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# A Message from the Health Commissioner

Dear community members,



As we look back on 2024, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the key accomplishments we've experienced over the past year. We've made tremendous strides in our mission, and I'm proud to highlight two major successes that have had a significant impact.

First, we launched our new podcast, Public Health Matters, which has already received positive feedback from both the public and professionals in the field. This podcast serves as an informative platform to discuss critical public health topics, raise awareness, and engage with our community in meaningful ways. We are excited to continue expanding this initiative in the coming months, providing valuable insights to our listeners.

Another noteworthy achievement was the successful GuardCare event held in August at the Greene County Career Center. This event brought together local healthcare professionals, volunteers, and community members to provide essential services and health screenings to those in need. The turnout exceeded expectations, reaching just over 1,000 people over two days, and the event provided invaluable resources to the community, demonstrating the power of collaboration and service.

These two accomplishments, among others, have been instrumental in furthering our mission and strengthening our community connections. As we continue to move forward into 2025, I am confident that these successes will lay a strong foundation for even greater achievements in the future.

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

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Greene County Public Health includes 12 townships and 10 cities and villages. The Board of Health, consisting of 13 members serving 3-year terms, is the policy-making body. Six members are appointed by Beavercreek, Bellbrook, Fairborn, and Xenia, while seven are at-large. Meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Meeting minutes are available on our website at <https://www.gcph.info/about/meeting-minutes>. \*Term ended in March, 2024.

## District Advisory Council

**2024 Officers: Chris Mucher, President; Kassie Lester, Secretary**

Greene County Public Health serves the county's townships, villages, and contract cities. The chief executives of the villages, the Greene County Board of Commissioners president, and the chairpersons of township boards make up the District Advisory Council. By law, they meet annually in March to select board of health members, review special reports, and assess the health district's budget.

## Serving Vibrant Communities with more than 168,000 Residents

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

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# Foundational Capabilities

## What is Public Health?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "Public health systems are commonly defined as 'all public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of essential public health services within a jurisdiction.'" This concept ensures that all entities' (i.e. counties, villages, cities, townships) contributions to the health and well-being of the community or state, are recognized in assessing the provision of public health services. The public health system includes:

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

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

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

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

## Newsorthy in 2024

### ***Long time Board of Health member, Bill Beeman, passes away***

Bill Beeman, a dedicated public servant and long-time member of the Greene County Board of Health, passed away on November 23, 2024. Bill made significant contributions to his community, serving 30 years as a board member and past president of the Greene County Board of Health. His legacy of service extended beyond health initiatives, as he also volunteered as a firefighter, paramedic, and Scout leader, touching countless lives along the way. Bill's work ethic, leadership, and kindness were exemplified through his volunteer efforts, including organizing blood drives and providing first aid training, as well as his personal commitment, donating over 13 gallons of blood. A proud graduate of Bellbrook High School and Ohio University, Bill retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base after 33 years of service as a contract negotiator. Bill's life of service and passion for his family and community left an indelible mark, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.



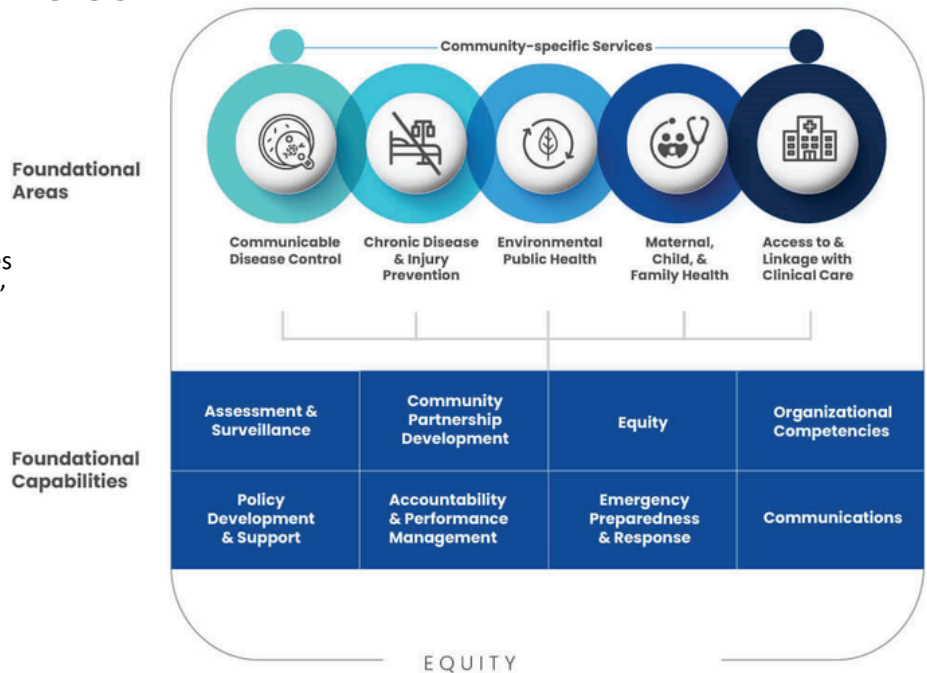
### ***Samantha Webb, RN, HIV/AIDS Educator, Inducted into "Women of Wright State"***

