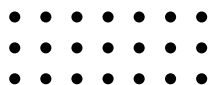


# 2024 Annual Report

Taking Action, Making Impacts



# Welcome

You often hear the adage “it takes a village” or “many hands make light work.” As I reflect on 2024 and the projects highlighted in this annual report I think both of those sayings are fitting. The Health Department takes the lead on controlling disease in our community, but even that task is not done in isolation. We rely on physicians, pharmacies, hospitals, and the public to identify and properly treat illness while public health works to make sure others are not affected. The work we do is in concert with so many others, and I think you will be surprised to see how many partners we work alongside. From law enforcement to mental health providers to other government agencies, non-profits and citizens, we engage and assure that everyone has a voice in not only identifying issues affecting our health, but in the solutions to improving it.



This report is a snapshot of services provided across all divisions of the agency in 2024. I am pleased that our partnerships are being highlighted, and I encourage you to follow the work of your local public health agency by signing up for our monthly newsletter. We welcome your ideas and engagement.

**Krista R. Wasowski, LSW, MPH | Health Commissioner**

## PREVENT



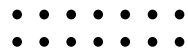
- **Health Center:** Served **3,163 medical and/or dental patients**, with a **total of 5,280 visits** at our Medina and Wadsworth locations. Staff also administered **2,152 vaccines**. The Health Center completed renovations to clinic rooms to better serve our patients and welcomed new dentists to the team!
- **Vaccines:** Community Health nurses held **40 vaccine clinics** in 2024 distributing a total of **1,408 vaccines**. They visited agencies such as The Society and Soprema Senior Center, several schools, homebound individuals and facilities open to the public such as the Brunswick Recreation Center.
- **Harm Reduction:** Agency nurses provided education to **34 agencies** about decreasing risks for communicable disease and preventing overdoses. We distributed **1,181 naloxone kits** to county residents, a **42% increase** from 2023. There were **3 new NaloxBoxes** placed at the Brunswick Recreation Center, A New Day, and the Veterans Service Office.
- **Infection Prevention:** Communicable Disease staff launched an **Infection Prevention Workgroup** to bring together nurses and staff who care for some of our most vulnerable residents in long-term care and other congregate settings. This group will meet twice per year for training and networking with the goal of providing resources and support to Medina County caregivers.
- **Complex Medical Help Program:** Through the CHM program, public health nurses support families, connect them with resources, and assist with out-of-pocket expenses. In 2024, nurses had a combined caseload of over **350 Medina County children**. They also visited approximately **75 families** in their home.

### Community Newsletter



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# PROMOTE

- **Community Events:** Agency staff attended over **55 community events**, reaching approximately, **11,960 community residents**. Staff utilized these events to promote Health Department services and helpful resources.
- **Tobacco and Vaping:** Health educators facilitated **28 presentations** to middle and high school students, educating **1,061 students** on the harms of tobacco and vaping products.
- **Newborn Home Visits:** Agency nurses completed **67 newborn home visits**, introducing free Bundle of Joy packages to parents.
- **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):** Our WIC program had **4,971 appointments** in 2024, providing nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and supplemental nutritious food packages. Working with community partners, WIC expanded its clinic locations in 2024 to now include **Medina, Wadsworth, Brunswick, and Lodi**.
- **Farmer's Market:** **13 community agencies, 9 MCHD program areas, and 3 WIC farm vendors** (Root 42 Harvests, Richardson Farms, and Cossel Farms) provided services at the 2024 farmer's market. **163 benefit booklets** were distributed to WIC participants—these booklets contain coupons for local produce.
- **2024 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Spotlight:** Our 2024 CHIP was developed identifying two priority areas: **Mental Health and Addiction** and **Chronic Disease Prevention**. This was a collaborative process including a community survey with input from **728 residents, 24 coalition members** (representing 18 community agencies) providing input on priority areas, and **8 coalition members** ranking priorities based on impact and feasibility.



