



# SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

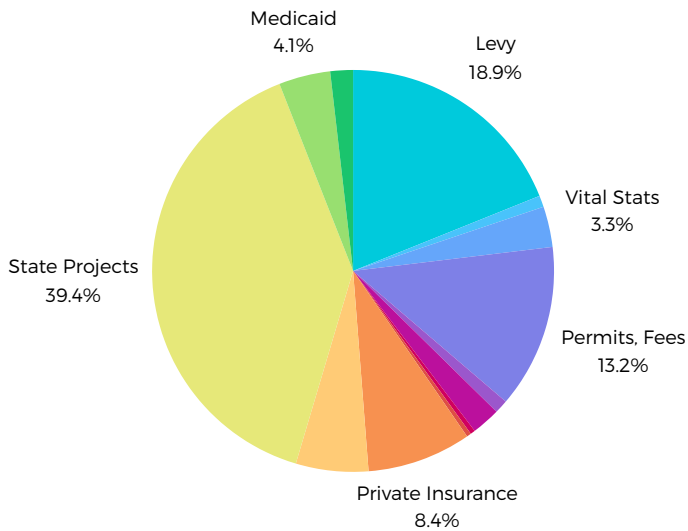
## ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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# FINANCE

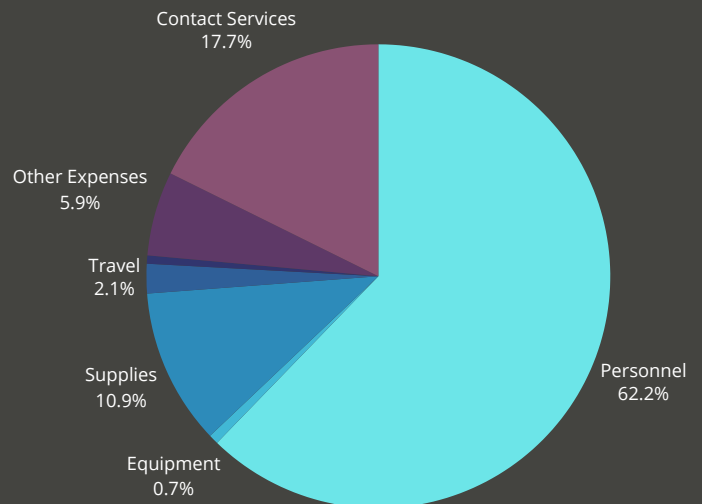
## ANNUAL REVENUE \$4,074,865.77



LEVY	\$644,245.77
STATE SUBSIDY	\$31,345.39
VITAL STATS	\$111,161.40
PERMITS/ FEES	\$448,768.65
SUBDIVISIONS	\$37,025.00
CONTRACTS	\$78,300.25
PATIENT FEES	\$13,172.65
MEDICARE	\$12,210.13
PRIVATE INSURANCE	\$258,253.65
LOCAL PROJECTS	\$198,558.28
FEDERAL PROJECTS	\$668,080.58
STATE PROJECTS	\$1,343,409.65
MEDICAID	\$141,257.47
OTHER	\$62,079.90

## ANNUAL EXPENSES \$3,399,938.06

PERSONNEL	\$2,116,316.47
EQUIPMENT	\$23,079.71
SUPPLIES	\$370,080.32
TRAVEL	\$69,837.36
UTILITIES/ MAINTENANCE	\$19,547.39
OTHER EXPENSES	\$199,696.49
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$601,380.32



# OVERVIEW

## ABOUT THE SCPH

Sandusky County Public Health (SCPH) is a local health department that is located in Fremont, Ohio, Sandusky County. SCPH serves as Sandusky County’s local surveillance, epidemiological investigation, prevention, response, and mitigation agency for infectious disease threats. SCPH strives to protect and improve the health of our community. We do this by controlling the spread of communicable diseases, preventing injuries, protecting residences and visitors of Sandusky County from environmental hazards, supporting health behaviors, and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies. To do this SCPH follows the 10 essential public health functions. This is shown in the wide range of programs and departments that are housed at SCPH. These departments and programs are committed to the health and safety of all individuals who live, learn, work, or play in Sandusky County.