Wright State University's Women's Center recognized March as Women's History Month with a fresh approach. Ten women were chosen from a wide field of nominees to be the inaugural cohort of Women of Wright State. Ms. Webb was nominated by her peers to be recognized during this ceremony held on International Women's Day (pictured on the left). The Women of Wright State is an initiative designed to highlight and celebrate the contributions of women students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners.



### ***Loressa Gonyer, MS, Health Educator, Presented with Emerging Leader Award***

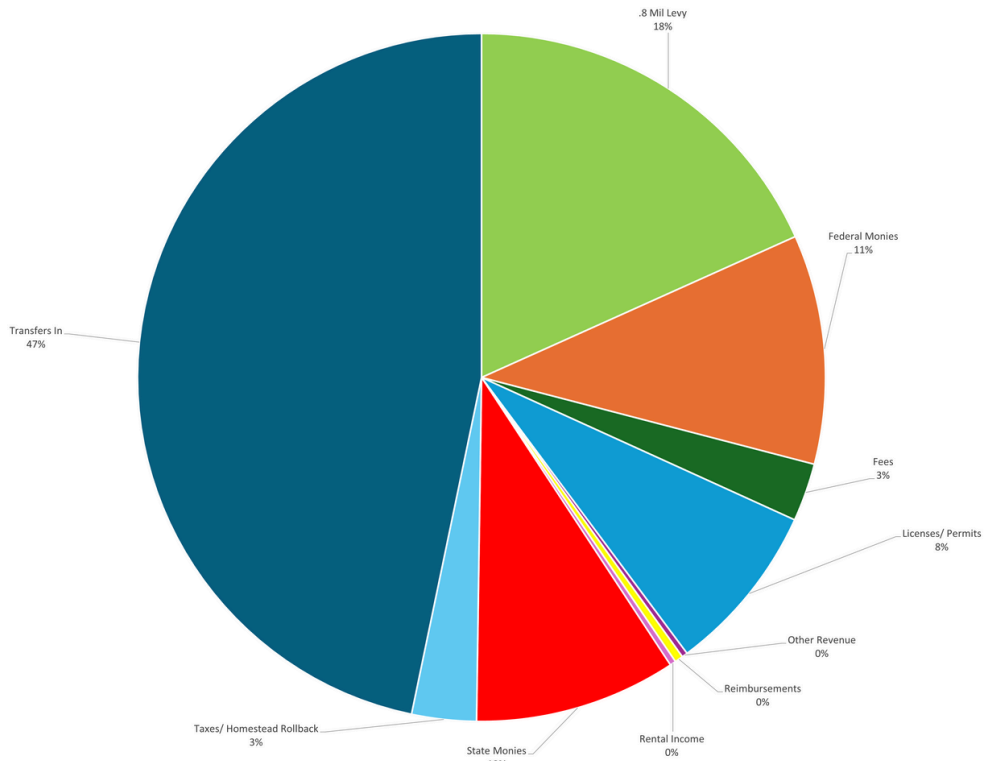
Loressa Gonyer, a health educator & the coordinator of the Safe Communities Coalition, received the Emerging Leader Award through the Ohio Society for Public Health Education's Health Educator's Institute in October. The Ohio Chapter of the Society for Public Health Education (OSOPHE) is a professional membership organization that exists to provide professional development, leadership, and advocacy for public health education.



