

WILLIAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2025



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



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WILLIAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Our Mission: Prevent disease and injury, promote health and wellness, & protect you and your community

Our Vision: Shaping the healthiest and safest community

A Letter from Oscar Hernandez III, Health Commissioner

I am honored to present the 2025 Annual Report for the Williams County Health Department (WCHD). The Annual Report highlights **strong leadership, collaborative partnerships, and a shared commitment to community health**. WCHD includes an amazing group of leaders in Nathan Hoffer, Kailea Holbrook, Katie Lantzsch, Kolleen Boland, and Alyssa Hauer that continue to look into the future to help us understand through evidence-based practices what our community needs.



This year, we would like to celebrate the following accomplishments made possible through both internal and external efforts:

- **Achieved National Re-Accreditation** through the Public Health Accreditation Board in May 2025. Re-accreditation means our department has again met national standards for how public health agencies serve their communities, demonstrating our commitment to quality, accountability, and continuous improvement.
- The Clerical Team consisting of Alyssa Hauer, Ashley Rathke, Kathy Lamberson, and Cyndi Stoller **successfully onboarded the Ohio Vital Records System (OVRs)**, improving the way we generate birth certificates for our community.
- We welcomed Megan Burton, Richmond Senu-Oke, Jessica Runkel, and Kelsie Darnall to our Environmental Health, Health Education & Preparedness, and Public Health Nursing teams. We continue to prioritize staff development to **best support the needs of our community**.
- WCHD **committed to becoming a health department without walls** and began branching out in the Villages of Edgerton and Pioneer. Through the 2022–2024 Community Health Assessment and the Williams County Transportation Plan, we understand that transportation can be a barrier that prevents access to care. By partnering with community leaders, we **launched immunization clinics to address gaps in primary care** and bring services closer to where people live.

We are grateful to have a team that truly cares for our community. This year, we recognize two remarkable retirements: Roberta Dye with over 30 years of public service, and Becky Hill with 39 years at WCHD. Their dedication reflects a lifelong commitment to helping Williams County families grow strong and healthy.

At the heart of our work is a deep commitment to Williams County. Every program and partnership is designed to help residents live healthier, safer lives. Whether providing immunizations, supporting families, or collaborating with community partners, our team remains dedicated to serving with compassion and professionalism. We look forward to continuing this work and building a healthier future for every member of our community.

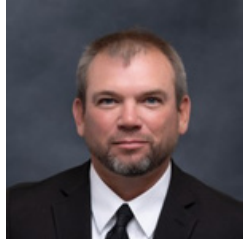
Wishing you the best of health,

Oscar Hernandez III, MBA, REHS

BOARD OF HEALTH

The 9 members of the Board of Health are appointed by the chairman of each township, mayors of each village, and the Bryan City Council. State law requires the board to report and take measures to control disease, enforce state public health laws and promote health and well-being within the department. The board is also responsible for the department's budget and hiring and retaining a health commissioner.

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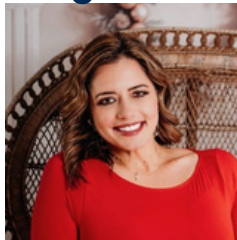
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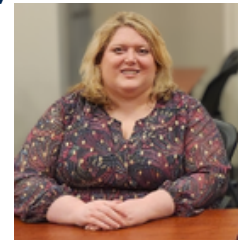
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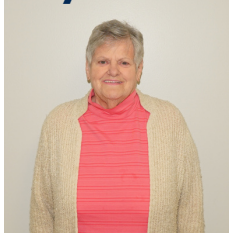
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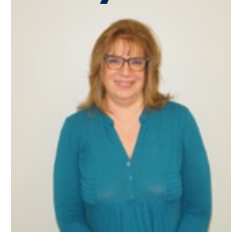
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Millcreek & Madison

Tammy Bernath



Represents Pioneer, Bridgewater,
Florence, & Northwest

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Blakeslee, & St. Joseph

Amy Kirby



Represents Stryker,
Brady, & Springfield

WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?

