

**Administration**

**MICHELE BOWMAN, RS - ACCREDITATION/HR**

**ADMIN STAFF:**  
 Angie Cotrell, Finance  
 Ryan Snapp, IT  
 Kristi Barnhart, Registrar  
 Kari Boyle, CHES, Health Educator

Laura Scott, Deputy Registrar  
 Michele Bowman, RS Accreditation/HR  
 Lori Ptak, RN, BSN Epi, MRC, EPC  
 Dennis R. Propes, RS, MPA, HC

**Emergency Preparedness**

Miami County Public Health employees maintain a strong public health infrastructure. Through training and exercise we are better prepared to respond to incidents that threaten the public's health and well-being. The Health Department would like to thank the community for your support of our training exercises held throughout the years.

**Medical Reserve Corps**

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a program for volunteers to support public health's efforts to address a wide range of challenges from public health education to disaster response. The MRC unit appreciates the efforts of both non-medical and medical volunteers in our endeavors! If you are interested in volunteering, please call 937-573-3509 or email [LPtak@miamicountyhealth.net](mailto:LPtak@miamicountyhealth.net) for more information.

**VITAL STATISTICS—More than just Genealogy!  
 Birth-Death-Genealogy-Paternity Acknowledgment**

**Birth Abstracts:** 3105 certificates, affidavits 124  
**Home Birth Registration:** 8  
**Burial/ Transit Permits/Cremation Permits:** 485  
**Death Certificates:** 3072 certificates, 124 affidavits  
**Death Supplemental:** 104  
**Child Fatality Review:** 13  
**Certificate of Service:** 10

ACCREDITATION

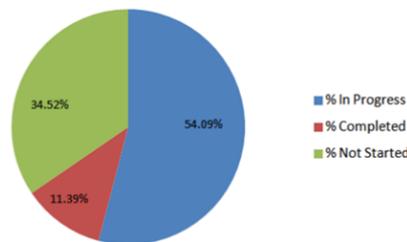
**Miami County Public Health is certified for Statewide Issuance of Ohio Birth Records from December 1908 to the present.**

**Accreditation**

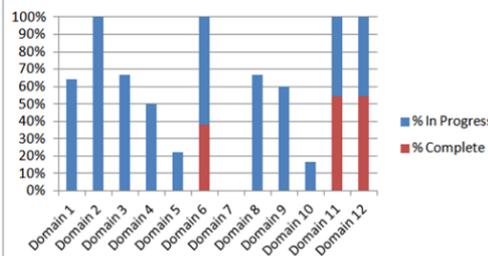
Public Health Accreditation is structured into twelve domains which are linked to the Ten Essential Public Health Services, our operational infrastructure, and governance. Within the twelve domains, specific requirements have been set to guide local health departments during their documentation selection. At the beginning of 2015, the Health Department began collecting the required documents outlined in the Public Health Accreditation Board's Standards and Measures document. Throughout the year, MCPH staff prepared and finalized documentation, bringing our overall status for both completed and in progress documentation to 65.48% in December 2015.

**Miami County Public Health PHAB Accreditation Progress**

PHAB Accreditation Overall Progress



Domain Status



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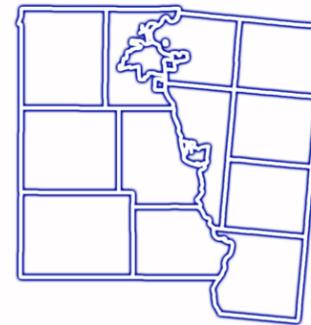
Proud to be a  
**United Way Agency**



**CHILD FATALITY REVIEW BOARD**

The following individuals represented Miami County in 2015:

- Dennis R. Propes, RS, MPA**  
Health Commissioner
- William Ginn, M.D.**  
Miami Co. Coroner
- James Burkhardt, D.O.**  
Med. Director
- Deb French, RN, BSN**  
Director of Nursing
- Sandra L. Lutz, B.S.**  
Administrative Sec, Registrar
- David Duchak, Chief Deputy**  
Miami County Sheriff
- June Cannon**  
Director Children's Services
- Mark McDaniel, MBA**  
Tri Co. Recovery & Mental Health
- Amy Welker, RS**  
Director Piqua Health Department



**MIAMI COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2015**



**Miami County Public Health**  
 Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**I**t is with great pleasure that I present the 2015 Annual Report for Miami County Public Health. This year we embarked upon a journey that will lead Miami County Public Health (MCPH) to national accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). In this process we completed or made significant progress on a couple of projects;

**S**trategic Plan: This past year the agency was one of 20 recipients to receive the Accreditation Readiness Support Grant through the Ohio Public Health Partnership. By receiving this grant, MCPH was able to complete a 3-year Strategic Plan for the agency. The OSU Extension successfully guided a strategic planning committee of thirteen through the development of the agency's first Strategic Plan. Developed by our employees and the Board of Health, the plan focuses on three priority areas that will help the department fulfill our new mission statement which is: "The Miami County Public Health team works to prevent illness, promote health, and protect those who live, work, and visit our community."

**Q**uality Improvement: In 2015, 42% of the agency's employees received scholarships through the Local Government Efficiency Program and completed a five-day Lean Ohio Boot Camp training. The training set the foundation for Quality Improvement within the agency and allowed us to adopt the PDCA (Plan, Do, Check, Act) methodology. In March, the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Pilot Team completed and presented the agency's first CQI project of *New Employee Orientation* to the Board of Health. In April, the pilot project was implemented throughout the entire agency. The process has since been reviewed and updated as part of our continuous effort towards a culture of quality improvement.

Respectfully,  
 Dennis R. Propes, R.S., MPA, Health Commissioner



**Strategic Planning Session MIAMI COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

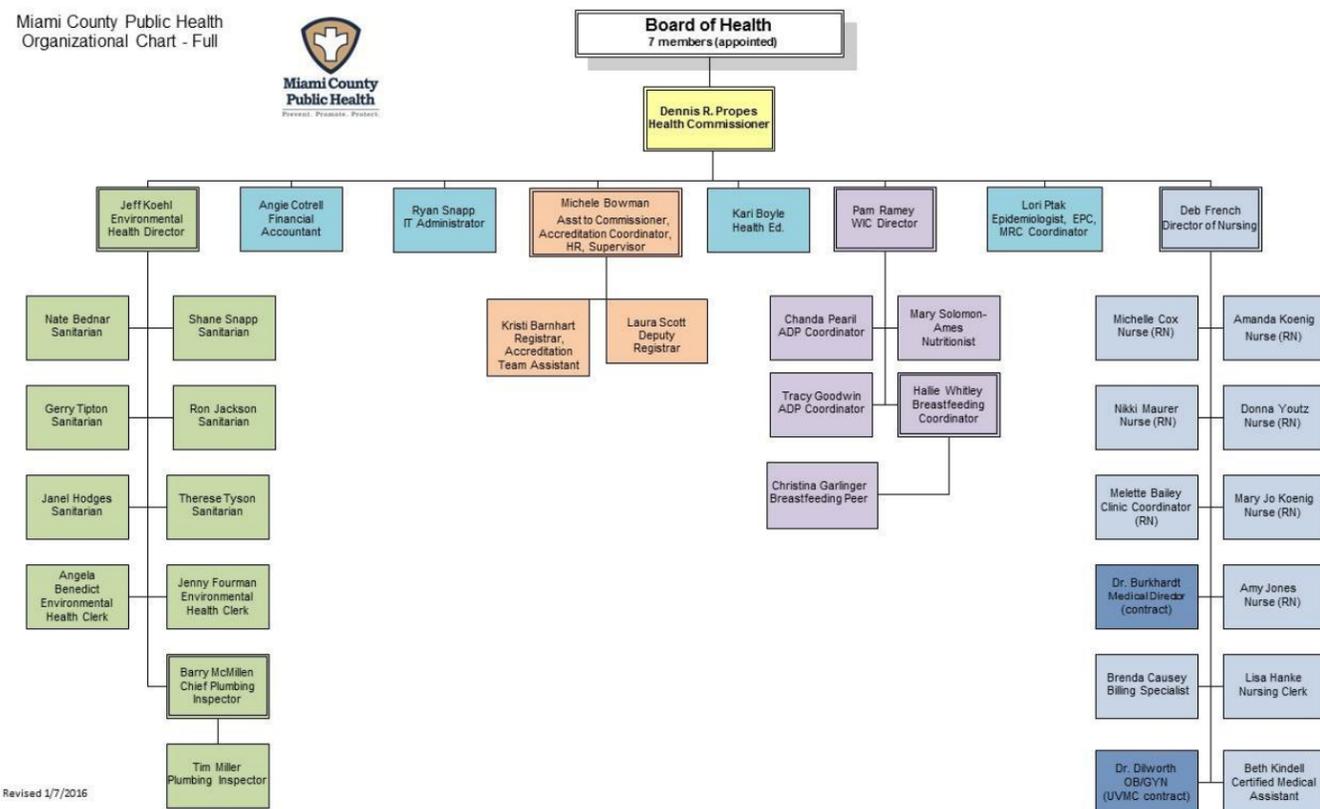
- RANDY MOTT** General President
- Ruthann Cron** Troy Vice President
- Peter Nims, MD** General 2nd Vice President
- Joanna Pittenger** Tipp City
- Robert Shook** General
- Phil Snider** General
- Ted Ristoff** Troy