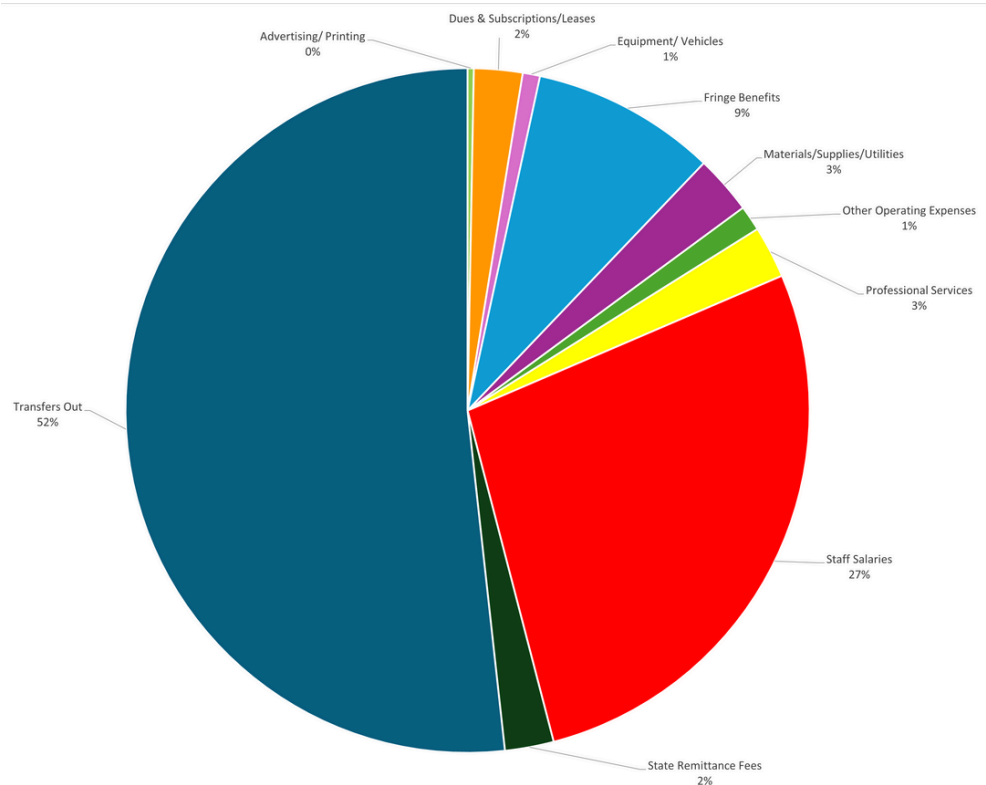
# 2024 Financial Summary of Revenues and Expenses

The charts below show our revenues and expenses for the period which ended December 31, 2024. A detailed copy of the annual financial statement is available by contacting Evan Dillahunt at 937-374-5620 or edillahunt@gcph.info.

Revenue	Amount
.8 Mil Levy	\$ 3,010,589.82
Federal Monies	\$ 1,774,875.73
Fees	\$ 449,472.70
Licenses/ Permits	\$ 1,320,216.68
Other Revenue	\$ 43,932.08
Reimbursements	\$ 64,395.41
Rental Income	\$ 46,176.35
State Monies	\$ 1,561,726.44
Taxes/ Homestead Rollback	\$ 499,508.67
Transfers In	\$ 7,695,396.69



Expenses	Amount
Advertising/ Printing	\$ 43,577.59
Dues & Subscriptions/Leases	\$ 341,044.77
Equipment/ Vehicles	\$ 121,333.81
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,299,306.18
Materials/Supplies/Utilities	\$ 411,490.57
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 178,011.84
Professional Services	\$ 365,375.94
Staff Salaries	\$ 4,072,992.98
State Remittance Fees	\$ 343,457.19
Transfers Out	\$ 7,695,396.69



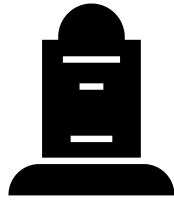
# Office of Vital Statistics

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



Births  
**1,641**

Birth Certificates Issued  
**3,253**



Deaths  
**1,627**

Death Certificates Issued  
**5,389**

## Top 10 Leading Causes of Death in Greene County

Cause of Death	2023	2024
Heart Disease	375	337
Cancer	315	317
Stroke	153	171
*Accidents	117	77
Lower Respiratory	64	65
Alzheimer's	36	41
Kidney	22	32
Blood Infection	22	32
Diabetes	49	29
COVID-19	30	22

\* Includes Unintentional Drug Overdoses

## Emergency Preparedness and the Medical Reserve Corps

### Emergency Preparedness

In 2024, the Greene County Emergency Preparedness Committee held **four** meetings to strengthen community partnerships. Staff participated in radiation and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training to enhance readiness. Key personnel attended the NACCHO Preparedness Summit in Cleveland, while the Emergency Response Coordinator (EPC) supported the EOC for the Total Solar Eclipse and participated in workshops on data presentation and EOC operations. The team also planned and executed the Greene County 2024 GuardCare event.

