



2014 Geauga County General Health District Annual Report

The Geauga County Health District is dedicated to improving public health by **monitoring**, **educating** and **promoting** community and environmental health services in Geauga County, Ohio.

A Note from the Health Commissioner

The Geauga County General Health District has taken steps to address the cost of children's vaccinations that could be as high as a half million dollars annually. Fortunately, we averted this crisis by partnering with a third party vaccine supplier. This delayed a potentially disastrous situation but did not eliminate the threat. We must continually resort to additional measures to assure these vaccines are available. As with all governmental agencies, we must keep an open mind of how we can best assist the residents and provide quality services.

Once again, Geauga County has been ranked #1 by the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation as the healthiest county in Ohio. This ranking is something to be proud of and signifies that the people of Geauga County are serious about health issues.

The new household sewage treatment rules became effective on January 1, 2015. The previous state rules were 27 pages long; the new rules are over 125 pages. The new sewage rules will require changes in the way sewage systems are installed throughout the State of Ohio. The rules are posted on the Ohio Department of Health website and a link is provided on our website.

We are always updating our regional plan to address any public disaster and continue working in conjunction with a defined regional group with other counties. Disaster preparedness is a necessary component to assure all residents that our public health infrastructure will be able to meet the needs of the community should it ever be needed.

We are being faced with financial challenges and consistent changes to every state mandated program. The rules are more in-depth and with many new requirements that must be met in order to become licensed to operate in Ohio. Some requirements placed upon the local health districts, such as accreditation, may force smaller health districts to consolidate. This is a whole new mindset for a state which has been based on the principle of "home rule." Accreditation review of each health district is to begin in 2016 and every local health district must be accredited by 2020 as required by ORC. This endeavor has already cost local health districts huge financial expenditures and may require additional staff members to meet the requirement. Residents are losing much of the home rule control in addition to the having the increased cost of requiring to hire additional staff to meet this obligation.



Robert K. Weisdack
Health Commissioner



Residential Sewage Treatment

The Geauga County Health District regulates household sewage treatment systems for one, two, and three family residences in Geauga County. Approximately 70% of the homes in the county utilize individual household sewage systems. In 2014, the health district issued 392 permits for sewage systems, including new homes and replacement systems for existing homes.

A sewage permit must be obtained from the health district prior to the installation or alteration of the sewage system. Prior to issuance of a permit, the health district staff conducts a site evaluation to determine the location and type of system which can be installed on the property. Sewage systems are inspected at the time of installation to assure compliance with the sewage rules. All homes sold in Geauga County that have a household sewage system are required to have a point of sale inspection by the health district.

2014 New & Alteration Permits	
# of Permits	Type of Sewage System
208	Septic tanks followed by leach trenches
4	Pre-treatment followed by leach trenches
15	Septic tank to drip distribution
1	Pre-treatment to drip distribution
132	EPA NPDES permit to discharge
8	Septic tank/pretreatment to a mound
6	Miscellaneous
18	Alteration Permits
392	Total Permits

2014 For Sale of Property Inspections					
System type	Total	Pass	Mal-function	% Pass	% Mal-function
Off-lot discharging systems					
1000 Gallon tank & filter bed	27	4	23	15%	85%
2-1000 gallon tanks & subsurface sand filter	23	16	7	70%	30%
NSF Class 1 Aerator, Surface Sand filter & disinfection	26	26	0	100%	0%
NPDES off-lot systems	15	7	8	47%	53%
On-lot dispersal systems					
2-1000 gallon tanks & split trench fields	341	311	30	90%	10%
2-1000 gallon tanks & 500' trench (pre-1982)	125	99	26	79%	21%
Miscellaneous	25	17	8	68%	32%
Total system inspections	577				

New household sewage treatment system rules became effective in the State of Ohio on January 1, 2015. The staff is in the process of implementing the new rules in Geauga County.

The health district maintains records on systems installed in the county. Homeowners can obtain information on the type and location of their sewage system. The Environmental Health staff is available to homeowners who would like information about sewage systems.