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- Dennis R. Propes, RS, MPA**  
HEALTH COMMISSIONER
- James S. Burkhardt, DO**  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR
- Deb French, RN, BSN**  
DIRECTOR OF NURSING
- Jeff Kohl, RS**  
DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
- Pam Ramey, RD, LD**  
WIC DIRECTOR
- Michele Bowman, RS**  
ACCREDITATION COORDINATOR/HR
- \*Sandra Lutz, BS**  
VITAL STATISTICS REGISTRAR -Retired

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



BUDGET

2015 Financial Summary

Total 2015 Income: **\$3,257,769**  
 Total 2015 Expense: **\$2,940,642**

2015 Ending Contingency Reserves: **\$800,000**

2015 Ending Non-Contingency Reserves: **\$1,523,271**

In 2015 we continued our efforts to be good stewards of the public's money. Fiscal responsibility is one of our core commitments to the community. We anticipate grant funding cuts from the federal and state level in 2015. Our reserve will allow us to maintain needed public health services in the community and plan for the future.

Serving Troy, Tipp City, Covington, West Milton, Pleasant Hill, Bradford, Potsdam, Casstown, Fletcher, Laura, Ludlow Falls, and all the townships of Miami County.  
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GOVERNANCE

BOARD OF HEALTH

Serving Troy, Tipp City, Covington, West Milton, Pleasant Hill, Bradford, Potsdam, Casstown, Fletcher, Laura, Ludlow Falls, and all the townships of Miami County.

Board Member	Represents	Expires
Phil Snider	General	2017
Ted Ristoff	Troy	2017
Randy Mott	General	2018
Peter Nims, MD	General	2019
Ruthann Cron	Troy	2020
Joanna Pittenger	Tipp City	2020
Robert Shook	General	2020

The Miami County Board of Health meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM. These meetings are open to the public

DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Miami County District Advisory Council holds the responsibility of appointing members to the Board of Health and bringing recommendations and concerns on health issues to the Board's attention. The advisory council is composed of the chairperson of each township's board of trustees, the chief administrator of each village and the president of the Miami County Board of Commissioners (or a designee).

