> **Front, Left to Right:** Melanie Nienaber, Clerk Katie Burwinkel, MPH, REHS, Director Christine Propes, REHS

> > Not Pictured 2024 Staff: Maria LeFaive







Educating the public is an important service of the EH Division. Providing information and help on many environmental concerns ranging from mold and bedbug remediation, private water system and sewage treatment maintenance and even tips for proper food handling is done by our EH staff on a daily basis. Upon request, we will develop presentations on any of our environmental programs or issues for school age groups, restaurant workers, or any civic group or organization. The Division also advises and collaborates with County and State agencies, as well as local county service groups and schools, on local environmental concerns and land-development issues.

Food Safety Program

Our EH specialists work to ensure the safety of food that is prepared, served, and sold in Clinton County. Food service operations, retail food establishments, temporary food vendors, vending machines, mobiles (food trucks) are licensed and inspected routinely with oversight from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). Any new or remodeled food facility undergoes Plan Review Approval to ensure compliance with Ohio food codes.

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Licenses issued*	376
Inspections*	866
Plan Reviews Approved*	35



*Data is from January—December 2024 (Food licensing year is March—February)

Public Health Nuisance Program

A public health nuisance means any condition which is injurious or potentially injurious to the health and safety of the public, or which pollutes the air, land, or water. Our EH specialists investigate nuisance complaints to determine legitimacy, educate individuals involved, and enforce compliance measures to abate the conditions causing public health and safety concerns.

Reported Nuisances	141
Inspections	202
Abated Nuisances	113

Private Water System Program

Private Water Systems include wells, hauled water storage tanks, and cisterns that provide potable water for human consumption. Our EH specialists assure safe water through system permitting, construction evaluation, and sampling. Water samples must be free of bacterial contamination to approve systems to be safe to drink. This program is reviewed by ODH.

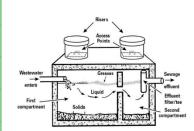
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Permits Issued	21
Inspections	15
Water Samples Tested with MASI	124

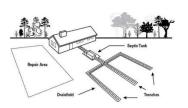
### Household Sewage Treatment System Program

Our EH specialists ensures the proper treatment and disposal of wastewater for residential dwellings to protect the surface water and groundwater from contamination. The division reviews soil reports, sewage treatment system designs, evaluates proposed lot improvements, and subdivisions of lots, as well as designs new sewage treatment systems. This program is surveyed by ODH.

Permits Issued	55
Soil Evaluations	73
Lot Split Evaluations	63
System Design Review	13
New System Design*	51
Lot Improvement Evaluations	86
Real Estate Evaluations	8
Septic Installer Registrations	27
Septic Hauler Registrations	17
Septic Truck Registrations	50







### **Recreational Programs**

Activities for leisure, or that people choose to take part in to make their time more interesting and enjoyable, some require licensing with our division. Those licensed entities are assessed by our EH specialists to ensure your fun recreations are safe. Public swimming pools, Campgrounds, Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks, Resident Camps, and Tattoo & Body Piercing operations are evaluated for compliance with applicable laws for sanitation, safety equipment, operation and maintenance with audits for Public Swimming Pools and Campground & RV Parks from ODH.



Public Swimming Pools Inspections	60
Campground & RV Parks Inspections	24
Resident Camp Inspections	4
Tattoo & Body Piercing Inspections	8



Animal bites or scratches to humans are investigated by our EH specialists. Domestic animals involved in a bite are quarantined and checked by a veterinarian before being released. If the biting animal is a wild animal or the domestic dog or cat is euthanized, the specimen is submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory for testing of the rabies virus. The division also promotes rabies prevention.

Reported Animal Bites	85
Specimens sent to ODH Lab	11
Positive for Rabies	0



### **Plumbing Program**

The Plumbing Program provides Clinton County residents and contracted communities with plumbing services. The duties include plan review for new plumbing in commercial buildings, inspection of commercial and residential plumbing work through all phases of construction, and final approval for the plumbing work prior to occupancy. The Plumbing Program protects the water supply by ensuring, through plan review and inspections, that the plumbing has no cross-connections or possibility of backflow. Additionally, the program ensures waste plumbing is properly vented and trapped so the plumbing safely carries waste away while causing no health problems. The plumbing program provides technical consulting services and education to plumbers and homeowners installing plumbing. Contractual services of plan review, inspections, and back-up inspections were provided to Clermont, Fayette, Highland, and Ross Counties in 2024.







Clinton County Commercial and Residential Registered Plumbers				
Clinton County Commercial and Residential Permits				
Clinton County Commercial Plans Approved				
Fayette County Commercial Plans Approved				
Highland County Commercial Plans Approved	21			
Total Commercial Plans Approved	40			
Clinton County Commercial and Residential Inspections	509			
Fayette County Commercial Inspections				
Highland County Commercial Inspections	39			
Clermont County Commercial Inspections				
Ross County Commercial Inspections				
Total Commercial and Residential Inspections	606			

### Jail Environmental Program

Sanitary and environmental safety conditions of the correctional institution is evaluated by our EH specialists. The facility, grounds, maintenance, hygiene policies, and safety plans are checked to ensure standards are maintained.