The department maintains an active nuisance complaint program for sewage and other complaints. Complaints must be submitted in writing and signed. Complaints are investigated and, if the complaint is justified, orders will be issued to obtain compliance.

The health district licenses and inspects semi-public sewage systems that treat less than 25,000 gallons of sewage effluent per day. This includes about 140 extended aeration commercial systems and 550 commercial septic tank systems.

Environmental Health Services Summary 2014

Plumbing Permits	359
Plumbing Inspections.....	848
Private Water System Permits	178
Private Water System	
Samples/Inspections.....	649
Semi-Public Sewage Certificates	492
Semi-Public Sewage Inspections	72
Sewage Permits.....	391
Sewage Inspections	704
Sewage Lot Evaluations	394
Sewage Lot Evaluations Inspections ..	592
Service Provider Registration	15
For Sale of Property Requests.....	613
For Sale of Property Inspections.....	2,067
Solid/Infectious Waste Inspections ...	111
Animal Bite Investigations	187
Rabies Specimens Processed	38
Positive Rabies Cases in Animals	0
County & State Camp Inspections	131
Nuisance Complaint Inspections.....	268
School Inspections	123
Swimming Pool & Spa Inspections	115

Food Safety Program

Mobile, Temp & Vending Permits	171
FSO & RFE Permits.....	396
Food Service Operation Inspect.....	972
Vending Machine Inspections	30
Retail Food Establishment Inspect	320
Mobile & Temporary Inspections	149

Private Water Systems

The Geauga County Health District regulates private water systems in the county through the enforcement of the PWS rules, Ohio Administrative Code Sections 3701-28-01 through 3701-28-19. New private water systems rules became effective on April 1, 2011. These rules regulate the siting of the well, drilling, alterations, installation of the components, and sampling of the water and sealing of abandoned water wells. Water well drillers and private water system contractors are required to be registered and bonded with the Ohio Department of Health.



A permit is required for the installation, alteration or sealing of a private water system. In 2014, the Health District issued 146 new well permits, 21 alteration permits and 8 sealing permits. All new private water systems are required to be sampled for coliform bacteria and nitrates. The water systems are approved after the system is inspected and tested. There must be an acceptable level of coliform bacteria prior to using the water system for human use.

The fresh water supply in Geauga County is found in the rock formations beneath the surface of the ground. This provides the water we need for everyday use. The Private Water System program is designed to protect our valuable ground water resources and to assure that our drinking water is safe.

Homeowners who are concerned about their water well and the drilling of gas and oil wells near their water well, should seriously consider having their water well tested before the gas and oil wells are drilled. This information will provide a baseline of their water quality prior to gas and oil wells being drilled. This information is important should the water quality change after a gas or oil well is drilled. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Ohio Division of Natural Resources has a list of recommended parameters for testing a well to establish background water quality.

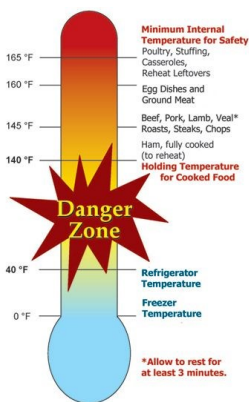
Food Program Division

The goal of the Food Safety Division of the Geauga County Health District is to ensure that safe and wholesome food is provided to the public. This is achieved by providing effective and reliable enforcement, information sharing, service, and education to the public and food facility operators. Locations that sell food to the public such as restaurants, grocery stores, mobile food stands, temporary food stands, farmer's markets, and vending machines must fulfill the requirements set forth in the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code. A license is purchased from the Geauga County Health District and inspections are routinely conducted to ensure compliance with the rules of the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code. Inspection frequency is based upon state law and is determined by risk classification of the facility. Areas addressed during an inspection include staff hygiene, food handling, physical facilities, and general sanitation practices. This includes, but not limited to correct food storage and preparation, employee work practices and cleanliness, proper operation of equipment, and general cleanliness and maintenance of the food facility.