Chairperson: Philip Cox  
 Vice-Chairperson: Matt Kline  
 Secretary: Terry Wackler

WIC Division

Pam Ramey, RD, LD - WIC Director

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN	
2015 STATISTICS	
Average Monthly Case Load	1453
Certification/Recertification Visits	3146
Nutrition Education Visits	2306
Breastfeeding Education Contacts	264
Electric/Manual Breast Pumps Issued	11
Farmers Market Program Redemption Rate	43.6%



WIC STAFF:	
Chanda Pearil Tracy Goodwin, DTR Mary Solomon-Ames, RD, LD	Hallie Whitley, IBCLC Christina Garlinger

Miami County, Ohio WIC program successfully completed the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) statewide to all local WIC projects and all retailers participating in the WIC program by the end of calendar year 2015. The new EBT system replaced the old paper coupon benefits and WIC families now are issued a smartcard that can be used much like a credit or debit card at authorized vendor locations. This project was a huge undertaking and achievement for local staff, state staff and the local vendors. Some of the major highlights and facts about Ohio WIC's EBT implementation include:

- Ohio WIC's EBT was implemented statewide as of August 10, 2015 and impacted 88 counties, 194 clinics, 1300 vendors and 243,000 participants.
- Ohio was one of only eleven states in the country to implement WIC EBT.
- EBT took only 19 months to complete from development through statewide rollout.
- Ohio is the only state WIC program to plan, develop, implement, operate and maintain EBT using existing internal



- resources.
- The Ohio WIC EBT project was completed five years earlier than the federally mandated deadline of October 1, 2020 and 42% under budget.
- Ohio anticipates an annual cost savings of \$1.9 million with EBT implementation, which accounts for state and local agency labor costs, materials and supplies and banking costs.
- EBT provides an improved shopping experience for participants, as checkout at the cash register takes less time than with the paper food instruments and there is less stigma attached to a card.
- EBT provides faster turnaround times on retail vendor payments. Vendors are paid within days of submitting EBT claims, in comparison to weeks with the paper system.
- Unlike SNAP, WIC EBT is not

reliant upon continuous online connectivity and can be transacted even if retailer internet service is disrupted, therefore, statewide outages will never occur.

- EBT provides a wealth of data related to product pricing, food preferences and participant shopping habits. In addition, this data can be analyzed to detect fraudulent activity by both participants and vendors.



Mother Breastfeeding

# Nursing - Communicable Disease Investigation

Deb French, RN, BSN - Director of Nursing

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while traveling and any vaccines required or recommended for the countries they will visit. In 2015, 153 clients received 352 vaccines for travel.

**FLU VACCINATIONS (SEASONAL)**

In 2015 the Health Department continued to provide flu vaccinations to employees, their families, and the community which we proudly serve.

**CFHS Programs:**

**Nutrition and Physical Activity Program:**

In an effort to help reduce the number of overweight children in the community MCPH partnered with the Miami County YMCA to bring a nutrition and physical activity program to second grade classrooms at one elementary school.



Team MCPH at a Trail Run Challenge

**Communicable Disease Investigation**

The influenza season began earlier than usual this year and was particularly hard on the older population. This year, Miami County has also seen a significant increase in Acute Hepatitis B and C as well as the sexually transmitted diseases, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea. Please call 937-573-3509 for information on preventive methods that are available to prevent these conditions.

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATION STAFF:**

Lori Ptak, RN, BSN Miami County (except Piqua)  
Mary Jo Koenig, RN, BSN Piqua City

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS	
Chlamydia trachomatis	267
Hepatitis C, chronic	87
Gonococcal infections	70
Influenza Associated Hospitalization	39
Campylobacter	21
Salmonella	13
Campylobacter	21
Pertussis	12
Hepatitis C, acute	11
Hepatitis B, chronic	7
Hepatitis B, acute	7
Streptococcus Pneumonia	7
Legionnaires Disease	5
Meningitis, viral	5
Varicella	3
E. Coli	3
Streptococcus Group A	3
Mumps	3
Mycobacterium. Non-TB	3
Meningitis, bacterial	2
Giardia	2
HiB	1

Partnered with Health Partners Free Clinic to have ACA Navigator on site.