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Jail Environment Inspection

### Ohio Smoke Free Workplace Program

Through the Ohio Smoke Free Workplace Act, our EH specialists follow enforcement procedures through investigations and notifications to proprietors reminding them of their responsibilities to prevent smoking within their businesses.



Smoke Free Workplace Act Investigations 5

### **School Environment Program**

Sanitary conditions and comprehensive school environmental safety assessments of K-12 schools are completed, and recommendations are given by our EH specialists. Voluntary School Environmental Health Guidelines provided by ODH are used to evaluate, improve, and maintain the environmental health of schools. A healthy school environment is important to both the success and overall health and well-being of everyone at the schools.



School Environment Safety Inspections

### Safety Seat Program







The CCHD is the safety seat fitting station and houses the Ohio Department of Health's Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB) program for Clinton County, since 2012. The OBB program provides child safety seats and booster seats to income eligible Clinton Countians. There are five staff members that are Certified Safety Seat Technicians. The CCHD achieves safety seat health promotion by hosting an Annual Community Safety Seat Check Event by partnering with Women, Infants, and Children's (WIC's) Community Baby Shower, distributing OBB seats, providing safety seat education and inspections to anyone. We also have online and call-in scheduling methods for safety seat inspections and OBB events. The Safety Seat Program increases access, correct installation, and proper use of child safety seats.

Safety Seats Distributed





Clinton County Commissioners issued a proclamation recognizing Child Passenger Safety Week, set to take place from Sept. 15-21. The proclamation emphasizes the critical importance of correctly securing children in car seats, booster seats, and seat belts to prevent injury or death in the event of a motor vehicle accident.



### **Vital Statistics**

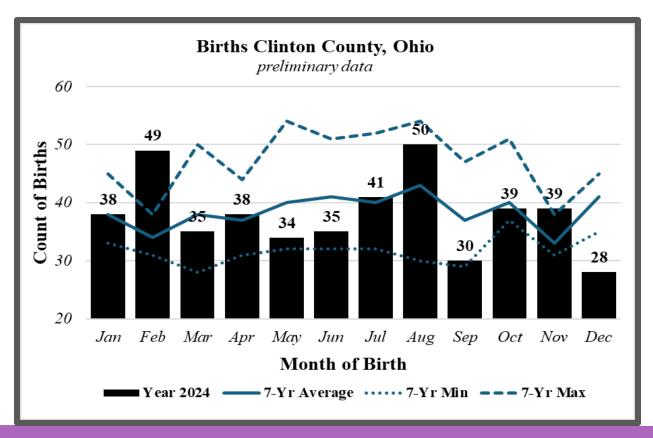
Vital statistics is the essential data that informs us of the well-being and status of our population. It primarily consists of birth and death figures and related life and health information. These details help advise and provide trends of successes or struggles affecting people to help stakeholders support and direct resources for the continuation of a healthy population.

CCHD Vital Statistics receives, records, and maintains records of all births and deaths occurring in Clinton County from 1908 to the present. Birth and death records are public information and available to anyone upon request. Vital Statistic staff are comprised of one Registrar and one Deputy Registrar. A copy of a vital record request can be fulfilled in our office in approximately 10 minutes.

The following data is preliminary and is accurate at the time of the creation of this document.

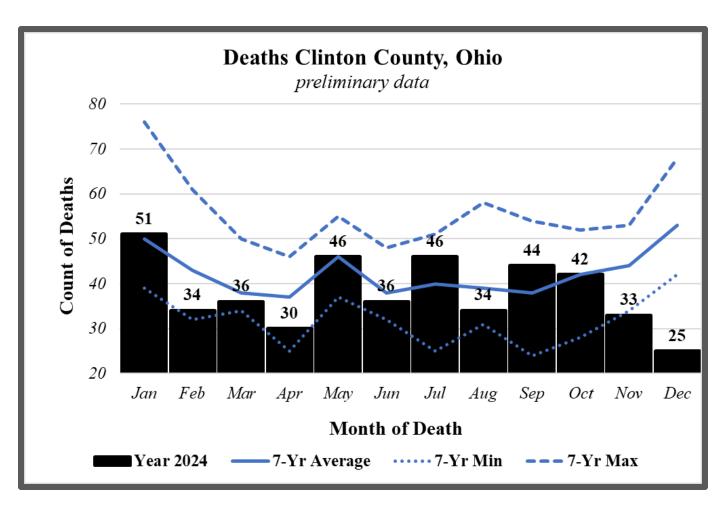
### **Birth Data**

We provide certified copies of birth records for all Ohio counties. In 2024 CCHD sold 1,685 of certified Birth Certificates. Our staff can provide information on correcting birth records, paternity establishments, obtaining adoption birth files, and assistance with registering a home birth. In 2024 there were 340 births that occurred and were registered in Clinton County. There were 456 babies born to Clinton County residents.