Health starts where we live, learn, work, and play. The vision of public health is healthy people living in healthy communities. Public health is the combination of science, practical skills, and beliefs, which are designed to give everyone a chance to live a healthy life. Such efforts include keeping you safe from the spread of contagious diseases, providing programs and advocating for policies to promote healthy lifestyles and opportunities, inspecting restaurants for sanitary food handling procedures, monitoring drinking water so it remains free of sewage or pollution, and upholding public health laws to protect the health of populations.



The core functions that are important to achieving the main goals of public health include policy development, assessment, and assurance. We assess health conditions and risks within our community to help find health trends and weaken their impacts on our community. We educate our community on important issues and support policies that support our community's health. Finally, we make sure policies, programs, and health services are effective and accessible.

The Williams County Health Department has accomplished many things over the past 100 years so that everyone can have a fair and just opportunity to achieve optimal health and well-being! As public health progresses over the next 100 years, we will continue to pursue our vision to shape the healthiest and safest community in the lives of Williams County's residents.

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

The Health Education and Preparedness (HE&P) Division promotes health and wellness within the Williams County community by providing population-level services to prevent chronic diseases and unintentional injuries, provide health and education services, and to promote adolescent, child, and adult health through evidence-based initiatives. The HE&P division also works to prepare Williams County for emerging public health concerns and to increase community involvement in order to achieve health equity. The HE&P division also oversees the coordination of partners and state agencies in order to collect and analyze local data for effectively designing, implementing, and evaluating community-wide health initiatives and programs.

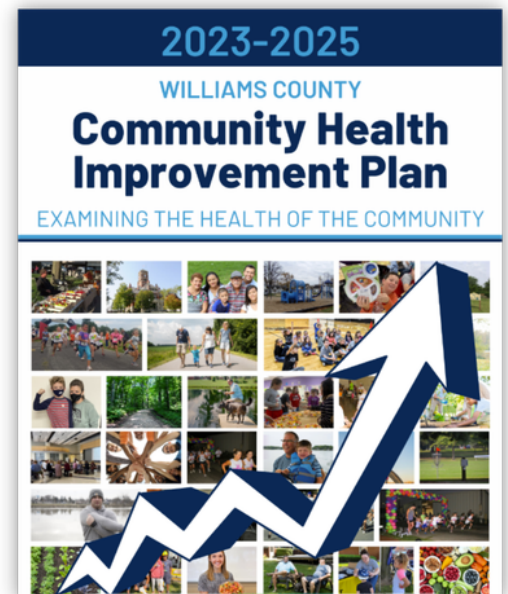
2023–2025 Community Health Improvement Plan

The 2023–2025 Williams County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was developed using the 2022 Community Health Assessment and in collaboration with the Williams County Health Partners. It focused on mental health and addiction, health behaviors and the built environment, and access to care, aligning with state and national priorities.

Key achievements include:

- Launching the YMCA360 app, free for all residents
- Creating an interactive parks website with trail maps
- Developing the Access to Care report
- Integrating CredibleMind into mental health outreach

These efforts demonstrate the impact of community collaboration. Building on this work, partners are now developing a new CHIP using findings from the 2025 Community Health Assessment to guide the next cycle of priorities and strategies.



Cover page for the 2023–2025 Community Health Improvement Plan

Reaccreditation



In May 2025, the Williams County Health Department proudly achieved national re-accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. This recognition confirms that WCHD continues to meet rigorous national standards for quality and performance in public health services. The re-accreditation process reviews all programs, policies, and services to ensure they are effective, evidence-based, and responsive to community needs. Achieving this milestone demonstrates our ongoing commitment to accountability, continuous improvement, and helping all residents of Williams County live healthier, safer lives. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of

our entire team, who strive every day to serve the community with excellence and care.