SCPH is one of 89 out of 113 accredited local health departments in the state of Ohio. SCPH has been accredited since 2018 through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).





### Strategic Plan



The Strategic Plan aligns with both the 2020-2023 SHIP and 2023-2026 Sandusky County CHIP by making community engagement a priority and completing specific CHIP-rated strategies in which SCDH is the lead agency. SCPH also supports partner organizations, such as the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties, in the following CHIP priority areas: mental health and substance abuse, chronic disease, and social determinates of health.

### Strategic Priorities

The Strategic Planning Committee reviewed all the information over several months that was gained through surveys, the CHIP, SHIP, QI plans, SWOT analysis and Performance Management Plan. The committee then selected five strategic priorities to focus on for the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

1. Culture of Quality
2. Workforce Development
3. Information Management
4. Fiscal Viability
5. Communication Engagement and Resources

### Community Health Improvement Plan

Sandusky County has focused on the following four priority factors and priority health outcomes over the past three years:

**Priority Factor:**

- Social Determinants of Health

**Priority Health Outcomes:**

- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Chronic Disease



This CHIP contains an overview of national and state requirements driving local health planning efforts, a description of the County’s health priorities and associated outcome measures as selected by community partners, the framework and infrastructure that supports continued action, and a summary of how the plan will be monitored and updated.

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

Sandusky County Public Health's Board of Health Members are made up of eight (8) Sandusky County residents that are appointed and represent different areas of Sandusky County.



Pictured left to right

**Dean L. Auxer**- City of Clyde

**Ryan R. Zimmerman, DVM**- District Advisory Council

**Bob Gross**- City of Fremont

**John Yuhas, D.O.**- District Advisory Council

**John W. Zimmerman, Board President**- District Licensing Advisory Council

**James Mason**- District Advisory Council

**Nan Smith, Board Vice President**- District Advisory Council

**Alex Rojas, CNP**- City of Fremont

## MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Jennifer Greenslade-Hohman, MD



## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Pictured from left to right front row:

**Bryleigh Wolf**- Director of Finance

**Marsha Overmyer**- Registrar

Pictured from left to right back row:

**Nina Johannsen**- Director of Environmental Health

**Deb Agee**- Director of Nursing

**Bethany Brown**- Health Commissioner

# LETTER FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

SCPH 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

As we look back on the year 2023, Sandusky County Public Health has addressed many health challenges and milestones our community has encountered and overcome. This past year has undoubtedly again tested our resilience, compassion, and collective commitment to public health and wellbeing.

Our ongoing battle against COVID-19 and its variants remained a central focus throughout 2023. Thanks to the concerted efforts of healthcare professionals, public health workers, and the participation of our community, we have made significant strides in mitigating the impact of the virus. The rollout of booster vaccines has been crucial in our fight, offering enhanced protection against emerging strains. It is imperative that we continue monitoring communicable diseases, providing education, and ensuring that vaccination and precautionary measures are accessible for all.

Addressing health disparities and ensuring equitable access to our services have been at the forefront of our efforts. We have worked diligently to remove barriers to care, particularly for underserved and vulnerable populations. Through partnerships with community organizations and healthcare providers, we are committed to building more inclusive and equitable public health programs.

As we move forward, let us carry the lessons learned and the successes achieved into the future. Our collective action and dedication can and will continue to make a difference in the lives of Sandusky County residents. Together, we will continue to face challenges with determination and hope, striving for a healthier and more resilient future for all.



**Bethany Brown MSN, RN**  
Health Commissioner



## VITAL STATISTICS

In 2023, there were a total of 178 births in Sandusky County, including six (6) home births.

Sandusky County Public Health registered 478 deaths. Total number of certified copies of birth certificates issued totaled 2,245.

Certified copies of death certified issued in 2023 totaled 1,938.



The top five (5) causes of death in 2023:

1. Heart
2. Cancer
3. Respiratory
4. Dementia Related
5. Nervous System Related



# PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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According to The State of Ohio’s Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 3701-3, there are more than 88 recognized diseases that are to be reported to the state. These are broken down into three (3) classes, those are as follows: Class A Reportable Diseases are of major public health concern due to the severity or the potential for an epidemic spread. Class B Reportable Diseases are of public health concern due to the potential for epidemic spread, and Class C Reportable Diseases requires reporting of unusual incident, outbreak , or epidemic of diseases that may have an unexpected patter of cases, suspected cases, deaths, or increased incidence of a disease in numbers greater than expected in a population or period of time.