### **Death Data**

We provide certified copies of death records for deaths occurring within Clinton County. In 2024 CCHD sold 1,262 copies of certified Death Certificates. Our staff can provide access to death records for genealogy research and issue burial/cremation permits. In 2024 there were deaths 320 that occurred and were registered in Clinton County. There were 457 Clinton County residents that died.



### A closer look at....

### 2024 Leading Causes of Death

The leading causes of death lists the number of lives lost and are based on the cause of death listed on death certificates. It is important to know why people die to improve how people live. Measuring how many people die each year helps to assess the effectiveness of our health systems and direct resources to where they are needed most.

Causes of death can be grouped into three categories communicable (infectious and parasitic diseases and maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions), noncommunicable (chronic disease), and injuries.

These numbers only represent deaths that happened in Clinton County, except for Cancer, which accounts for all residents no matter where the death occurred.

Leading Cause of Death for Year 2024	Clinton County Death Count
Heart Disease	113
Cancer	88
Stroke (cerebrovascular disease)	33
Accidents (Unintentional Injury)	28
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	19
Diabetes mellitus	16
Alzheimer's disease	13
Suicide	10
Liver Disease	9
Kidney Disease	8
Other Causes	120

### A closer look at....

### **Cancer Mortality**

Cancer (malignant neoplasm or cancerous tumor), is a chronic disease in which abnormal cells divide uncontrollably that can spread, invade, and destroy body tissue. In 2024, the leading cancer cause of death in Clinton County was lung cancer. Below is a breakdown of the cancers that affected the people of Clinton County.

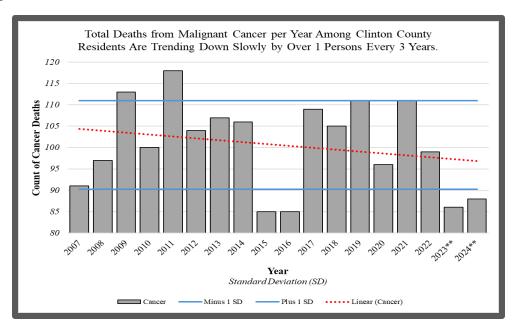
Cancer Types	2022	2023**	2024**
Lung	28	27	23
Breast	10	5	8
Prostate	5	7	4
Colon	6	3	4
Pancreas	6	5	3
Brain	3	3	3
Kidney	1	2	3
Ovary	3	0	3
Myeloid Ieukemia	3	0	3

Cancer Types	2022	2023**	2024**
Pharynx	1	0	2
Stomach	1	0	2
Skin	1	0	2
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	1	0	2
Vulva/vagina	0	0	2
Oral cavity	1	4	1
Bladder	3	2	1
Liver	2	1	1
Other	19	22	17
Total	99	86	88

Note: 2023 and 2024 are provisional data **

### For your information...

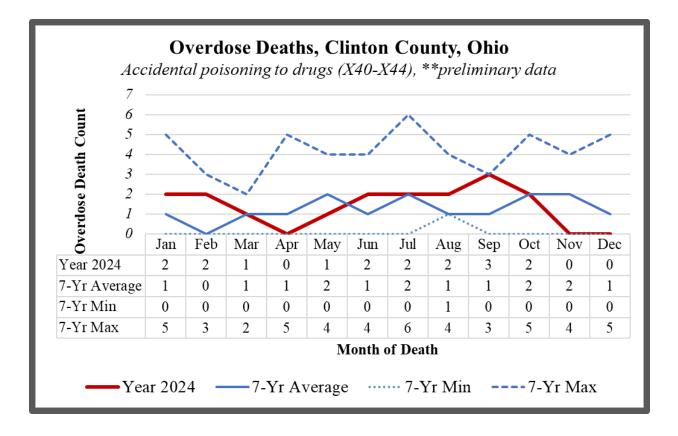
Cancer deaths are trending downward slowly by about 1 death every three years since 2007 through 2024, as shown below.



### A closer look at....

### **Overdose Mortality**

Overdose happens when a toxic amount of a drug, or combination of drugs overwhelms the body. In 2024, there were 17 overdose deaths in Clinton County, 2 deaths fewer than 2023.



### For your information...

In an effort to help reduce drug overdose deaths in Clinton County, the Clinton County Health District received state funds through the Ohio Department of Health and Project DAWN to provide naloxone to local emergency first responders. Naloxone, also known as Narcan[®], is a medication that can block the effect of opioids and reverse an overdose. In 2024 we received distributed 264 doses to Clinton County first responders.

## **Public Health Nursing**

For the Public Health Nursing (PHN) division, 2024 continued as a year demobilization from the emergency response of the COVID pandemic and rebuilding routine programming and outreach. Several staff that are relatively new to public health, and this year brought about exciting energy and creative forward-thinking efforts to serve Clinton Countians to prevent disease and health promotion. Our team consists of five registered nurses, one licensed practical nurse, a nursing accounts specialist, and a clerk.