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

Adolescent Health Grant



In October 2023, the Williams County Health Department (WCHD), in collaboration with Henry and Putnam counties, was awarded funding through the Ohio Department of Health's Adolescent Health and Resiliency Project. This initiative, known as NORY (Northwest Ohio Resilient Youth), was developed to take a regional approach by engaging multiple Northwest Ohio health departments in strengthening support systems for adolescents.



The goal of NORY is to equip adults who work with youth to be trauma-informed and to foster safe, supportive connections between adolescents and trusted adults within the community. By expanding the network of professionals who understand the impact of trauma and the importance of resilience, NORY aims to create a more supportive environment for young people.



In 2025, Williams County trained 60 participants and 1 staff member in trauma-informed care, ensuring that more youth-serving adults are prepared to provide the guidance and stability adolescents need. By prioritizing these connections, NORY is helping to build a foundation for long-term adolescent well-being and resilience across Northwest Ohio.

Williams County Fair Booth

At the 2025 Williams County Fair, the Williams County Health Department hosted a booth to engage with the community and provide valuable health resources. This allowed us to connect directly with residents, share important public health information, and offer hands-on activities that promote overall well-being.

We distributed information and materials covering all department services, including health education, environmental health, nursing, ECHO, WIC, and vital statistics. These resources helped inform the community about available programs and services designed to support individual, family, and community health.

In addition to educational materials, we offered activity boards each day to encourage community participation. These included free bike helmets with a decorating station, what is in an e-cigarette, infection disease trivia, rainbow food, and more.



Pictures with the Hulk



Helmet decorating



Photobooth

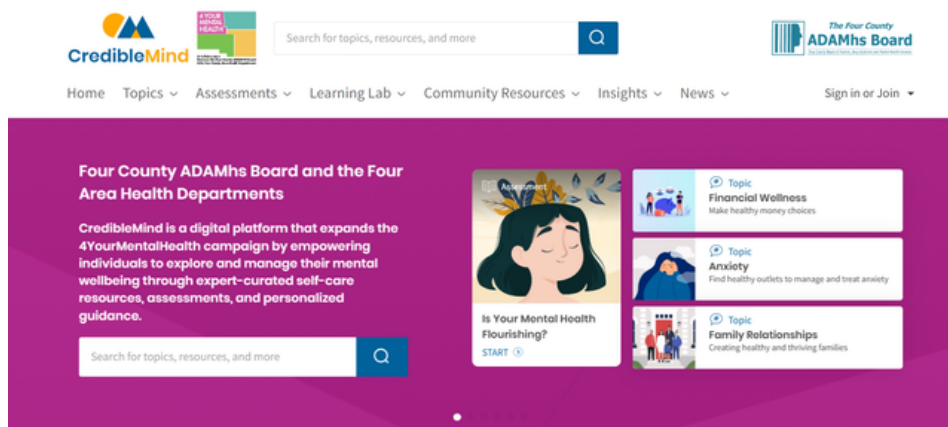
HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

4YourMentalHealth Campaign

The 4 Your Mental Health (4YMH) campaign promotes mental wellness across Williams, Defiance, Fulton, and Henry counties by helping individuals Take Care, Connect, and Relax. Funded by the four-county ADAMHS Board, the campaign expanded in 2025 by integrating CredibleMind, a digital mental health platform that provides interactive, evidence-based resources for managing stress, improving sleep, practicing mindfulness, and addressing anxiety or depression. CredibleMind is available to anyone in the region, giving residents convenient access to tools and support anytime, anywhere.



A Collaboration between the Four County ADAMHS Board & the Four County Area Health Departments



Through community programs, social media, and collaborative events, 4YMH empowers individuals to prioritize their well-being and build skills for maintaining mental health.

Visit 4ymh.crediblemind.com or click the image to the left to learn more!