<b>**Reportable Diseases 2023 vs. 3 Yr. Average</b>		
Reportable Disease	2023 Reported Totals	3 Yr.- Average Reported Totals
Covid-19	1730	5683
Hepatitis C- Chronic	33	52
Carbapenemase- Producing Organisms (CPO)	17	4.7
Salmonellosis	12	7.3
Influenza- Associated Hospitalization	11	29.7
Hepatitis B- Chronic	11	8.7
Campylobacteriosis	11	6.3
Pertussis	8	3

The table to the left shows the most commonly reported diseases in 2023 in Sandusky County and compares to the reported cases from 2020-2022.

In 2023 there were 14 outbreaks investigated and 1,866 communicable disease reports investigated.

\*\*Diseases and Case Inclusion Criteria: Suspect, Probable, & Confirmed.



# PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

A public health emergency is any event or situation demanding immediate action on the part of the public health system to prevent disease and injury or maintain public health within the community. Emergencies can be natural or man-made. Sandusky County Public Health creates and maintains plans for all types of emergencies, and works closely with the Sandusky County Emergency Management Agency, the Red Cross, hospitals, law enforcement, and other local and regional partners. The Sandusky County Healthcare Coalition and Sandusky County Local Emergency Planning Committee are two preparedness groups that the health department participates in.



In 2023 SCPH participated in the following preparedness drills and exercises:

- Davis Besse Full-Scale Exercise
- Anthrax Exposure Full- Scale Exercise
- Anthrax Tabletop Exercise
- Radiological Tabletop Exercise
- Chemical Surge Tabletop Exercise
- Internal Call-Down Drills



# PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Public health nursing practice focuses on population health, with the goal of promoting health, preventing disease, and protecting the public's health. By working with whole communities, public health nurses can educate people about health issues, improve community health and increase access to care. SCPH has six Registered Nurses (RNs) providing services to the county.

The Sandusky County Public Health nurses work with clients in our clinics and in community settings, including home visits. Nursing services were provided to over **3,500** clients in 2023.



## CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS (CMH) PROGRAM

The Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program is a health care program provided through the Ohio Department of Health. CMH links families of children with special health care needs to a network of specialists and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need.

CMH provides assistance to children under the age of 24 with special health care needs who meet medical and financial eligibility criteria and are Ohio residents.

Major components of the program include determining unmet needs of children with handicaps and their families, funding services for the diagnosis and treatment of medically eligible conditions, assisting in increasing access to care, supporting service coordination, and assisting families to access sources of payment for services for their child. In 2023, Sandusky County Public Health nurses provided services to **220 children** who are active on the CMH diagnostic, treatment, and/or service coordination program.



## IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Sandusky County Public Health is the largest provider of vaccinations to infants, children, adolescents, and adults in the county. The goal of the immunization program is to reduce and potentially eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases among the county's residents. The nursing staff provided services for **2,070 clients** with **3,975 immunizations administered**. This includes **347 flu vaccines** and **159 COVID-19 vaccines**. Sandusky County Public Health participates in:

- Vaccines for Children Program, through which vaccines are provided by the Ohio Department of Health for children who are Medicaid-eligible, uninsured, or underinsured
- 317 Program, which provides certain vaccines for adults who are uninsured
- The Get Vaccinated program, which is designed to improve childhood and adolescent immunization rates and to reduce vaccination coverage disparities in Ohio. Public health nurses work with immunization providers to adopt quality assurance methods to increase vaccination use, identify and address any immunization disparities, and work with schools to assure that immunization levels are high.
- The Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program, through which public health nurses work with healthcare providers and hospitals to prevent the transmission of hepatitis B from mother to infant. Our nurses work to ensure that all pregnant women are screened, and that infants of women who test positive receive the appropriate prophylaxis and case management follow up.