Location	Partial Begins	Maximum Totality	Totally Magnitude	Partial Ends	Eclipse Duration	Totally Duration
Xenia	1:53 PM EDT	3:51 PM EDT	100.2%	4:25 PM	2hr, 30min	3min, 25sec

View other locations: [https://www.weather.gov/iln/20240408\\_Eclipse](https://www.weather.gov/iln/20240408_Eclipse)

We also provided just over **7,000** COVID-19 test kits during the year, including at GuardCare.

### Greene County Medical Reserve Corps

In 2024, **115** Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers from Greene County donated over **608** hours of service, valued at **\$29,181**. They contributed to numerous initiatives, including the Counseling-Testing-Referral team, the GuardCare event, and a First Aid Station at a Yellow Springs festival.

Volunteers participated in extreme weather training, Stop-The-Bleed, and a mass casualty exercise in Beavercreek, where they enhanced first responder training by applying medical moulage—mock injuries—to **58** simulated victims.

The newly established Counseling-Testing-Referral (CTR) Team at the SafeTrade syringe service program, alongside other community events, facilitated testing for HIV, Hepatitis C, and syphilis. These efforts enhanced healthcare access, promoted early detection, and helped reduce stigma. Furthermore, harm reduction initiatives, such as naloxone distribution and SafeTrade, supported **11** events, contributing over **30** volunteer hours.

While a **\$25,000 grant** supported the MRC program, our volunteers' dedication drives its success. They impact the community through healthcare services, training, and support. Two graduate interns from the University of Cincinnati and Boonshoft College of Medicine contributed **320** hours to the further development of the MRC program.

Posters were presented at the National MRC Conference and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Summit on:

1. How MRC volunteers using radiation detectors at Community Reception Centers (CRCs) can improve disaster response and victim outcomes.
2. The relationship between Incident Command System (ICS) and Psychological First Aid (PFA) skills and their impact on reducing premature deaths in emergencies.



example of medical moulage

# From the Public Information Office

## New Podcast, Public Health Matters

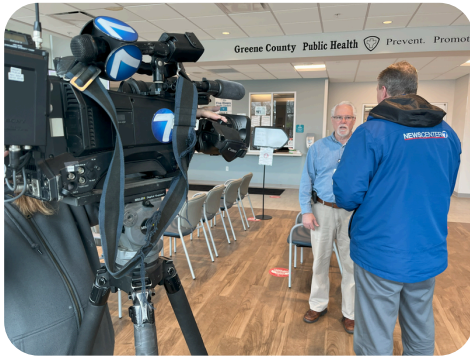
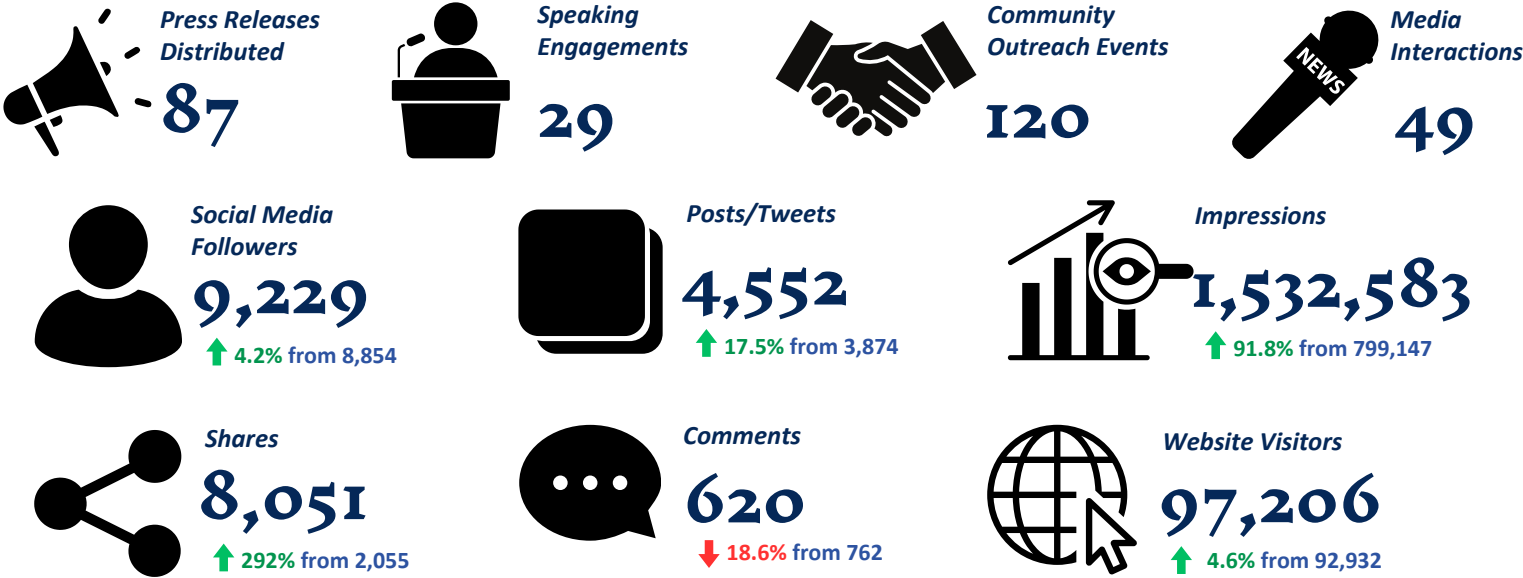
In 2024, the Public Information Office debuted its very first podcast called Public Health Matters. Available wherever you get your podcasts, including iHeart Radio, Pandora, Google Podcasts, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify, it was available every month and covered various public health topics. All twelve episodes from the first season can be found on the website at [www.gcph.info/about/public-relations](http://www.gcph.info/about/public-relations).