**Well Child Clinic**

The Miami County Well Child Clinic provided physical exams and immunizations to infants, children and teens from birth thru age 20.

**Breastfeeding**

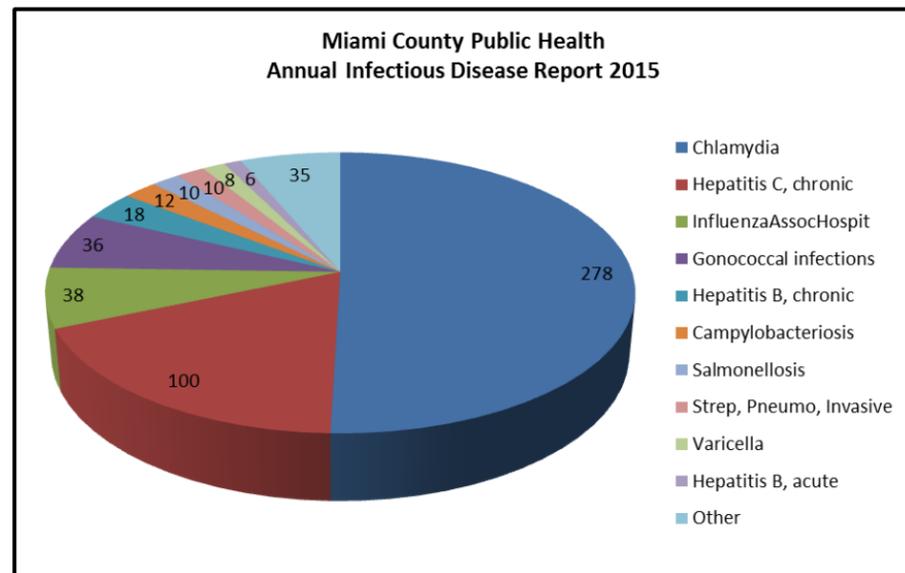
In an effort to help facilitate the establishment of breastfeeding friendly workplaces in the community, we have begun outreach to area businesses about the "Business Case for Breastfeeding."

**Prenatal Wellness Center**

provides full prenatal and postpartum care.

**Family Planning (also known as Reproductive Health)**

offers preconception care, this includes making a Reproductive Life Plan, offering birth control options, and STD testing.



# ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Jeff Koehl, RS - Director of Environmental Health

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS**

**LICENSED PROGRAMS LICENSES SOLD**

Food Service/ Establishment	337
Temporary Food	201
Mobile Food	45
Vending Locations	79
Pools and Spas	36
Bathing Beach	1
RV Parks and Camps	8
Temporary Park/Camp	11
Tattoo Parlors	3

**FOOD PROTECTION - INSPECTIONS**

FSO/RFE	803
Mobile	97
Temporary	225
Vending Machine	64

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT**

Complaints	325
Inspections	937
Consultations	1255

**OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTIONS**

Swimming Pools	78
Bathing Beach	1
Consultations (All Programs)	365
RV Parks and Camps	8
Temporary Park/Camp	11
School Environment	56
Smoke Free Ohio	14
Rabies Control	161
Tattoo Parlor	5

The Environmental Health Division consist of Registered Sanitarians, Certified Plumbing Inspectors and a support staff. Members of our support staff are usually the first people you will contact when getting in touch with us. The plumbing inspectors must be certified by the State of Ohio to perform inspections of businesses and private residences and must obtain required annual training. The sanitarians are public health inspectors who are registered by the State of Ohio. Sanitarians are required to have a baccalaureate degree in public health or the related sciences from an accredited college, have one to two years of on-the-job training as a sanitarian-in-training, pass a state exam as a prerequisite to becoming registered and obtain 18 hours of continuing education each year. When we are out working we are most readily identified as the person(s) carrying a clipboard and sprouting pens and thermometers from our pockets. The sanitarians perform their duties throughout the county with the exception of the City of Piqua which has its own health department.