#### Back Row Left to Right:

Jennifer Simpson, RN Jonda Meddock, RN Delilah Prichett, LPN

#### Front Row Left to Right:

Kate Justice, Clerk Michaella Quallen, RN Hannah Hayes, RN

Not Pictured 2024 Staff:

Hayley Fouch Samantha Shivers, RN

The PHN team continued to offer education, consultation, and vaccinations regarding the COVID 19 pandemic. Approval of monovalent formulas for individuals from six months through adulthood led to a renewed demand for boosters in late summer. CCHD drive-thru vaccine clinics held at the Clinton County Fairgrounds and the Community Room at the Annex building in the fall were successful in administering influenza and COVID vaccines again this year. We appreciate the dedication of the local Medical Reserve Corps members again this year, as they volunteered their skills during these mass vaccination clinics.

Increasing our depth of public health knowledge was a general theme for 2024. This program promotes partnerships with local childhood immunization providers in effort to improve vaccination rates within Clinton County. Michaella Quallen, RN RNC-OB, a certified diabetes educator, began offering diabetes education individually and in group settings. We are delighted that community attendance had increased at health fairs, blood pressure clinics, and other health promotion events, to share our team's knowledge, growth, and enthusiasm for public health during 2024.



### **Immunization Program**



Routine childhood immunizations are always a top priority as we work hard to provide education and clinic opportunities throughout the county. The PHN team strive to reduce vaccine misinformation and vaccine hesitancy while providing clinic opportunities during office hours, two evening each month, and in collaboration with schools during open house, "Back to School", and parent teacher conference events. Our team also provided vaccination services at multiple businesses and organizations through the year, and specifically provided 36 off-site or mobile clinic options during the peak of fall vaccine campaigns

The risk of vaccine preventable disease outbreaks are on the rise across the country and the PHN team monitors and investigates communicable disease cases daily. Our strong partnerships with local medical professionals, urgent care providers, long term care facilities, school districts and businesses help assure awareness and support prevention of public health threats In the community.



Adults	1635
Children	1074





### **Immunization Program Continued**

Immunizing children and adults against vaccine-preventable diseases is the goal of this program. The immunization program includes childhood immunizations as well as those for adults (overseas travel, boosters and influenza). Through the partnership with the Local Public Health Services Collaborative, we are able to bill a greater number of insurance companies. This allows us to provide more services to families that carry private insurance.

CHILDHOOD	2023 Doses	2024 Doses	ADULT
Dtap, Polio, Hib, Hep B	442	336	Tdap
Dtap	110	76	Hepatitis
Td	1	0	Hepatitis
Tdap	151	144	Hepatitis
Polio	48	62	HPV
Dtap /Polio	90	93	Influenza
HIB	16	20	Meningo
Hepatitis A	302	245	Meningo
Hepatitis B	42	33	MMR
Rotavirus	275	233	Pneumo
Pneumococcal	503	460	Shingles
Influenza	144	159	Varicella
HPV	168	174	Moderna
Meningococcal (ACW &Y)	209	230	Pfizer (19
Meningococcal B	67	84	
MMR	168	155	
MMR/Varicella	122	140	ANNUAL
Varicella	165	167	Adult Im
Moderna	9	0	Childhoo
Pfizer	70	56	Covid Im

ADULT	2023 Doses	2024 Doses
Tdap	55	45
Hepatitis A	15	6
Hepatitis B	34	17
Hepatitis A & B	21	15
HPV	16	9
Influenza	502	920
Meningococcal (ACW &Y)	11	8
Meningococcal B	6	6
MMR	33	9
Pneumococcal	13	30
Shingles	47	34
Varicella	12	8
Moderna (19yrs+)	107	75
Pfizer (19 yrs+)	562	623

ANNUAL TOTALS	2023	2024
Adult Immunizations	1,690	1,148
Childhood Immunizations	3,176	3,020
Covid Immunizations	748	754



### **Prescription Assistance Program**

This program is designed to assist Clinton County residents that need emergent assistance to purchase medications needed for acute and potentially serious medical conditions. This program is supported through grants and donations through Clinton County United Way, Heather's Hope and BLRX. We work directly with locally owned pharmacies to secure the medications at the best pricing.

United Way and BLRX			<b>Heather's Hope Foundation</b>		
Citizens Assisted with Prescriptions	ed 26		Citizens Assisted with Diabetic Supplies	10	
Total Cost	\$3,380.30		Total Cost	\$1,918.13	

### **Red Cross CPR Program**

Every year, over 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States. When a person has a cardiac arrest, survival depends on immediately getting CPR from someone nearby. Roughly 90 percent of people who suffer out of hospital cardiac arrests die. CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival. In 2024, the Public Health Nursing team held CPR courses at Southern Ohio Educational Center, Clinton County Highway Patrol Department, Orchard Veterinary Care, Oasis and Menzies Aviation, as well as certifying Clinton County community and staff members through monthly evening classes. The entire nursing staff are certified instructors for the American Red Cross program.