In addition to educating the operators of the food facilities during inspections and completing several personalized consultations, our department offered a ServSafe seminar on food safety. We held the ServSafe seminar on March 26th and 27th, 2014 at our office. This class is designed to give restaurant staff and managers the knowledge to make their food facilities a safer place for their customers. The Food Safety Division staff also provides education to the public and investigates foodborne illnesses. When a food borne outbreak is suspected, it is investigated, food and stool specimens are collected, and laboratory tests are conducted.

Each inspector in the Food Safety Division takes a minimum of eighteen hours of accredited continuing education classes each year, and routinely works with the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture for updates on rule changes and state or nationwide recalls of food products. The Food Safety Division staff also attends The Northeast Ohio Food Roundtable meetings, where state and local health inspectors discuss public health issues that may affect Northeast Ohio.



This year both the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Department of Health performed routine surveys of the Food Safety Program. These surveys determine whether the Geauga County Health District is carrying out the mandated program requirements as set forth in the Ohio Revised and Administrative Codes. The surveys include a field portion and an office portion. The field portion concentrates on the inspector's knowledge and the licensed food establishment's compliance of the food code. The office portion concentrates on performance standards such as inspection frequency and cost methodologies for the funding of the Food Division Program. The results of both surveys concluded the Geauga County Health District met the requirements to earn an endorsement by both state agencies as the licenser for Geauga County Ohio.

Solid Waste Program



The Geauga County Health District (GCHD) works in cooperation with the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) to enforce solid waste regulations throughout the county. The health department regulates and inspects scrap tire generators, infectious waste generators, compost sites, and investigates solid waste nuisance complaints. A solid waste transfer station is located in Hambden Township. The health department also works with Sheriff Deputy, Michael Matsik, as part of the Environmental Law Enforcement Program.

In 2014, the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District held several one-day events, including appliances, household hazardous waste, document destruction and electronic waste collections. The following were collected in Geauga County for recycling:

Acids/bases.....1,135 pounds	Fluorescent bulbs.....312 units
Aerosol cans.....1,178 cans	Lead batteries.....483 pounds
Appliances.....11,080 pounds	Motor oil.....750 gallons
Freon-bearing appliances.....89 units	Paint.....55,489 pounds
Bulk fuels (solvents).....5,450 pounds	Pesticides\Herbicides....3,352 pounds
Document destruction.....7,106 pounds	Propane tanks.....97 units
Electronic waste.....4,802 pounds	Scrap tires.....102,020 pounds

There are 16 drop-off recycling locations within Geauga County. The Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District operates the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Facility at their office located at 5738 Enterprise Boulevard in Warren, Ohio. The facility is open to all Geauga County residents on Wednesdays beginning May 6, 2015 to October 28, 2015 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. In 2015, the facility will also be open to residents on the first Saturday in June, August and October from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Microwaves are now accepted. Televisions are accepted for an additional fee.



The Personal Health Services Division of the Geauga County Health District is responsible for maintaining a healthy and prepared community through various programs. Our focus is on prevention, and many of our services are offered at different locations throughout the county, as well as limited home visits. The following is a summary of our programs and those who are served through them.

2015 Children's Immunization Clinics

Free to Geauga County residents regardless of income.

Chardon

Gauga County Health District
470 Center St. # 8, Chardon, OH 44024
1st Wednesday - 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Chardon Evening

Gauga County Health District
470 Center St. #8, Chardon, OH 44024
2nd Thursday - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Middlefield

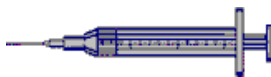
St. Lucy Mission
16280 Kinsman Rd. (Rt. 87 East of 608)
Middlefield, OH 44062
2nd Wednesday - 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
3rd Wednesday - 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Middlefield Evening

St. Lucy Mission
16280 Kinsman Rd. (Rt. 87 East of 608)
Middlefield, OH 44062
3rd Thursday - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
No Clinic in November

Troy

Troy Community Center
13950 Main Market Burton, OH 44021
4th Wednesday in February, April, June,
August and October - 9 AM—11:30 AM



Friday Morning Clinic Adult Immunizations TB Testing Blood Pressure Screening

Gauga County Health District
470 Center St. #8, Chardon, OH 44024
Fridays — 8:30 am to 11:00 am

There are no clinics on federal holidays
Inclement weather: when local schools
are closed where the children and
adolescent clinic is scheduled, they are
cancelled as well.