We offer vaccines to prevent the following diseases:

- COVID-19
- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough)
- Haemophilus influenzae type b
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (flu)
- Measles, mumps, and rubella
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- Pneumococcal (pneumonia)
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Varicella (chickenpox)



## CHILD FATALITY REVIEW BOARD (CFR)

The Sandusky County Child Fatality Review Board meets annually, as mandated by Ohio law, with the purpose of decreasing the incidence of preventable deaths in children less than 18 years of age. To accomplish this, the review board:

- Promotes cooperation, collaboration and communication between all groups, professions, agencies, or entities that serve families and children
- Maintains a comprehensive database of all child deaths that occur in the county in order to develop an understanding of the causes and incidences of those deaths
- Recommends and develops plans for implementing local service and program changes to the groups, professions, agencies or entities that serve families and children that might prevent child deaths
- Reports aggregate data, trends, and patterns concerning child deaths to the Ohio Department of Health

In 2023, 4 child deaths occurred and were reviewed by the board.

## MATERNAL & INFANT MORTALITY COALITION

The Maternal Health and Infant Mortality Coalition was established in 2015 to improve maternal health and birth outcomes and reduce infant mortality in Sandusky County. Coalition members include:

- Sandusky County Public Health
- ProMedica Memorial Hospital
- Bellevue Hospital
- NOMS Healthcare
- GLCAP
- Help Me Grow
- Department of Jobs and Family Services
- Family and Child First Council
- Mental Health and Recovery Services of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot County

This coalition of community members meets quarterly to examine data and identify risks, health disparities, barriers to care, and evaluate educational and programmatic interventions.

## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM

Since 1973, Sandusky County Public Health’s Reproductive Health and Wellness Program has been providing a broad range of medically approved family planning services.



We provide abstinence counseling, contraception, pregnancy testing, preconception care, natural family planning methods, STD testing and treatment, screenings for breast and cervical cancer, free and confidential HIV testing, and reproductive education. Contraceptive options include, but are not limited to; oral contraceptives, Nexplanon, IUDs, and hormonal injections. We provide these services through the Title X grant in partnership with the Ohio Department of Health. In 2023, we **provided services for 440 clients** in **816 visits**, and **assisted 36 clients with Medicaid enrollment**.

We offer pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to individuals at high risk for HIV infection. The cost is covered by many health insurance plans, and a medication assistance program provides free PrEP to people with limited income and no insurance to cover PrEP care. As an HIV prevention provider in 2023, we provided PrEP to **7 patients**, and **referred 5 patients to the medication assistance program**.

Our program is also a provider for the Ohio Department of Health’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Project, which assists women in obtaining cancer screenings. The project offers no-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic testing to qualified participants. In 2023 our staff **assisted 32 uninsured women** with enrollment in the program to receive cancer screenings they would not have had access to otherwise.

We have clinics in both Sandusky County and Seneca County and offer after-hour clinics every Thursday in Fremont. Fees are based on income, and services are available to both women and men. Medicaid and many private insurances are accepted.

2022 Statistics	
Communicable Disease	Reported Cases
Gonorrhea	43
Chlamydia	192
Syphilis	4

2023 Statistics	
Communicable Disease	Reported Cases
Gonorrhea	30
Chlamydia	195
Syphilis	6
HIV	2

## TUBERCULOSIS TESTING AND SURVEILLANCE

Public Health Nurses administered **184 TB skin tests** in 2023, with no positive reactors. There were no confirmed cases of TB reported to Sandusky County Public Health.

The TB Program is not limited to the number of TB tests administered. The scope of the program involves surveillance, referrals and consulting with multiple health care providers, including hospitals and the Ohio Department of Health. Any positive test result and/or suspected case involves a thorough investigation and follow up. This can take several weeks. A confirmed case of active TB requires intensive case management lasting months to a year, as compliance with treatment must be assured.



## WELCOME HOME NEWBORN VISIT AND CRIBS FOR KIDS

The Newborn Welcome Home Program works in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) Cribs for Kids and Safe Sleep program, and funding is provided by the United Way and ODH. The program offers a home visit to assess the newborn, and to offer information on newborn care, infant feeding, and safe sleep guidelines. Referrals to area community resources may be made as needed. The mission of the program is to reduce infant sleep related deaths by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of safe sleep for babies and providing a portable Pack-n-Play for those who otherwise cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep. A follow-up phone call evaluates use of the pack-n-play and safe sleep practices.