## By The Numbers

Informing and educating the public is a major piece of the public health puzzle. We were pleased to attend the 2024 Greene County Fair and dozens of other community outreach events while engaging with hundreds of families about the many programs and services we provide. We use a wide variety of tools to share our messages, including press releases, speaking engagements, media interviews, community outreach, social media, and our agency website.

Here are the numbers from 2024:



# Foundational Areas

## Communicable Disease Control

### Reportable Conditions by the numbers

C. auris .....	2
C. auris - Colonization Screening .....	3
Campylobacteriosis .....	36
Chlamydia infection .....	459
COVID-19 .....	3,734
CPO .....	13
Cryptosporidiosis .....	6
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing (O157:H7, Not O157, Unknown Serotype) .....	2
Giardiasis .....	4
Gonococcal infection .....	106
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease) .....	7
Hepatitis B (including delta) - chronic .....	22
Hepatitis C - chronic .....	112
Influenza-associated hospitalization .....	135
Legionellosis .....	6
Listeriosis .....	1
Lyme Disease .....	2

### HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention Program By The Numbers

HIV tests on ODH priority populations.....	281
HIV Home Test Kits distributed.....	35
Syphilis tests (significant decrease from 2023) .....	262
Hepatitis C tests.....	260
TB test conducted at HIV testing events.....	12
Outreach events that included testing and education.....	37
Events sharing safe sex supplies and education.....	16
Community members who received education.....	2,753
Safer sex kits distributed.....	6,218
*Referrals for PrEP & PEP.....	2,583
Referrals for Hepatitis C Treatment .....	102

### Counseling-Testing-Referral

Trained volunteers through the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC, see page 5) helped us at testing events at local colleges and at GuardCare in 2024. The goal of having MRC trained CTR (Counseling-Testing-Referral) is to assist with testing and help us expand our reach. We have a limited number of CTR trained staff and the MRC volunteers provided invaluable support and assistance to the HIV Prevention Program.

### Preventing the Spread

In 2024, we distributed safer sex kits and provided educational resources to help prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections at various locations. These included Antioch College, Blessing of the Bikes, Central State University, Christopher House, Emerge Recovery and Trade Initiative, Fairborn FISH, Full Circle, Greene County FISH Pantry, The Gulch, Her Story, Recovery Plus, Share 1 to 1, Violence Free Futures, Wilberforce University, Wright State University, Yellow Springs Pharmacy, local urgent care facilities, community health fairs, local PRIDE celebrations, and our main office in Xenia. This initiative is made possible through funding from the HIV Prevention grant.

*\*PrEP/PEP: PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) and PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis) are medications used to prevent HIV infection.*

“  
Wherever the art of medicine is loved,  
there is also a love of humanity. -Hippocrates  
”

Meningitis - aseptic/viral .....	1
Meningitis - bacterial (Not N. meningitidis) .....	4
Meningococcal disease - Neisseria meningitidis (call health department immediately) .....	1
Pertussis .....	99
Salmonellosis .....	20
Shigellosis .....	2
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive .....	4
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance unknown or non-resistant .....	9
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistant/intermediate .....	3
Syphilis - unknown duration or late .....	7
Vibriosis (not cholera) .....	2
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>4,802</b>
	↓ from 6,459

### Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program By The Numbers

TB skin tests .....	84
Referred for Additional Testing .....	12
Immigrant Examination .....	8
Latent TB infection (LTBI) treatment .....	8
Completed LTBI treatment .....	7
Active TB disease .....	3
Completed Active TB Treatment .....	3
Investigation Not A Case .....	14



# Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

## Tobacco & Vaping Cessation

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

The Greene County 2024 Tobacco Compliance Checks, conducted in April-May 2024, involved **129** stores and revealed a **62% compliance rate**, with **49** stores failing to prevent underage tobacco sales. Under supervision, the checks were performed by trained underage purchasers, and **55%** of failed stores did not ask for ID. Follow-up actions included notifying stores of their results, providing information on the Tobacco 21 law, and offering an online training module for those who failed.

To reach our youth, we engaged with **14** students who created Quit Kits including mints, gum, a stress ball, and quit materials. Quit kits were distributed at the Fairfield Commons Mall, engaging with over **140** mallgoers.



This program promotes the Ohio Quit Line as a free resource for those who want to quit. By calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW, participants can access cessation support services.

## Harm Reduction

In 2024, the Harm Reduction program made significant strides in enhancing community safety and advancing overdose prevention efforts. Initial data from 2024 shows a **69% decrease** in overdose deaths in Greene County compared to 2023.

Collaboration among community partners was key in reaching at-risk populations for naloxone distribution. **Fifteen** NaloxBoxes were successfully placed in Beaver Creek City Schools for use during opioid overdose emergencies. In addition to successes in K-12 schools, **five** NaloxBoxes were placed at Wilberforce University. This year, justice-involved individuals also began receiving naloxone upon release from the Greene County Jail. Our agency also took steps to increase barrier-free public access to naloxone with the purchase of outdoor, weather-resistant naloxone cabinets. We look forward to placing these in priority areas throughout Greene County in 2025.

## SafeTrade Syringe Services Program



SafeTrade, our syringe services program, has continued to evolve, demonstrating growth in strategies and supplies that address the safety of people who use drugs and their environment. We have been successfully supplying sterile injection equipment to people who use drugs since 2017 and saw engagement

throughout 2024 following the introduction of safer smoking and snorting kits in 2023. Over **1,200** safer smoking and snorting kits were distributed to participants, which offer a lower-risk alternative to injection, reducing the likelihood of vein damage, infections, and overdose, while still promoting harm reduction by providing individuals with clean, more hygienic supplies.

SafeTrade aims to support individuals who use drugs by promoting their health and reducing the transmission of bloodborne pathogens. We offer HIV, HCV (Hepatitis C), and syphilis testing, counseling, and referrals in addition to providing educational resources on safer drug use, overdose prevention, and access to substance use disorder treatment. The distribution of sterile syringes plays a crucial role in minimizing the risk of infection in people who inject drugs and reduces syringe litter in the community. SafeTrade exchanged **69,646** sterile syringes in 2024, a **20% increase** from 2023.

## Project DAWN

Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) is a network of opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution programs coordinated by the Ohio Department of Health. In 2024, our Project DAWN program distributed **3,761 total kits** of naloxone to the community. **Eighty-four** kits were distributed to first responders including police officers and EMS personnel. A total of **2,698** kits were distributed directly to the community, **400** of which were distributed through our mail order program, which provides naloxone directly to your address, free of charge. To order online, visit: <https://bit.ly/3f2yjJl>. In addition to naloxone, Project DAWN initiatives also include the distribution of fentanyl test strips. In 2024, we distributed approximately **5,126** fentanyl test strips to the community through our mail order program, SafeTrade, and outreach efforts, to name a few.



In 2024, we partnered with Emerge Recovery & Trade Initiative to establish a secondary naloxone distribution site. This partnership helps to increase the distribution of naloxone to people who are in recovery.



# Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, cont'd

## Safe Communities

Safe Communities is a grant-funded, data-driven initiative that aims to reduce preventable crashes by increasing seat belt usage, increasing motorcycle safety awareness, and reducing distracted and impaired driving. In 2024, there were **21** fatalities, a **76% increase** compared to 2023. This was the highest number of fatal crashes since 2019. We attended several events to spread awareness of traffic safety messages, including Blessing of the Bikes at Kil-Kare Speedway, Jamestown Fall Fest, GuardCare, and the Greene County Fair.