Children's Services

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh): BCMh is an Ohio Department of Health (ODH) program, with the goal of assuring that children with special health care needs receive comprehensive coordinated care. Public health nurses are the local contact for families and provide early identification, evaluation, and referral for qualifying children from birth to 21 years of age. Families receive culturally competent services from public health nurses and services include child assessments, developing care plans, health promotion, and advocacy. In 2014, the public health nurses made 58 home visits to children who qualified for this program.

Immunization Clinics for Children and Adolescents: Public health nurses hold six monthly child and adolescent immunization clinics at four locations in Geauga County. These are walk-in clinics that require no appointment. Immunizations have been free of charge to Geauga County residents, although this practice will change in 2015. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) supplies some of the vaccines for these clinics. In 2014, the nurses administered 5,003 immunizations to 1,887 children at 69 clinics, not including flu shots.

Lead Program: The Personal Health Services (PHS) division and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) collaborate to provide prevention and remediation services to children with Elevated Blood Lead (EBL). Public health nurses conduct case management activities, including contacting families of children with elevated lead levels, and providing educational/medical recommendations or guidance. ODH conducts surveillance activities. Lead level screenings are provided to children at WC clinics and in other high-risk situations. In 2014, 112 lead screenings were conducted and nurses provided extensive education and oversight for a child with elevated blood levels.

Maternal/Newborn Home Visiting: Public health nurses visit new mothers and their infants upon the request of the family or physician. A home visit includes an evaluation of the mother's recovery, assessment of the infant's early growth and development, detailed education on a variety of preventive health issues, and referrals to other community agencies when indicated. In 2014, the nurses made 88 home visits to families in the county, and collected blood specimens on one newborn for genetic screening.

School Services: The Health District provides public health nurses to assist with health record management, vision screenings, and health care referrals for Geauga County schools with less than 100 students. In 2014, nurses visited 41 of the 45 parochial schools in Geauga County providing service to 1,871 students. Public health nurses network with local school nurses at public and private schools, regarding outbreak surveillance, vaccination for students, and information related to child health issues. Public health nurses also meet with public school nurses twice a year to collaborate on related issues.

SUIDS Home Visits: The Health District information and referral services to bereaved families, offers family members the opportunity to express feelings surrounding the death of an infant, in a safe and non-judgmental environment. No support visits were required by Geauga County staff in 2014. The nursing director did participate in the first Infant Mortality Summit in Ohio. The Summit was held to prevent SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) and SUIDS (Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Syndrome) deaths in Ohio, 11th highest SUIDS rate in the nation. Education is provided at all clinics and newborn home visits, and "this side up" onesies distributed as a reminder for the safe sleep position.

Vision Program: The Geauga County Health District partners with Prevent Blindness Ohio, in an effort to provide a Vision Service Plan (VSP) to qualifying families in Geauga County. Families include those without insurance and do not qualify for federal aid. Public health nurses identify a family in need and arrange for VSP service. This plan provides an eye examination by a licensed optometrist who can prescribe glasses. In 2014, 426 family contacts were made resulting in 295 children visiting VSP providers.

Well Child Services: The Health District provides well child clinics for children whose families meet certain financial guidelines or lack adequate health insurance. The nurses screen children's development, dental, lead, anemia, vision, hearing, and nutrition status. At the clinics health education is provided to family members, a licensed physician performs physical exams, and public health nurses counsel and administer immunizations. This service is supported by funding from the ODH's Child and Family Health Services (CFHS) grant. In 2014, there were 23 well child clinics providing service to 360 children.