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### **Complex Medical Help (CMH) Program**

CMH, formerly known as BCMH, is a tax-supported, state administered program of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). (B)CMH links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for some services their child needs. Special health care issues include those caused by a condition a child is born with or one that develops after birth. Assistance is based on medical eligibility of Clinton County children up to age 25 that are Ohio residents.

### **United Way Hypertension Screening Program**

The goal of the program is to identify elevated blood pressure (BP) and defray costs of medical care to Clinton County residents. Screenings are offered at the CCHD as needed, and quarterly at the senior centers around the County. Along with the BP screenings we offer nutritional counseling, discuss family history, exercise and stress factors with everyone. This service is provided free of charge. In 2024, the Public Health Nursing team help quarterly blood pressure clinics at Wilmington Library, Sabina Library, New Vienna Library, Sugartree Ministries, Prairie View Apartments, Friendship Acres, as well as senior service centers in Wilmington, Blanchester, Port Williams and Sabina.

### **Tuberculosis (TB) Program**

TB remains a threat today due to international travel and a growing immigrant population. The emerging drug-resistant strains cause even more concern. This type of infection is more difficult to treat, cure, and prevent. The primary goals of the TB program are to control the incidence and spread of active TB in Clinton County and eliminate it as a public health problem. We provide direct patient care, education, surveillance, and outreach to attain these goals.



Tuberculosis Skin Tests	39
Active Tuberculosis Cases	0





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### **School Nursing Program**



The Wilmington City Schools (WCS) contract with the Clinton County Health District to provide School Nursing Services equivalent to 2 full time nurses. The school nursing program team is led by Jennifer Simpson, RN, and includes Samantha Shivers, RN, and Delilah Pritchett, LPN, IBCLC. The goal of this program is to promote the health of students and staff in order for them to attain the highest degree of educational potential in the school setting. Services provided are mandated by the state and include reviewing all childhood vaccination records: performing hearing and vision screenings; and reporting child abuse and communicable diseases. CCHD and WCS continue to partner with the Smile Program, a mobile dental service that offers in-school dental care. Services include dental exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment, x-rays, sealants, fillings, extractions, and SDF(silver diamine fluoride treatment) and are provided at little to no cost to families. The nursing team completes student include physical injury or illness. assessments for reasons that as well as psychological/emotional needs and head lice screenings. In 2024, the nursing staff attended 18 parent meetings with WCS administration, and provided medication administration training for staff responsible for administering medication to students. In addition, the nursing team facilitated Stop the Bleed training with Wright State University Nursing program. Wright State Student nurses provided Stop the Bleed training to the nursing team as well as 31 students and staff members

2024/2025 WCS Student Enrollment	2244
Vision Screenings	1697
Hearing Screenings	1469
Dental Care	205
Student Assessments	5615
Staff Medical Assessments	96



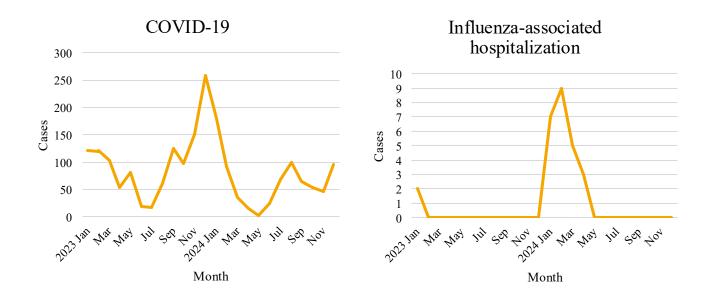
### **Communicable Disease Control Program**

The goals of this program are to control the incidence and spread of communicable disease through effective reporting, treatment and follow-up and to provide best practice interventions related to current prevention and treatment of specific diseases. A communicable disease is one that can be transmitted from one person to another. Activities of this program include monitoring, tracking and investigating these diseases. This year we investigated 1,440 reportable communicable diseases with 1,207 being COVID-19 cases.

		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	Campylobacteriosis	18	6	6	4	1
	Cryptosporidiosis	3	1	1	0	3
Enteric /	Giardiasis	0	0	0	0	2
Gastrointestinal	Salmonellosis.	3	4	3	5	2
	Shigellosis	0	0	0	1	0
	Escherichia Coli 0157:H7	0	0	0	1	1
	Coronavirus Disease 19	2366	5058	5191	1207	778
Vaccine Preventable	Haemophilus influenza, invasive	1	0	0	0	2
	Hepatitis A	7	0	4	1	2
	Hepatitis B	15	19	24	11	11
	Hepatitis B Perinatal	0	0	1	1	0
	Influenza- associated hospitalization	20	2	19	2	24
	Measles	0	0	1	0	1
	Mumps	0	0	0	0	1
	Pertussis	1	0	1	1	2
	Streptococcus pneumoni ae	2	11	6	12	3
	Varicella	0	0	0	1	3