### Awareness Events

- We partnered with AAA to hold two Seat Belt Challenges with local high schools. In the spring, Xenia High School won the challenge, with **89.7%** of its students buckled. Bellbrook High School won in the fall, with **95%** of its students buckled. The winning school received \$250 from AAA to enhance safety at the school.
- A ThinkFast Interactive event was held at Fairborn and Cedarville High Schools to educate students on driving techniques.
- The Arrive Alive Tour attended GuardCare, offering participants the opportunity to experience distracted, alcohol-impaired, and drug-impaired driving through a driving simulator.
- The Click It or Ticket Kickoff, which featured the Quick Click Challenge, was held at our office in Xenia.
- The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Kickoff was held at the Trans Am Nationals in Fairborn, followed by a press conference with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (Xenia Post) and Motorcycle Ohio.
- We teamed up with the Central State University Extension Office for our third annual Mocktail Challenge to raise awareness about alcohol-related dangers and impaired driving. Student organizations competed to create the best mocktail, with gift card prizes up to \$200, thanks to the support of State Farm.
- In 2024, Greene County Public Health received Drive to Succeed funding to offer scholarships to high school students to receive driver's education at an affordable cost.



## Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL)



In 2024, after an initial overview project regarding Jamestown, Xenia, and Fairborn in 2023, the HEAL program focused on Safe Routes to Healthy Food sources in Fairborn. The project sought to improve the environment by accessing healthy food in Fairborn by walking, biking, or utilizing public transit. A Fairborn HEAL Planning Committee, with residents and local organizations, was established to determine the needs and priorities of the Fairborn community and guide improvement designs. **Eight** walk audits were completed in the community to assess the walkability and safety of a community, identify barriers to walking, and gather input on improving pedestrian infrastructure. We implemented a public bench and trash receptacle near the Fairborn FISH Food Pantry in the summer. We collaborated with Greene CATS Public Transit, the City of Fairborn, and the Fairborn FISH Food Pantry to install a new sign that notified residents of an additional stop along the Greene CATS route in Fairborn.

## Creating Healthy Communities (CHC)

We were awarded the Creating Healthy Communities grant in June 2024. The vision for this program is to create vibrant Ohio communities where everyone has access to healthy food and opportunities for active living. The first year of this five-year grant, which runs from October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025, will focus on restoring the Greene County Food Council, establishing a Farmers' Market in Xenia, and creating an Active Transportation Plan in Fairborn.



Coming Soon  
to Xenia!

# Environmental Health Services By The Numbers

## Food Inspections, Licenses, Investigations & Plan Reviews

Inspections.....	3,094
Temporary Licenses Issued .....	194
Licenses Issued (incl. vending & mobile) .....	894
Facility Sanitation Concerns Investigated.....	73
Food Plan Reviews.....	107

## Food Protection Training Courses

Students .....	110
Classes .....	7
ServSafe® Exam Sessions/Re-tests .....	5

## Rabies Prevention

Investigations .....	284
Specimens Submitted for Testing .....	11
Positive Cases .....	1



## Body Art

Inspections .....	39
Consultations .....	41

## Plumbing/Sewage/Water

Plumbing Permits Issued .....	2,642
Plumbing Inspections .....	4,042
Private Water Permits Issued .....	71
Sewage Treatment System Permits Issued .....	52

## Mosquito Control

Breeding Sites Evaluated .....	24
Pools Sent for Testing .....	8
Positive Pools .....	2

## Other Inspections & Registrations

School Inspections .....	97
Pool and Spa Inspections .....	427
Trash Disposal Trucks Registered .....	267

# GuardCare: Warriors for Health, August 10-11, 2024

We served **1,028 community members** during this monumental two-day event held August 10-11, 2024 at the Greene County Career Center in Xenia. This set a new standard and broke daily records of patients served at a GuardCare event. The two-day mission delivered approximately **\$604,133.10** in fair market value medical care across the patients. There was extremely high demand for dental and vision services.

## By The Numbers

Medical Services-Vitals/Triage .....	1,028
Physicals/Wellness Exams	
• Served .....	268
• Procedures .....	611
Dental Services	
• Served .....	321
• Procedures .....	1,453
Vision Services	
• Served .....	458
• Procedures .....	1,361
Frame Selection/Eyeglass Fabrication On Site .....	311
Immunization Services - All Ages	
• Served .....	167
• Vaccinations .....	391
Hearing Screenings .....	152
Nutrition Education/Counseling .....	217
Sexual Health/Wellness Tests .....	44
Mental Health Services .....	50
Physical Therapy Services .....	58