# PROTECT

- **Food Program Inspections:** Agency food inspectors conducted a total of **2,500 food inspections** and issued **1,034 Retail Food Establishment & Food Service Operations licenses**.
- **Mosquito Prevention:** Our Environmental Health division continued to prevent the spread of mosquito borne diseases throughout the county.
  - **17 mosquito trap** locations
  - **6,190 mosquitoes trapped** and submitted to the Ohio Department of Health for testing
  - **998.5 miles** of roadside ditches treated
  - **1,585 catch basins** treated
- **Sewage Replacement:** MCHD staff inspected and approved the replacement of **163 sewage systems** throughout the county.
- **Car Seat Inspections:** Agency staff provided **89 car seat inspections** revealing a **69% misuse rate**. **143 total car seats** were installed, including **54 Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB)** seats. Spanish and Ukrainian translation is now available during inspections.
- **Community Blood Drives:** Partnered with American Red Cross to host **2 community blood drives** collecting **65 units of blood** (goal of 54 units), serving **63 total donors**.



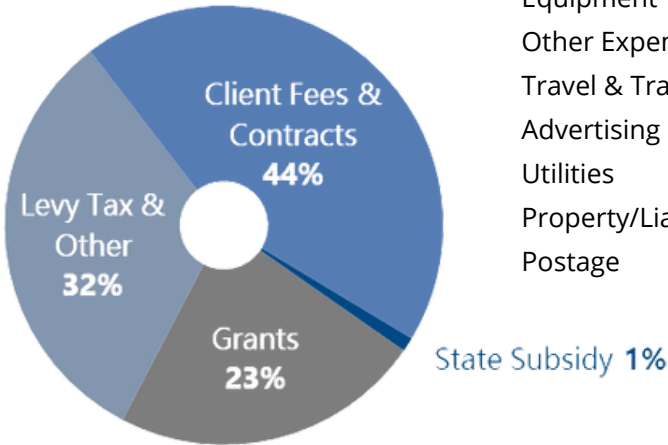
# 2024 Financial Report

## Revenue

Client fees & Contracts	\$4,792,335
Levy Tax & Other	\$3,470,708
Grants	\$2,499,377
State Subsidy	<u>\$116,603</u>
	<b>\$10,879,023</b>

## Expenses

Salaries	\$5,207,089
Benefits	\$1,683,360
Contract Services	\$1,975,388
Supplies	\$465,142
Remittances to State	\$252,587
Equipment	\$54,713
Other Expenses	\$123,603
Travel & Training	\$111,798
Advertising & Printing	\$49,194
Utilities	\$38,139
Property/Liability Insurance	\$35,985
Postage	<u>\$28,498</u>
	<b>\$10,025,496</b>



## 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

Krista Wasowski, MSW, MPH

## Board Members

Todd Supeck  
President, Township Representative

Thomas Lehner, MD, FAFP  
Vice President, Board Physician

Pat Berry  
City of Wadsworth Representative

Robert Romeyn  
Licensing Council

Morgan Jones  
City of Brunswick Representative

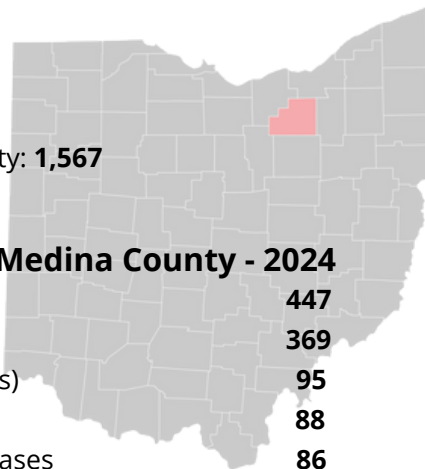
Jeffrey Esterburg, DDS  
City of Medina Representative

Brian Vinborg  
Township Representative

# Birth & Death Statistics

## Births - 2024

- Total Resident Births: **1,625**
- Resident Births in County: **58**
- Resident Births Outside of County: **1,567**



## Leading Causes of Death in Medina County - 2024

1. Heart Diseases	<b>447</b>
2. Cancer (Malignant Neoplasms)	<b>369</b>
3. Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	<b>95</b>
4. Cerebrovascular Diseases	<b>88</b>
5. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	<b>86</b>

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

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