### Communicable Disease Control Program Continued

		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Transmitted Infection	Chlamydia	137	119	99	100	96
	Gonorrhea	39	26	32	30	30
	Syphilis	2	6	2	4	1
	Aseptic meningitis	2	0	1	2	1
	Bacterial meningitis	1	0	2	2	1
All Other	Legionnaires Disease	1	1	1	2	0
	Hepatits C	75	58	36	36	22
	Lyme Disease	2	0	0	2	3
	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	1	0	2	1	1
	Streptococcal disease, group A invasive	1	3	1	2	1
	Streptococcal disease, group B neonatal	1	0	1	0	1
	Botulism	1	0	0	0	1
	Candida auris	0	1	0	0	0
	Hepatitis E	0	1	0	1	0
	Carbapenemase- Producing Organism	2	4	2	9	6



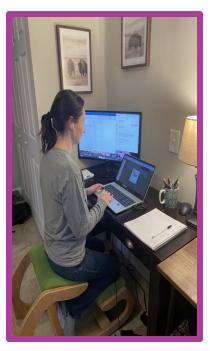
## Women Infants Children



2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the Women Infants, and Children nutrition program Nationally!

Clinton County's WIC program began in 1979 and has been working to improve the wellbeing of thousands of nutritionally at-risk women, infants, and children for the past 45 years. WIC provides a comprehensive approach to maternal child health by providing breastfeeding support, nutrition education, nutritious foods, and referrals to other community agencies. Research shows that WIC improves pregnancy outcomes, increases breastfeeding rates, enhances child nutrition outcomes, and provides substantial healthcare savings

Clinton County WIC continues to increase participation by offering remote certification and in person appointments with one of our three licensed health professionals. Comprehensive health assessment interviews and tailored food package assignments are conducted over the phone. After the phone interview participants come to the office to complete the certification process with anthropometric measurements, hemoglobin testing, and issuance of their benefits on an EBT card. This hybrid approach offers more flexibility to families as they can complete the lengthiest part of the certification process at home and spend less time in the office.



Left Photo -Remote Health Professional Rachel Eichholtz RD/LD

**Right Photo -**

Back Row Left to Right: Clerk: Alicia Miller Director: Renee Quallen BSN, IBCLC, GRMS Breastfeeding Coordinator: Delilah Pritchett LPN, IBCLC

Front Row Left to Right: Clerk: Kate Justice Peer/Clerk Danielle Grubb CLC

Not Pictured 2024 Staff: Health Professional: Christine Propes DTR



### **WIC Benefits**

WIC provides supplemental nutrition from all basic food groups: Milk, yogurt, cheese, whole grains, cereals, eggs, peanut butter, beans, fruits, fruit juice, and vegetables. In 2024 WIC families saw a more consistent cash value benefit for healthy fruits and vegetables throughout the year. The amounts varied by category:







### **Cash Value Benefit for Fruits and Vegetables**

Children	\$26 Per Month
Pregnant / Post Partum Women	\$47 Per Month
Partially / Exclusively Breastfeeding women	\$52 Per Month

### **Ohio WIC Program 2024 Income Guidelines**

Each year the Ohio WIC Program bases on Federal Income guidelines on a family's gross, accumulative income to determine eligibility. A pregnant woman counts as more than one family member. A person who currently receives Medicaid, Food Assistance, or Ohio Works First (OWF) automatically meets the income requirement for WIC



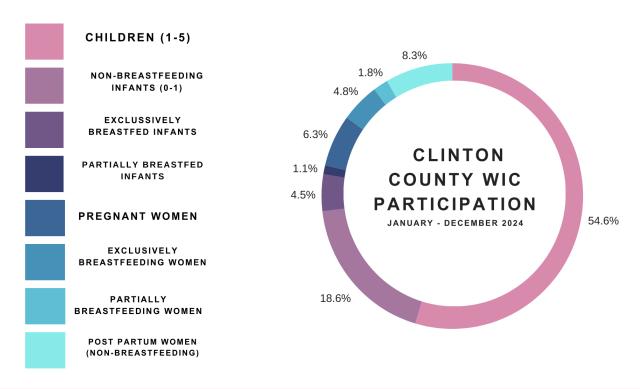
Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Biweekly	Weekly
1	27,861	2,322	1,072	536
2	37,814	3,152	1,455	728
3	47,767	3,981	1,838	919
4	57,720	4,810	2,220	1,110
5	67,673	5,640	2,603	1,302
6	77,626	6,469	2,986	1,493
7	87,579	7,299	3,369	1,685
8	97,532	8,128	3,752	1,876
9	107,485	8,958	4,135	2,068
10	117,438	9,787	4,517	2,259



### **2024 Monthly Participation by Category**

	Projecte d Caseload	Total Participants	Breastfeeding Infants (0-1)	Non-Breastfeeding Infants (0-1)	Children (1-5)	Women
January	630	643	38	131	331	143
February	630	639	42	134	328	135
March	630	646	40	124	348	134
April	630	656	42	118	360	136
Мау	630	643	31	133	340	139
June	630	633	37	109	351	136
July	630	648	31	110	375	132
August	630	665	27	115	389	134
September	630	667	32	113	384	138
October	651	662	30	118	372	142
November	651	641	33	115	348	145
December	651	636	42	130	323	141