Adult Services

Communicable Disease Investigation: The Personal Health Services (PHS) division provides surveillance of communicable diseases reported in Geauga County, in compliance with the Ohio Department of Health Infectious Disease reporting requirements and CDC recommendations. The disease surveillance specialist and public health nurses perform investigations of diseases that pose a public health threat due to their communicability or virulence. PHS collaborates with the Environmental Health (EH) division when a food borne illness outbreak is suspected. In addition, PHS division provides information and data collection for any possible or confirmed vector-borne disease in collaboration with EH, such as West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease, and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, to name just a few. In 2014, the health district investigated 352 illness and disease reports, including one extensive food borne illness outbreak. Additionally, public education was provided at several health fairs held in 2014.

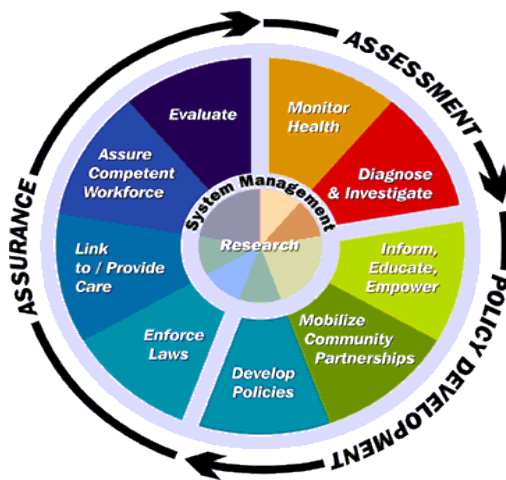
Immunization/Blood Pressure Clinics for Adults: The Personal Health Services (PHS) division holds clinic every Friday at the Health District office for adult immunizations and blood pressure screenings by public health nurses. Seasonal flu vaccine clinics are held at different sites throughout the county. Blood pressure screenings are provided at no charge, while the cost of adult immunizations is determined by the Board of Health, based on the cost plus a modest administration charge. In 2014 the nursing division administered 419 adult immunizations, 908 flu shots, and 659 blood pressure readings.

Maternity Licensing Survey: The Personal Health Services division may send a representative to the annual maternity licensure survey of the local hospital and birthing center. This survey is conducted by the Ohio Department of Health. The Board of Health is usually presented with the survey results to review for input towards the approval or denial of re-licensure for each of these facilities. The PHS division is also responsible for investigating any complaints received regarding the maternity facilities. In 2014, the Middlefield Care Center birthing center and UH Geauga Medical Center completed their licensing surveys.

Senior Services: The Health District sends a public health nurse on a weekly bases to the Geauga Multi-purpose Senior Center. This is funded by the Title III/Community Block Grant managed by the Department on Aging. Nurses provided blood pressure screening and were available to provide health education to adult day care clients and to the general senior population at the senior center. Services were provided to 341 seniors.

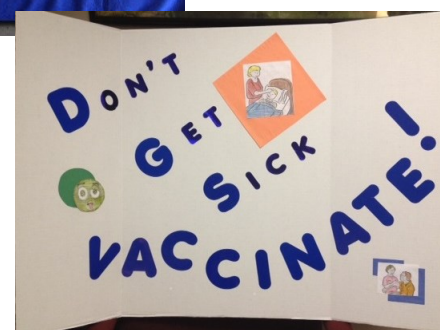
Tuberculosis Control: In accordance with Ohio law, the health district promotes Tuberculosis (TB) control and containment in Geauga County by screening high-risk populations, contact investigation, maintaining a register of positive reactors, and following through with suitable treatment for individuals. Nurses perform routine TB tests at the Health District office and during visits at some residential facilities. In 2014, the PHS nurses administered 184 TB tests with no positive reactors. The medical director held TB clinic for several high risk residents in 2014.

Hepatitis B: A follow up to a possible Hepatitis B exposure for employees of a local business was addressed by nurses this year when an individual with Hepatitis B was identified in a work setting. Hepatitis B vaccination was provided, on-site, for over 50 individuals. The first and second in a series of 3 vaccinations were provided in the previous year and follow up was completed with the third dose this year, completing the series for most of those employees. Subsequently, new employees will attend the Friday morning clinic for prophylactic Hepatitis B vaccination in the future.