You will most often see us out during normal working hours on weekdays, but may catch us at any event where food is prepared or sold on weekends and evenings. You may also catch a glimpse of us at an establishment in the evening investigating a smoking complaint.

The mission of the environmental health division is to protect and improve the health of the residents of Miami County by promoting a healthy environment and by preventing premature death and avoidable illness caused by environmental factors. Simply speaking we are protecting the health of the public by protecting the health of the environment in which we all live. How do we do this? We do this through licensing, regulating, inspecting and educating throughout the county.

We have many programs and perform a multitude of duties. For example, we license, educate and inspect food vendors

**EH STAFF:**  
Nate Bednar, RS  
Gerry Tipton, RS

Shane Snapp, RS  
Ron Jackson, RS  
Janel Hodges, RS

Therese Tyson, RS  
Angela Benedict  
Jenny Fourman



The Crowd at Troy Strawberry Festival

at fairs and festivals to ensure that the environment in which food is stored, prepared and served is safe and sanitary and that the risk of a food borne illness is reduced. We license and inspect restaurants, groceries and carry-outs for the same reasons. We regulate swimming pools to prevent the spread of water borne disease, accidents, and drowning. We investigate hundreds of public health nuisance complaints throughout the county each year, perform an inspection of all schools twice a year for safety and sanitation, and investigate all reported animal bites to prevent the spread of rabies.

Want a tattoo, we license and inspect these establishments also. We make certain that the managers and artists have received training in first aid, safety, sanitation and the prevention of the transmission of infectious disease and blood borne pathogens. Building a house in the county, we are the agency you will contact to obtain a permit for your household sewage treatment system (septic system), private water system (well) and plumbing fixtures.

The design you receive for your septic system will be based upon the type of soils existing on your property and the number of bedrooms in your house. We will oversee the installation of the septic system, educate the residents concerning the proper maintenance and usage, and monitor the system routinely through the years to ensure it is performing as designed and to prevent the contamination of ground water and the spread of disease. We regulate solid waste

# ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Jeff Koehl, RS - Director of Environmental Health

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS	
<b>PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEMS</b>	
Soil and Site Review Application	24
STS Design	11
Installation Permit/New	26
Installation Permit Alteration/Replacement	16
STS Alteration Application	28
Lot Splits	32
STS Service Provider	9
STS Installer Registration	10
Septage Hauler Registration	28
Septic Tank Truck Registration	10
Septage Site Permits Registration	4
STS Operational Permits	4584
<b>PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS</b>	
Well Permits/New	59
Well Permits	9
Well Permits/ Non-Single Family	0
Well Sealing Permits	8
Water Testing: Bacteria	174
Water Testing: Nitrates	38
Water Testing: Nitrites	30
Water Testing: Lead	26
Water Testing: Fluoride	4
Water Testing: Misc.	3
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>	
Truck Registrations	109

haulers (trash haulers) to prevent unsanitary conditions and nuisances, license and inspect recreational vehicle parks, camps and temporary parks or camps. We seem to be the agency that people call when they don't know who else to turn too. Often times, we can't help them either, but we are more than happy to help direct our callers to the right agency.

We, the staff of environmental health that serve you, are committed to the protection of the environment and the health of the residents that live here. As a local government agency, we take pride in making ourselves available to the people we serve; the citizens of Miami County.

### What is our MISSION?

★Prevent ★Promote ★Protect



Chief Plumbing Inspector, Barry McMillen inspecting a residential plumbing job.

**PLUMBING STAFF:**  
Barry McMillen, Chief Plumbing Inspector  
Tim Miller, Plumbing Inspector



Gerry Tipton, RS, performing a Soil and Site Evaluation.

The plumbing inspectors have jurisdiction throughout Miami County and are also contracted with Shelby and Mercer Counties.