Suicide Prevention Coalition

The Williams County Health Department recognizes the need to improve mental health in our community. WCHD partners with the Suicide Prevention Coalition to increase awareness, decrease stigma, and provide resources to those who need help. In 2025, WCHD participated in the 5th Annual Four County Suicide Prevention Breakfast that was held for representatives from schools, churches, courts, businesses, and other sectors. The event was used to bring awareness about the issue of suicide in our community and provide community members with resources to help others.



HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

Child Passenger Safety Program



CPSTs Sara Casper (left) and Katie Brown (right) with Greg, the training doll.

The Child Passenger Safety program works to prevent injury and improve the safety of all youth while in motor vehicles. Our certified child passenger safety technicians (CPST) have completed extensive training on the selection, use, and installation of car seats and work to educate caregivers on these topics. CPSTs provide free educational sessions and car seat checks to any individual transporting children in car seats. Through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB) program, free car seats and hands-on education are provided to families in Williams County.

73 OBB car seats distributed

37 seat checks completed

3 trainings presented

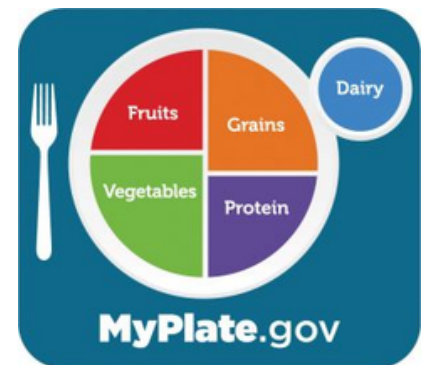


CPSTs Sara Casper (left), Katie Brown (middle), and Jessica Runkel (right).

3rd Grade MyPlate Nutrition Program

The 3rd Grade MyPlate Program is funded by the Four County ADAMhs board, in partnership with United Way, in order for the Williams County Health Department to educate children about healthy nutrition habits to reduce childhood obesity and improve mental health. The program is implemented in 3rd grade classrooms in Williams County schools.

The program includes 4 interactive educational session, and students receive a physical MyPlate to utilize at meals as well as a \$10 voucher to purchase produce at a local grocery store.



403 students



22 classrooms



10 schools



Session 4 of 3rd Grade MyPlate, Bryan schools



Montpelier student trying a cherry tomato
Session 4 of 3rd grade MyPlate, Fall 2025

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

Community Outreach

During the summer, bike helmets were given to children for free at multiple community events. The helmets were awarded by the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics as part of the "Put a Lid On It" campaign. Helmets were distributed at Montpelier's Registration Blitz, Bread of Life Community Centers back to school event, and the Williams County Fair in 2025. Williams County children were properly fitted for helmets and learned about bike safety and proper helmet use.



Kids receiving free helmets at community events

WCHD gave away 56 Bike Helmets & Fitted an additional 22 helmets in 2025.



Sara Casper implementing the Pretty Poison presentation at Safety Town and Edon Elementary.

The WCHD also offers "Pretty Poison" presentations for preschool and kindergarten-aged children. Students learned to "Stop, ask first" before touching, eating, or drinking anything an adult has not given them.

4 safety town classrooms

3 kindergarten classrooms

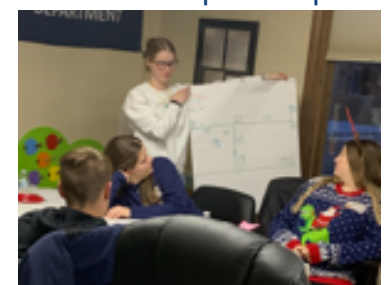
In 2025, WCHD began visiting senior centers, including the Bryan, Edgerton, Montpelier, and West Unity locations. These visits reached a total of 82 participants. The presentations emphasized the importance of walking and spending time outdoors while incorporating elements of local history. Each session was followed by brief walks to encourage active lifestyles. Additionally, information about regional trails and the benefits of walking was provided.