Promotional activities and educational events take place throughout the year to promote community awareness about safe sleep and recommended practices. Small group classes were provided to youth and migrant groups, Heart Beat/HOPE Center, Police, Fire and First Responders. In 2023, a total of **58 Pack-n-Plays were given to families throughout the county who needed a safe sleep environment for their infant.**



United Way  
of Sandusky County

## HELP ME GROW

Help Me Grow Home Visiting is a voluntary family support program for pregnant women or new parents. It is an evidence-based program that promotes healthy growth and development for babies and children up to age 3. Our home visitors are certified and well-trained professionals who use a non-judgmental approach that empowers parents with skills, tools and confidence to nurture the healthy growth of their children.

When a parent schedules a home visit with Help Me Grow Home Visiting, they will have the opportunity to share their thoughts about parenting, ask questions, and receive reliable information based on their individual family needs or topics of interest. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Healthy Pregnancies
- Baby and Child Health
- Breastfeeding
- Nutrition
- Immunizations
- Child Growth and Development
- Discipline
- Toilet Training
- Child Safety
- Household Safety
- Local Resources

In 2023, our Home Visiting program received 200 referrals, served 35 unique families, and made 473 home visits.



## DIAPER PROGRAM

2022 SCPH with funding provided by Sandusky County Jobs and Family Services gave out diapers, wipes, and safety items to 111 families. SCPH gave out 211 diapers, wipes, and safety items in 2023





# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

We are behind the scenes in many aspects of your life from public swimming pools, beaches, campgrounds, body art facilities, rabies control, deed transfers, school buildings, private water wells, household sewage treatment systems just to name a few of programs we license and inspect. You don't always see us, but we are out there everyday working to protect the health & safety of our communities here in Sandusky County.



## FOOD SAFETY

- Food Licenses Issued FSO/RFE: 438
- Food Plan Reviews Submitted: 25
- Food Plan Reviews Approved: 23
- Community Events with Food Inspections: 27
- Temporary Food Licenses Issued: 33

## BEACHES & CAMPGROUNDS

- Beaches Licensed and Inspected: 6
- Pools Licensed and Inspected: 18
- Campgrounds Licensed and Inspected: 14

## SCHOOLS

- Schools Inspected: 22

## WELLS AND SEWERS

- Sewage Permits Issued: 48
- Lot Splits Approved: 52
- Registered Installers, Provider Haulers: 32
- Well Permits Issued: 32
- Water Samples Taken: 93

## BODY ART

- Body Art Facilities Licensed and Inspected: 9

## RABIES

- Rabies Reports/ Bites: 89

## WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN (WIC)

WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. WIC helps income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who recently had a baby, infants, and children up to five years of age who are at health risk due to inadequate nutrition.

The program improves pregnancy outcomes by providing or referring to support services necessary for full-term pregnancies; reduces infant mortality by reducing the incidence of low birth weight (infants under 5 ½ pounds are at greater risk of breathing problems, brain injuries and physical abnormalities), and provides infants and children with a healthy start in life by improving poor or inadequate diets.

WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support; supplemental, highly nutritious foods such as cereal, eggs, milk, yogurt, cheese, whole grain foods, fruits and vegetables, and iron-fortified infant formula and baby food; and referral to prenatal and pediatric health care and other maternal and child health and human service programs.

In 2023, our WIC program served 827 new participants in Sandusky County. The average caseload per month was 955 participants, and an average 53 referrals were made monthly to prenatal and pediatric health care or other maternal and child health and human service programs. Our breastfeeding rates remained strong with an average of 73% of all postpartum women on the WIC program initiating breastfeeding their infant in the first month of life, and 36% continuing to exclusively or partially breastfeed their infants through the first year.



**Department of  
Health**

Women, Infants, and  
Children Program (WIC)

## Substance Abuse Prevention

**MISSION:** The Prevention Partnership Coalition (PPC) builds a healthier community by preventing and reducing substance abuse in Sandusky County.