Personal Health Services Summary 2014

Illness and Disease Reports.....	352
Tuberculosis Tests Administered	184
TB positive reactors	0
Newborn Home Visits.....	88
Well Child Clinics.....	23
Well Child Service Visits.....	360
Parochial School Visits	37
Parochial Students Seen	1,871
Vision Service Plan Referrals	295
Vision Service Plan Visits	426
BCM Home Visits	58
Adult Immunizations Admin	419
Children's Immunizations Clinics.....	69
Children's Immunizations	6,003
Children Immunized	1,887
Senior Clinic Visits at Sr. Centers....	341
Senior Clinic HD Office	659
Flu Shots (adult/childrens).....	908
Pregnancy Testing	2



Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The Geauga County General Health District continues to be actively involved in emergency preparedness planning for our entire county. We coordinate our plans with the other Northeast Ohio health departments, hospitals, emergency services, law enforcement, fire departments, schools, the American Red Cross and other related agencies. This planning prepares staff for responding to a wide range of emergencies such as: natural disasters, severe weather conditions, environmental emergencies, chemical disasters, disease outbreaks and mass casualties.

In 2014, the health district staff was involved in the following emergency planning projects: Continued to train staff and Medical Reserve Corp volunteers on incident command, communication methods, emergency notifications, MARCS Radios, Incident Command System job action guides, and setting up and running a Point of Dispensing (POD) site.

Being prepared for any emergency, whether it is a house fire, power outage, snowstorm, disease pandemic or terrorist attack requires planning. We urge members of the Geauga County community to take the time to work out a disaster plan and to gather supplies to keep in your home and workplace. It is important to include your household members in this plan so that everyone will know what to do, where to go, and how to communicate in an emergency.



Communicable Disease Investigation

The Personal Health Services (PHS) division provides surveillance of communicable diseases reported in Geauga County in compliance with the Ohio Department of Health Infectious Disease reporting requirements and CDC (Center for Disease Control) recommendations. The Epidemiology Director, disease surveillance specialist assistant and public health nurses perform investigations on diseases that pose a public health threat due to their communicability or virulence. PHS collaborates with the Environmental Health (EH) division when a food borne illness outbreak is suspected. In addition, the PHS provides information and data collection for any possible or confirmed vector-borne disease in collaboration with EH. Included in this category of diseases is West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease, and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, to name just a few. In 2014, the health district investigated 352 reports of communicable disease were 33% included vaccine preventable diseases, 33% included STD's (sexually transmitted disease), 14% included food and waterborne diseases and 20% were miscellaneous such as non-vaccine preventable diseases and viruses. For comparison, 2014 the health district investigated 352 reports of communicable disease. Rabies case management is also managed with collaboration between PHS and EH were EH tracks animal bites and collects specimens to send to the ODH Lab. Human rabies exposures are followed by PHS with collaboration from EH. In 2014, the health district processed thirty-eight rabies specimens with no positive results.

In October 2014, Geauga County Health District became directly involved with Ebola when three Geauga County residents who were airline passengers on flight from Dallas to Cleveland were potentially exposed to Ebola. Following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and Ohio Department of Health guidelines, the Geauga County Health District staff closely monitored these three residents twice a day for 23 days.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

WIC, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, is a fundamental part of Ohio's public health system and is intended to reach income eligible pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women and infants and children up to the age of 5, who have a health or nutritional risk. The Geauga WIC program provides nutritious foods, supplemental infant formula, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and education. In addition, WIC offers health screenings, referral services to prenatal and pediatric health care, and human service programs. Nutrition education and counseling is provided by licensed dietitians on staff. In 2014, Geauga WIC had 509 new applicants, 1100 re-applicants, and 1,727 nutrition education visits. The Geauga WIC 2014 Farmers Market Nutrition Program supported local farmers by offering \$8,640 in coupons for Ohio grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