PLUMBING STATISTICS	
PERMITS	
Miami County	581
Mercer County	34
Shelby County	174
Piqua City	68
INSPECTIONS	
Miami County	1433
Mercer County	99
Shelby County	459
Piqua City	167



# NURSING DIVISION - Programs and Services

Deb French RN, BSN - Director of Nursing  
James S. Burkhardt, DO, Medical Director

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION	
<b>BCMh</b>	
Caseload	197
Phone Contacts	596
Home Visits	7
<b>Prenatal Clinic</b>	
Clients Seen	723
New Clients	88
Births	59
Low Birth Weight	5
Preterm	2
<b>Reproductive Health Service</b>	
Clients Seen	277
New Clients	96
<b>Well Child Clinic</b>	
Clients Seen	220
New Clients	137
ACA/ Medicaid Assistance	28
VACCINES FOR CHILDREN	
DTaP	440
Hepatitis A	257
Hepatitis B	322
Hib	55
HPV	266
Polio	121
Menigitis	250
Pneumococcal	10
MMR	162
Rotavirus	64
TDaP	582
Shingles	23
Typhoid	137
Yellow Fever	30
Chicken Pox	178
Other Vaccines	859
GENERAL SERVICES	
TB Tests Administered	209
Pregnancy Test	77
Adult Physicals	37
Lead Case Management	9
Misc. Walk in Visits	254
Travel Vaccine Clients	153

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING** is a specialized area of practice, which strives to preserve the health of populations across the lifespan by emphasizing health promotion and disease prevention and protection.

A major focus remains on Infant Mortality education. Miami County Public Health is an active member of *The Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality*, with nursing staff working on Strategic Focus Area Teams on *Promoting Optimal Women's Health Before, During and After Pregnancy* and *Reducing Smoking Before, During and After Pregnancy*. Infant mortality is defined as the death of a baby before his or her first birthday. Ohio's infant mortality rate is 7.7 (per 1,000 live births), which is higher than the United States. Miami County's rate is 5.6.

Causes of IM can be from: babies born too small or too early, maternal complications, birth defects, victims of injury, such as, suffocation from co-sleeping, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Education is being provided to the community on: The ABC's of Safe Sleep, how to be in the best of health before you get pregnant, and the harmful effects of smoking and drug and alcohol abuse. In 2015, we reached 930 families and 33 organizations.

In collaboration with the Miami County YMCA we have provided education on Nutrition & Activity to 103 2<sup>nd</sup> graders .

Nursing collaborated with the Miami County Parks District, Trail Run Challenges, by obtaining height and weight to determine attendees Body Mass Index (BMI) and provided Blood Pressure screens.

Nursing continued this collaboration with Miami County Park District and YMCA for Nutrition & Activity education for our Reproductive Health/Family Planning clients.



Dr. Dilworth speaking with a patient

We will continue collaboration with Dayton Montgomery County Public Health to enhance our HIV Expanded Testing Initiative (154 test completed in 2015).

### VACCINES

MCPH receives vaccines from the state and federal government for all children who are uninsured, on a Medicaid plan or have insurance that does not cover any cost for vaccines.

MCPH also is a recipient of the Immunization Action Plan grant (IAP). The goal of IAP is to get all children in Miami County up to date with immunizations by the time they are 24 months old. MCPH assesses immunization rates twice a year and identifies strategies to increase rates. The same assessment is available at private physician offices.

Any person travelling out of the US can make an appointment with one of our travel nurses. They will receive counseling on staying safe and healthy

**Nursing Staff :**  
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Mary Jo Koenig, RN, BSN

Melette Baily, RN, BS  
Barb Stormer, RN, BSN\*  
Kelly Kearns, CMA, BS\*  
Beth Kindell, CMA

Brenda Causey  
Lisa Hanke  
Daniel J. Dilworth, MD (Contract)  
\*Resigned/Retired

Nicole Maurer, RN, BSN  
Amanda Koenig, RN, BSN  
Amy Jones, RN, BSN

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