The Prevention Partnership Coalition (PPC) Members recognize that large-scale change requires broad cross-sector collaboration and coordination. As an organization that specializes in connecting members and providing community outreach, the PPC has become an essential resource for local organizations seeking to work together to reduce substance abuse and other risky behaviors while improving overall community wellness. PPC funding comes from the local Mental Health and Recovery Service's levy dollars. Additional funds are leveraged from other grants and local agencies.



## Major Accomplishments in 2023

- Provided **3,000 Deterra Bags to community members** as a new form of medication disposal for those who may not be able to access Take Back Boxes. Deterra users place unused or unwanted medications in the bag, add water, and shake the bag to start the deactivation process. The bag is then placed in the trash for environmentally safe disposal.
- Sandusky County Public Health's Role in Combating Opiate Use. The opioid epidemic is public health issue. This crisis has far-reaching impacts that not only affect public health, but also law enforcement, the judicial system, child protective services, emergency medical services, hospitals, treatment centers, coroners, schools, employers, and state and local government.
- **Assessment** – SCPH serves a primary role in conducting a Community Health Assessment, which identifies key problems and assets in our community, and a Community Health Improvement Plan, which sets priorities and coordinates resources around important health concerns in communities. In 2017, Mental Health and Substance Abuse became one of 3 priorities selected; this was primarily due the current opioid crisis.
- **Harm Reduction** – Harm reduction is a public health intervention that seeks to reduce the harms associated with drug misuse. Through an allocation by the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services, Sandusky County Public Health was able to provide 90 doses of Naloxone to area first responders in 2021. Opioid Abuse and Prevention training and distribution of naloxone to first responders and service entities included: Sandusky County EMS, Sheriff's Office, Bellevue, Clyde, Fremont, Green Springs police departments and the Sandusky County Drug Task Force.

## **Coalition/Collaboration**

SCPH coordinates the Sandusky County Combined Coalition and provides expertise in planning, evaluation, and data collection in targeting strategies and measuring outcomes short and long-term. In the discussion of reducing the stigma of opiate use disorder (OUD), SCPH and the PPC are working collaboratively with Ohio University and other rural counties throughout Ohio to tackle the issue of stigma when it comes to the opioid epidemic. The collaborative work is also targeted towards decreasing drug misuse, and promoting treatment, recovery, and prevention.

## **Policy/ Legislation/Advocacy**

SCPH supports policy, legislation and advocacy that aims to decrease drug misuse and increase treatment, recovery, and prevention. This includes removal of barriers to prescription drug drop boxes, and funding to support continued work. The Prevention Partnership Coalition was instrumental in placing six permanent drop locations for unwanted, unused, and expired medications throughout the county for the safety and well-being of community members. Drop box locations are the Bellevue Police Department, Clyde Police Department, Fremont Police Department, Gibsonburg Police Department, Woodville Police Department, and the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office.

## **Prevention/Education and Public Awareness**

SCPH implements numerous prevention programs across a broad spectrum of services and is involved in implementation and/or assurance of evidence-based prevention education in schools. Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). We continue to raise awareness and public knowledge of the dangers of substance misuse and illicit drug use.

## **Gambling Prevention**

In 2023, the Prevention partnership was awarded \$12, 576 from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties to target Gambling Prevention. With Sports Betting now legal in Ohio as of January 2023 an emphasis on education using Pause Before You Play was priority. The Prevention Partnership Coalition's successful environmental approach to education on this topic has included billboards, radio ads, attendance at health fairs and social media messaging.

SCPH continues work with the Regional Gambling and Behavioral Based Addiction Network with several adjoining counties, to work together and share resources.



### Parents Who Host

- Attended 4 local high school basketball games to distribute and read public service announcements during halftime.
- Distributed 839 promotional and informational items reminding parents about the dangers of underage drinking and the consequences that can follow when serving alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.

### Red Ribbon Week (RRW)

- Schools who participated in RRW in 2023 were Bellevue Elementary, Clyde Elementary, Green-Springs Elementary, Sacred Heart School, Croghan Elementary, Otis Elementary, Lutz Elementary, Atkinson Elementary, Lakota Elementary, Solomon Lutheran, Woodmore Elementary, and Hilfiker Elementary.