In 2014, Geauga County WIC had one of the highest breastfeeding initiation rates in Ohio, with an average of 70% of WIC mothers breastfeeding their babies at birth. Emphasis is placed on the benefits of breastfeeding to all participating pregnant women. Thirty-one pregnant women attended breastfeeding classes held monthly in Chardon and Middlefield. A Bonding with Breastfeeding support group meets bimonthly at the Middlefield library, and is open to all Geauga County residents. Sixty-six attendees participated in special events through the support group. Education and support is provided by a certified lactation consultant and trained health professionals. WIC also offers a Peer Helper Program which provides mother to mother support. Our Peer Helper provided breastfeeding support to 162 pregnant moms and 121 breastfeeding moms in 2014. Throughout the year Geauga WIC loaned breast pumps to support 13 moms returning to work or school and assisted other WIC moms in getting breast pumps through their health insurance.

Several events to celebrate Breastfeeding Awareness Month were organized by Geauga WIC. Geauga WIC hosted its 4th Annual Geauga WIC Breastfeeding Walk and Picnic led by Sheriff McClelland and Midge. Thirty-five participants enjoyed a pizza party and prizes donated by local businesses. Geauga WIC also provided breastfeeding reference books to area obstetricians.

Geauga WIC and University Hospitals Rainbow Injury Prevention Center collaborated to offer low cost car seats to WIC families. In addition, Geauga WIC offers free car seat inspections to any Geauga County resident. Geauga WIC provided 30 car seats and 17 community car seat inspections in 2014 through our certified car seat technician. This was the highest number of community car seat inspections since this program was initiated in 2007.

Geauga WIC has clinics in Chardon and in Middlefield. More information is available online at <http://geaugacountyhealth.org> or by contacting Geauga WIC at (440) 279-1936.



2014 Financial Report

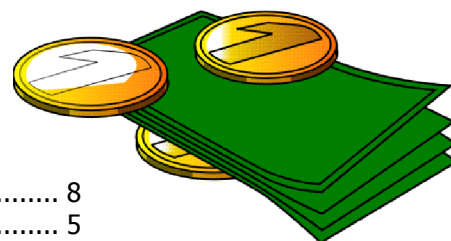
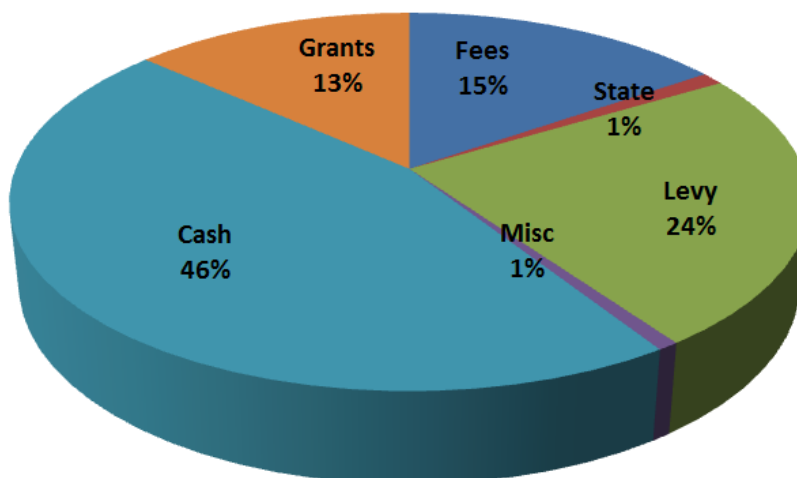
Revenue

Fees	\$ 362,215
Township Assessment.....	0
State Subsidy	25,169
Levy	556,123
Miscellaneous.....	17,935
Cash Carryover	1,073,945
Grant Reimbursements	315,755
Total Receipts	\$ 2,353,156

Expenditures

Personnel Costs	\$ 1,156,361
Repair & Maintenance	4,682
Supplies	17,898
Vaccine	6,771
Equipment.....	70,572
Travel & Training	10,500
Advertising & Printing.....	696
Remit to State	64,541
Contracts	43,964
Liability, Legal & State Audit	13,667
Other	20,786
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,410,438
Grant Revenues	411,295
Grant Expenditures	409,275

Revenue



Employees by Division

Personal Health Services	8
Administration & Vital Statistics	5
Environmental Health	12
Women, Infant, Children.....	4
Total Employees.....	29

Vital Statistics

The Geauga County Health District Office of Vital Statistics records all birth and death occurrences in Geauga County.