### **Annual Participation Percentage by Category**



### **WIC in the Community**

WIC collaborates with the community by partnering with many local organizations like Help Me Grow, Smoking Cessation Programs, Cribs for Kids, Food Banks, Health Fairs, and Farmer's Markets. These partnerships help reach eligible families, maximize impact, and increase awareness about WIC services and breastfeeding support. We would like to extend a special thanks to Friends of Wilmington Library and Clinton County Literacy Foundation for donating books that we send home with children throughout the year. Also, a special thanks to the Clinton County Quilters Guild for donations of handmade quilts and snuggle buddies also distributed throughout the year.



### **Ohio Health Mother's Milk Bank**

In September of 2024, the Clinton County Health District collaborated with the Ohio Health Mother's Milk Bank to become the 31st Drop Site in Ohio. Milk drop sites collect and store milk from prescreened mothers in our region who have an excess of human milk to donate. This milk is then shipped to Ohio Health Mother's Milk Bank in Columbus Ohio where it is screened again, pasteurized, and distributed to babies across the country. Human Milk is a vital resource for all babies especially premature and fragile infants.

Breast Milk Donated

789 Ounces (6.16 Gallons)



### **Farmers Market**

Clinton County WIC provided \$30 in vouchers for each eligible participants to use at the Clinton County Farmer's Markets this summer. This program helps our participants by providing increased access to healthy food and creating social opportunities. The Farmer's Market Nutrition Program supported Clinton County Farmers with a redemption of \$1380 in vouchers.





### **Breastfeeding in the Workplace**

The Breastfeeding Team at the Clinton County WIC office received \$7,165.00 in deliverablebased grant funding through the Ohio Department of Health to help improve workplace accommodations for breastfeeding women. The workplace can be a significant source of support for nursing mothers and the federal Break Time for Nursing Mothers Provision requires employers to provide reasonable time and accommodations for employees to express milk at work. The Clinton County WIC Breastfeeding office helped provided this education to twelve businesses in the county.

Consultations	12
Policy Changes	3





### **Breastfeeding Awareness Month**

On August 23, 2024, a drive-thru event was held in celebration of Breastfeeding Awareness Month, serving around 20 families. The event offered a safe and convenient space for parents to access essential resources, including breastfeeding supplies and educational materials. With a focus on promoting awareness, the drive-thru provided an opportunity for families to connect with lactation consultants and receive valuable support. The event highlighted the importance of breastfeeding for both mother and baby while fostering a sense of community and empowerment.









### **Grief Recovery**



Grief is defined as the normal and natural reaction to significant emotional loss of any kind. Grief can further be defined as the conflicting feelings caused by the end of, or change in, a familiar pattern of behavior. As we explore those definitions of grief, we can be certain that as human beings, everyone will experience grief in their lifetime. Many coping strategies that we are taught throughout life are ineffective in dealing with the losses experienced.

Grief Recovery addresses grief as important and relevant to public health because of the program's evidence-based approach to helping people cope with emotional loss. Unresolved grief can contribute to various health issues like depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and poor physical health, making grief management a crucial aspect of public health.

The Clinton County Health District received a grant from Health First of Clinton County in the fall of 2024 to help fund the program throughout 2025. The funding will help cover the cost of the Specialist Salary and books for the program, so that this program may be offered free of charge to Clinton County Residents.

Eight Week Programs Guided by Grief Recovery Handbook		
Support Groups (6 people)	1	
Individuals	5	





from life's deepest heartbreaks.

### Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) 2024

### Preparing the community for public health emergencies

The Centers for Disease (CDC)'s Control & Prevention Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) capabilities and standards dictate the planning and operational activities conducted through the PHEP grant. PHEP deliverables in 2024 included trainings in biostatistics and/ or epidemiology, updating Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trainings for new hires within the Health District, an allstaff training regarding point of dispensing (POD), and attending an Ohio Department of Health (ODH) seminar on Medical Counter Measure planning.

## Exercises are always a key piece to evaluate current plans and put new trainings into practices. 2024 exercises included:

- Biannual communication drills
- Point of Dispensing (POD) fall drive through vaccination clinic
- Completion on documentation of the Statewide Anthrax Tabletop Exercise (TTX) that took place at the end of 2023
- Participation of the Clinton County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Train Derailment TTX
- Participation in the Healthcare Coalition Kings Island Chemical Surge TTX
- Organization and planning for the upcoming 02/04/2025 Clinton County Chemical TTX held in conjunction with Southwest Ohio Health Partners





### **Overdose Awareness**

August 31st marks International Overdose Awareness Day. The Health District participated this year in a County wide event to support overdose awareness. The day consisted of community speakers, personal testimonies, and a grief recovery presentation by the Health District.