Tobacco Grant

The Ohio Department of Health's Tobacco TU-26 Grant supports local efforts to prevent and reduce tobacco use through evidence-based policy, systems, and environmental strategies. The grant focuses on decreasing usage, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, and promoting tobacco-free norms in schools and communities. Funded activities also increase awareness of cessation resources, including the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line (1-800-QUIT-NOW), to support individuals who want to quit tobacco and improve public health outcomes across Ohio.

In 2025, the Screen and Refer program positioned the county as the first in Ohio to achieve its referral goals. Parkview staff received training from WCHD to screen and refer pregnant women to the appropriate services. WCHD further supported tobacco users by connecting them with resources and guidance to help them achieve their goals to stop nicotine use.



Student presenting mapping of nicotine purchase and use locations.

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

ECHO Coalition



Educating Communities on Healthy Opportunities (ECHO) is a substance use prevention coalition serving Williams County since 2017. Substance Use Prevention Coalitions are partnerships of many sectors in a community that gather collaboratively to solve the community's problems and guide the community's future. The coalition seeks to decrease the root causes of substance use disorders by increasing a healthy community, family, peer group, and school that make it more likely that a person will not use substances.

The ECHO Coalition has two goals:

1. Establish and strengthen collaboration in the community to prevent substance abuse.
2. Reduce youth marijuana, prescription drug, and alcohol use.

The ECHO Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is a group of passionate Williams County students in grades 9–12 who co-facilitate youth-led programs in their schools. Members collaborate with peers, school staff, and coalition partners to raise awareness about substance use, mental health, and other youth challenges while building leadership skills, confidence, and stronger school communities.



Youth to Youth
Summer Conference

CADCA Nashville

Over the summer, ECHO's YLC members can attend two training events.

The Youth-to-Youth conference is packed with creative ways for youth and adults to work together in their communities. Participants leave with new skills and a deeper personal commitment to making positive decisions and creating change in their own communities.

The CADCA's Mid-year training event for prevention professionals, youth and community leaders to convene, share insights, and collaborate on innovative strategies to drive lasting and impactful community change.

YLC students attended a "We Are the Change" Rally; joining over 1,000 students in Columbus for a powerful day of celebration, inspiration, and advocacy. The group proudly marched to the Ohio Statehouse to share the positive changes they are making in their schools and communities



Students attended the
"We are Change" rally in Columbus



Fall youth summit 2025

In the fall, ECHO held a Youth Summit to strengthen youth-led programming throughout Williams County. We invited teams of 7th- and 8th-grade students from each school to participate in activities aligned with the Strategic Prevention Framework led by ECHO's YLC.

Through this experience, students gain the tools and skills to identify issues they want to address in their schools and develop meaningful projects that create positive change.