## Women and Children Served

• Breastfeeding Consultations .....	7
• WIC Hemoglobin Testing .....	14
• Early Intervention .....	11
• Lead Testing .....	9
• Safe Sleep Education/Cribs for Kids ...	22
• Car Seat Check/Giveaway .....	58
• Child Safety Helmets .....	75
• Mammograms .....	11
• Breast & Cervical Cancer Referrals & Scheduled Mammograms .....	33
• Dolly Parton Imagination Library	
◦ Registered .....	30
◦ Books distributed .....	200

## Who Provided the Services:

• Service Members .....	203
• Greene County Public Health Employees .....	60
• Ohio Department of Health Employees .....	15
• Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers.....	24
• Greene County Career Center Employees .....	15
• Other Agencies from Greene County and Beyond .....	~40

## GuardCare was proudly sponsored by:



**GUARDCARE:**  
**WARRIORS FOR HEALTH**  
 A NO COST HEALTHCARE WEEKEND FOR ALL OHIOANS  
**AUGUST 10-11, 2024**



# Maternal, Child and Infant Health

## Early Intervention

Early Intervention (EI) supports families with children from birth to age three who have developmental concerns. In 2024, Ohio updated its EI rules to ensure children remain eligible for services until age three without needing re-evaluation.

This year, the program assisted many families facing challenges, including domestic violence, while celebrating numerous successes. Families accessed vital community resources, and children made significant developmental progress.

### A Story of Success

In December 2023, the EI team worked with a child with Down Syndrome who was not yet walking and had limited stamina. By August 2024, the child began walking independently and using sign language. This is just one of the many stories showcasing the impact of this program. The mother shared, *"I just wanted to emphasize again that we are so grateful for all the specialized expertise and advocacy our EI team provided. What a blessing our son's EI team was for us!"*



## Early Childhood Home Visiting

The Early Childhood Home Visiting program offers voluntary, intensive parent education through two evidence-based models in Greene County: Healthy Families America (HFA) and the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP).

- **Healthy Families America (HFA):**
  - Four Family Resource/Support Specialists provide parenting education on topics chosen by parents, conduct developmental screenings, and make referrals as needed. Families are served from pregnancy until the child turns three.
- **Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP):**
  - Two NFP nurses offer parenting education, developmental screenings, and assessments for mothers and babies. They deliver in-depth education tailored to family needs.

Both programs are strength-based, building on families' existing resiliency. Additional support includes:

- Participation in the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) incentive program, offering Kroger gift cards for gas and groceries.
- Renewed partnership with HTC (formerly Hannah's Treasure Chest) to provide care packages of clothing, books, toys, and more every three months.

### Program Highlights:

- Hosted an NFP Nurse Practice Manager visit in August 2024, receiving a fidelity letter.
- Conducted a peer review site visit in December 2024, with positive feedback from reviewers and families.

## Baby 'N Me Tobacco Free™

This evidence-based smoking cessation program supported pregnant and postpartum individuals and their partners in quitting smoking, offering up to \$700 per household in gift cards for diapers and wipes. Open to all income levels, it enrolled **2** new participants in 2024 and completed over **30** counseling sessions.

## Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) plays a vital role in our community, providing critical support for low-income families during crucial stages of development. In 2024, we participated in GuardCare providing nutritional information to families, and breastfeeding support to those in need.

## Cribs for Kids®

The Cribs for Kids® program promotes safe infant sleep by providing cribs to families in need. In partnership with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County, **89** cribs were distributed in Greene County in 2024, supporting healthier sleep habits and reducing the risk of sleep-related deaths.

## Disconnect to Connect Coalition (D2C)

This coalition, comprising of professionals from various Greene County organizations, was formed to address concerns about the impact of digital devices on children's mental health and well-being. In March, we hosted Greene County's second Global Day of Unplugging, encouraging the public to disconnect from digital devices for a day to foster meaningful, human connections.

## Complex Medical Help (CMH)

In 2024, the Ohio Department of Health renamed the Children with Medical Handicaps program to Complex Medical Help, retaining the "CMH" acronym. The change reflects the increased age cap for treatment plans, now 25, while diagnostic and service coordination plans remain capped at 21. Our public health nurses supported new applications, renewals, and service payments, connecting families with local resources and community activities.

## Maternal, Child, and Infant Health By the Numbers

EI Total Visits.....	1,532
EI Total Children Served.....	516
HFA Total Home Visits.....	1,150
HFA Families Served Monthly.....	64
NFP Total Home Visits.....	744
NFP Families Served Monthly.....	44
WIC Total Number of Contacts.....	8,470
WIC Average Monthly Caseload, Xenia.....	855
WIC Average Monthly Caseload, Fairborn.....	685
CMH Average Caseload.....	544
New Families Enrolled in CMH.....	277



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