In 2014, there were 1,273 births including 624 females and 649 males. Of these, 1,113 were born at UH Geauga Medical Center, 144 were born at Middlefield Care Center, and 16 were home births. There were three less births in 2014 than in 2013.

In 2014, there were 762 deaths recorded in Geauga County, which is an increase of 31 from 2013. In 2014, there were two child fatalities and seven fetal deaths. The Child Fatality Review Board meets annually to review deaths of anyone under 18-years old.

The Medical Director reviewed 756 death certificates and compiled the following leading causes of death in Geauga County:

2014 Leading Causes of Death

Heart Diseases (Cardio/vascular)	208
Neurologic (Dementia 120, Stroke 42)	180
Cancer (Lung 34, Breast 19)	136
Infection (Pneumonia 53, Sepsis 22)	75
Pulmonary (COPD)	32

Certified copies of birth and death records are available at our office or by mail for \$23 each payable by cash, check, or money order. Credit and debit cards can be used for telephone orders only, but not at the service counter, and they incur a \$7.00 per order processing fee.

Geauga County General Health District

Health District Advisory Council

Composed of chairpersons of Township Trustees and Mayors of Villages and Cities, oversees the appointment of Board of Health members and reviews reports and finances of the Health District. Gerald Mitchell, President; Erwin Leffel, Secretary.

Board of Health

One Board member is appointed annually for a five year term. Board members serve as advocates for public health services and programs. This Board is a quasi-judicial, policy development body tasked with determining, setting and monitoring public health policy. They are responsible for adopting the annual budget and ensuring adequate funding for the Health District.



J. David Benenati
Chester Township, Term Expires 2016



Dr. Denis Rubal
Munson Township, Term Expires 2015



Timothy Goergen, President
Hambden Township, Term Expires 2018



David Gragg
Newbury Township, Term Expires 2017



Christina Livers, Pro-Tem
Russell Township, Term Expires 2019



Robert K. Weisdack, RS, MA, MPH
Health Commissioner / Environmental Health Director



J. Bradley Moritz, M.D.
Medical Director



Personal Health Services (440) 279-1950

- Adult Immunization Clinics
- BCMH Home Visits
- Children & Adolescent Immunization Clinics
- Communicable Disease Surveillance
- Illness & Disease Reporting
- Influenza (seasonal & pandemic flu) Clinics
- Health Promotion & Education
- Maternal & Newborn Home Visits
- School Health Services & Coordination
- Senior Clinics & Health Education
- TB Testing & Surveillance
- Walk-in Pregnancy Testing
- Well Child Clinics
- Women, Infant's & Children (WIC)



Environmental Health Division (440) 279-1900

- Animal Bite Investigation
- County & State Camp Inspections
- Nuisance Complaint Investigations
- Plumbing Permits & Inspections
- Potable Water Hauler Permits & Inspections
- Private Water Well Permits & Inspections
- Rabies Prevention & Surveillance
- Retail Food Establishment Inspections
- Restaurant / Food Service Inspections
- Temporary & Mobile Food Service Inspections
- School Environmental Inspections
- Semi-Public Sewage Certificates & Inspections
- Septage Land Application Site Inspections
- Septic Tank Cleaner Permits & Inspections
- Sewage Treatment Permits & Inspections
- For Sale of Property Inspections
- Solid & Infectious Waste Inspections
- Swimming Pool Inspections
- Tattoo & Body Piercing Permits & Inspections
- Vending Machine Inspections



Vital Statistics (440) 279-1902

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Burial Permits

Administration

- Registrar
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- Computer Systems Support
- Community Health Assessment
- Accreditation Preparation
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