



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Evolving for You



WELCOME



Organized public health services have been in all Ohio communities since the early 1900s. While much has changed in society since those days, the mission and function of your health department has not. We continue to recognize changing health needs and work to build environments that allow residents to prioritize health and well-being. Our service to the public spans more than 100 years, but I can assure you that this agency continues to evolve.

This report is a snapshot of services provided across all divisions of the agency in 2023. I am particularly proud of the “what is new” section that demonstrates our efforts to maintain awareness of community needs and to use new ideas to get resources into the hands of residents. The Health Center was recognized at the federal level for enhancing access to medical care and reducing health disparities. And I am so proud of all the team members who are creating more user-friendly data sheets, building forms that industry can more easily submit, and reducing wait times for services across the board.

I encourage you to follow the work of your local public health agency by signing up for our monthly newsletter. And as always, I welcome your questions, comments, and ideas.

Krista R. Wasowski, LSW, MPH | Health Commissioner

PREVENT



- Vaccines: Medina County Health Department (MCHD) staff held **57 immunization clinics** in a variety of community settings: schools, businesses, long term care facilities, other government agencies, and community events.
- Overdose Prevention: Together with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board, we continue to address the opioid crisis. We distributed **834 naloxone kits, a 27% increase** from 2022. We placed **2 new NaloxBoxes** in Medina and Lodi where residents can now easily pick up free naloxone. Overall, Medina County had **83 overdose reversals** thanks to naloxone.
- Health Center: Served **3,273 total medical and/or dental patients** with a total of **5,422 visits** at our Medina and Wadsworth clinics. The Health Center treats the whole person by providing excellent comprehensive medical care, dental care, and social services. The Health Center received **2 awards** in 2023 from the Health Resource and Services Administration; one for reducing health disparities and another for enhancing healthcare access.



PROMOTE



- Vaping and Tobacco: Health Department staff provided education to **1,900 students** on the harms of using tobacco vaping products. Over **50 presentations** were given to middle and high school students.
- Community Events: Agency staff attended over **35 community events**, reaching approximately **4,900 community residents**. Staff utilized these events to promote Health Department services, healthy behaviors, and helpful resources.
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): WIC continues to provide nutrition education counseling, breastfeeding education and support, and a supplemental nutritious food package. Our WIC program had **4,808 appointments** in 2023 with county residents.
- Farmers' Market: Nearly **200 coupon books** were distributed to WIC participants at this year's MCHD Farmers' Market. Coupons could be used to purchase local vegetables from local farmers.
- Youth Hygiene Kits: MCHD staff distributed **over 900 hygiene kits** to youth-serving organizations throughout Medina County. These kits included a variety of personal hygiene items for both teenage boys and girls.

PROTECT



- Mosquito Education: Our Environmental Health Division provided education on mosquito borne diseases and worked to prevent the spread of these diseases.
 - **15 mosquito trap** locations throughout the county
 - **4,485 mosquitos trapped** and submitted to Ohio Department of Health for testing
 - **348 miles** of road ditches treated to prevent spread of mosquitoes
 - **2,093 catch basins** treated to prevent spread of mosquitoes
- Food Program Inspections: Agency food inspectors protect the public by inspecting restaurants and food establishments to make sure food is properly stored and prepared. A total of **2,445 food program inspections** were done in 2023.
- Sewage Replacement Grant: MCHD was able to **replace 9 failing sewage systems** for Medina County residents.
- Car Seat Inspections: Agency staff provided **86 car seat inspections** revealing a **75% misuse rate** among seats inspected. Corrections were made and education provided to **121 total clients**.
- Newborn Home Visits: Agency nurses completed **52 newborn home visits**. These visits provide parents with an opportunity to ask questions, get breastfeeding support, and receive information on their baby's health, weight, development and safety.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

2023 was a year that allowed us to evolve and begin many other new initiatives to meet the needs of our community:

- Fentanyl test strips program
- New communication outlets with the launch of our Community Newsletter and Public Health Blog
- Food Safety Newsletter in both English and Spanish
- Revitalized outreach to long-term care facilities
- New staff positions to address community needs
- Improvements to our building making it easier for public access

SIGN UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



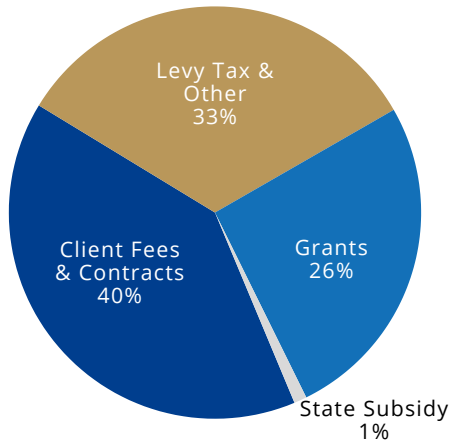
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Revenue

Client fees & contracts	\$4,171,409
Levy tax & other	\$3,417,868
Grants	\$2,688,725
State subsidy	<u>\$123,024</u>
	\$10,401,029

Expenses

Salaries	\$4,676,852
Benefits	\$1,553,464
Contract Services	\$1,466,992
Supplies	\$475,266
Remittances to State	\$247,404
Equipment	\$135,817
Other Expenses	\$130,041
Travel & Training	\$121,083
Advertising & Printing	\$95,721
Utilities	\$38,615
Property/Liability Insurance	\$32,711
Postage	<u>\$29,501</u>
	\$9,003,467



Totals do not represent transfers/advances between funds

BIRTH & DEATH STATISTICS

Leading Causes of Death in Medina County - 2023

1. Heart Disease:	425
2. Cancer	370
3. Cerebrovascular Disease	92
4. Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	83
5. Alzheimer's Disease	75

Births - 2023

- Total Resident Births :**1,637**
- Resident Births in County: **56**
- Resident Births Outside of County: **1,581**

Statistics provided by the Ohio Department of Health and the Medina County Health Department staff epidemiologist. Data is presented by county of residence, not place of death

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Hours of Operations:

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Health Center Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:00 am- 4:30 pm

Tuesday

8:00 am- 7:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

All departments can be reached by dialing 330-723-9688 and selecting the appropriate option number listed.

Health Center

Option 1

Community Health

Option 2

Environmental Health

Option 3

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Option 4

Car Seat Checks

Option 5

Administrative Services

Option 6

Health Commissioner

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