### **Career Exploration Fair**

Clinton County Health District participated at the Laurel Oaks Career Center's Career Exploration Fair, hosting students from all high schools across the county. At this event, representatives from the CCHD team introduced our hands on Stop The Bleed training. Stop The Bleed kits were received through a Southwest MRC (Medical Reserve Corp.) STTRONG grant and designed to provide life saving training on how to stop severe bleeding.



### **Bike Rodeo**

In 2024, CCHD applied for 144 bike helmets and received 72 helmets that were all distributed. Grant solicitation is applied to Ohio American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) Put a Lid on It! Bike Helmet Safety Program. The CCHD participated in Clinton County Bike Rodeo community event in May 2024 with fun kid activities, safety stations, and local resources from participating community partners.

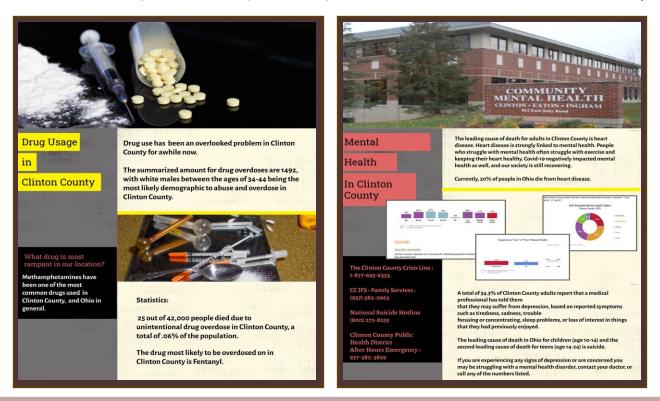






### **East Clinton Smithsonian Exhibit**

Clinton County Health District assisted East Clinton High School's public health students with their contribution to The Smithsonian Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World exhibit. Students worked together to design fliers displaying how human and environmental health are connected and what public health topics are important to our students here in Clinton County.



### **Community Baby Shower**

Clinton County WIC together with Help Me Grow of Clinton County hosted our 14th annual baby shower in 2024. Community Baby Showers are fun celebrations with a purpose: to provide education to pregnant women and families about community resources and expose them to information that will assist in a healthy pregnancy, baby, and family. Many County businesses, agencies, and individuals donated time and resources to the 2024 event.









#### Gifts and donations were provided by:

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#### Resources and education were provided by:

Health Source, Buckeye Health, NLC, OSU SNAP ED, Clinton County Car Seat Program, Clinton County Farmers Market, CareSource, Nationwide Children's Fetal Medicine, Wilmington Public Library, Solutions, Clinton County Early Learning, Highland County WIC/Community Action, Job and Family Services, Clinton County Literacy and Rails to Trails Coalition, Clinton Memorial Hospital Kiwanis of Wilmington Molina Healthcare

### **Drive to Succeed Scholarship**



"Drive to Succeed" is a State of Ohio grant funded program to help teens under the age of 18 to complete driver training at no cost! In Clinton County, eligible students are determined by age, financial need, a recommendation letter, and essay submission. Scholarship recipients are required to provide 2 hours of service to their high school. These eligibility criteria are reviewed by a panel of Clinton County education officials, law enforcement officials and private citizens. Driver's education scholarships include in-person and online classwork and in-car training through select area driving schools including: D&D, The Driving Authority, and The Little Miami Driving School, LLC.

2024 Driver's Education Scholarship Recipients		
Completed Driver's Ed Course 9		
Pending Completion	16	

## **STAFF RECOGNITION PHOTOS**

In 2024, staff members were recognized for their years of hard work and dedication to CCHD. Jennifer Simpson, RN received a 5-year service award, and Diana Groves retired in December, after serving in numerous roles within the county, for more than 14 years. The Health Commissioner's award is presented to a staff member for their dedication, innovation, and loyalty to promoting Clinton County health initiatives. Kate Justice was the 2024 recipient, noting her commitment to the organization's CPR Program. The 2024 Friend of the Clinton County Health District award was presented to Thomas Breckel for his supportive partnership efforts regarding emergency planning with the Health District and others.





Thomas Breckel Emergency Management Agency Director 2024 Friend of Clinton County Health District

#### Kate Justice, WIC & Nurse Clerk 2024 Health Commissioner Award



Jennifer Simpson, Public Health Nurse 5-year Service Award.



Diana Groves, WIC Clerk Retired December 2024

### Renee Quallen 2024 Healthcare Award Winner (C4)

2024 made the fifth annual Clinton County C4 Awards program honoring the businesses, community partners, and citizens who work tirelessly to make Clinton County a wonderful community to live, work, and visit.



As a leader at the Clinton County Health District, Renee safeguards the health of vulnerable women, infants, and children while also serving as a Grief Recovery Method Specialist. Her compassionate leadership, innovative problem-solving, and tireless dedication make her a champion for public health and community well-being.





### Striving to improve Clinton County by preventing disease, promoting health, and protecting the environment.