**Take it to the Box:** *To give the citizens of Sandusky County a safe way to dispose of unwanted or expired medication. Locations include:*

- Bellevue Police Dept. 3000 Seneca Industrial Pkwy Bellevue Ohio. 44811
- Clyde Police Dept. 222 N Main St Clyde, Ohio 43410
- Fremont Police Dept. 1141 W. State St Fremont, Ohio 43420
- Sandusky County Sheriff's Office 2323 Countryside Drive Fremont, Ohio 43420
- Gibsonburg Police Dept. 214 W. Madison St Gibsonburg, Ohio 43431
- Woodville Police Dept. 219 W. Main St Woodville, Ohio 43469



### Tobacco Prevention

- 39 vaping education lessons were presented to students in multiple school districts in Sandusky County in grades 5-12. Presentations included information on high levels of nicotine content, physical and mental health impacts of vaping, marketing tactics by big tobacco, and free quit resources.

### Pax Good Behavior Game

- There were 4 Pax Tools trainings held in 2023.
- Schools that implement Pax include Clyde Elementary, Croghan Elementary, Otis Elementary, Lutz Elementary, Atkinson Elementary, Hilfiker Elementary, Woodmore Elementary, Lakota Elementary, Sacred Heart School.
- Programs that implement Pax Tools in their classrooms are YMCA of Sandusky County, GLCAP Early Childhood Centers, Sandusky County Parks District (Wilson Nature Center), Campfire Sandusky County,



## CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES (CHC) PROGRAM

### Major Accomplishments

- Launched a produce prescription program named Fresh Connect Produce Voucher Program in September with 9 participants referred by participating healthcare providers.
- Provided technical support to the City of Clyde to write a Complete Streets Policy to help city officials, planners, and engineers to evaluate the needs of all road users regardless of age, ability, or method of transportation.
- In the Village of Gibsonburg, 2 radar speed signs were installed for traffic calming and multiple crosswalks were painted near the elementary and middle/high school to improve pedestrian safety.

- Through a grant from the Ohio Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics named Put A Lid On It Bike Helmet Safety Awareness, more than 224 community members of all ages were given a free properly fit bike helmet along with bike helmet, bicycle and road safety information.



- Two (2) bus shelters for the TRIPS shuttle service were installed for community use.



Bus shelter location:  
Fremont Ross



Bus shelter location:  
Fremont Walmart



- Through a collaborative effort with the YMCA of Sandusky County and other community partners, The Cycle Sandusky Co. Bike Share program was launched with a fleet of 6 bicycles. Along with 2 bike fix-it stations. One was installed at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museum. The second was installed at the YMCA of Sandusky County along with 5 bike racks.



## NALOXBOXES

In 2023 SCPH distributed an additional 17 Naloxboxes to Sandusky County organizations. These organizations are:

- YMCA of Sandusky County
- Croghan Colonial Bank- Clyde Branch
- Croghan Colonial Bank- Green Springs Branch
- Croghan Colonial Bank- Main Branch
- Croghan Colonial Bank- West Branch
- Croghan Colonial Bank- North Branch
- Camp Fire
- Harvest Temple
- Fremont City School District
- Metro Housing
- Advantage Ford
- Fremont Ross High School
- Woodville County Court District 2



These 17 Naloxboxes bring the total across Sandusky County to 53 Naloxboxes in 31 different locations.

## NARCAN

In 2023, 104 naloxone (Narcan) kits were distributed to Sandusky County residents. The table to the right shows the break down of initial supply, replacement Narcan, and the total distribution for each month.

Month/23	Initial Supply	Replacement	Total Distribution
January	3	0	3
February	3	1	4
March	6	3	9
April	5	0	5
May	12	0	12
June	12	0	12
July	9	0	9
August	7	0	7
September	4	0	4
October	7	0	7
November	21	1	22
Decemeber	10	0	10
Totals	99	5	104



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Help Me Grow (419) 334-6362

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Nursing (419) 334-6367

Vital Statistics (419) 334-6377

WIC (419) 334-6363