HEALTH EDUCATION & PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness

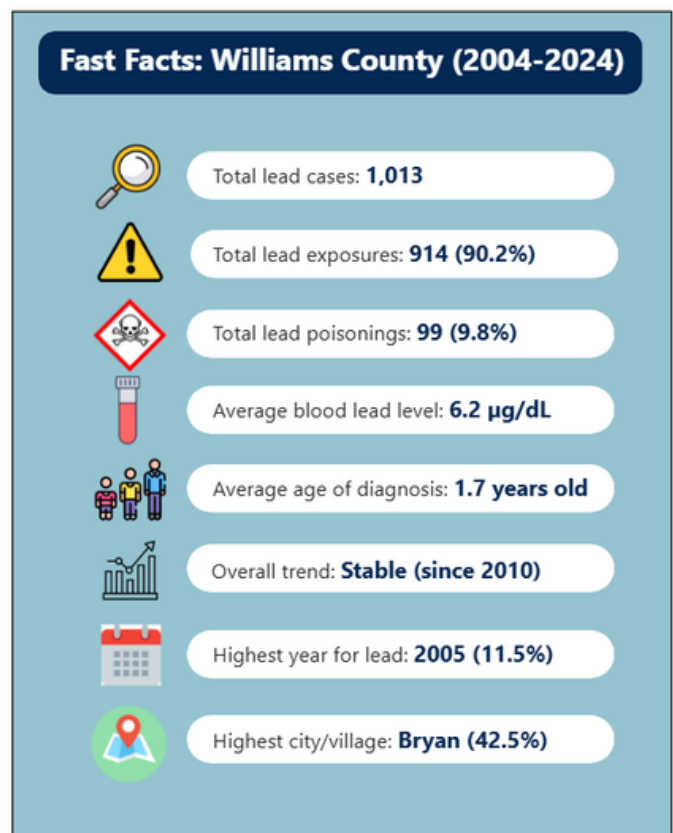
The Emergency Preparedness program helps Williams County to prevent, prepare for, and respond to health-related emergencies by creating local plans and partnerships. Public health emergency planning encompasses all aspects of planning for health and natural emergencies and coordination of agency response to a wide variety of scenarios. The health department works to engage the whole community and its partners to create strong connections that make us all safer and build a state of community preparedness.

Lead Dashboard

In 2025, the Williams County Health Department created an interactive dashboard to show lead in our communities. The dashboard shows lead exposures and poisonings in children from birth to age 6 from 2004-2024 in Williams County. Lead exposures are classified as having a blood lead level of 3.5–9.9 micrograms/deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) while lead poisonings are blood lead levels 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ and higher. The purpose of this dashboard is to identify trends over a 20-year time period to create awareness of the issue and to promote options to prevent lead poisonings in Williams County.

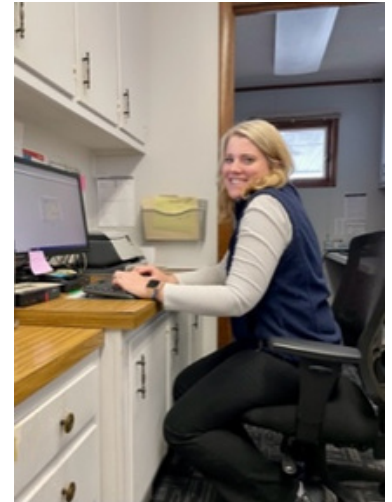
Purpose:

The Ohio Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OHLPPP) addresses the needs of lead-poisoned children from birth through 6 years (72 months) of age. The Williams County Health Department recognizes the harmful effects of lead, especially to children, and is working towards the goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning by reducing the number of children who are exposed to lead. The purpose of this dashboard is to identify trends over a 20 year time period to create awareness of the issue and to promote options to prevent lead poisoning in Williams County. Even low levels of lead in blood are associated with developmental delays, difficulty learning, and behavioral issues. CDC uses a blood lead reference value (BLRV) of 3.5 micrograms per deciliter.



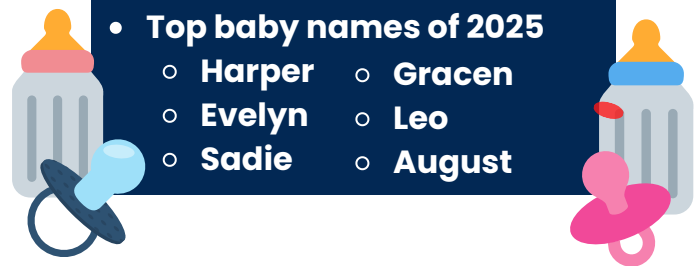
VITAL STATISTICS

The Williams County Health Department maintains birth and death records occurring in Williams County beginning in 1909 to present. The Vital Statistics division is able to issue certified birth certificates for anyone born in the state of Ohio. Vital Statistics electronically maintains all birth records filed in Ohio after December 20, 1908 and an index of all death records filed in Ohio after January 1, 1964. In 2025, there were 1,584 birth certificates issued and 1,277 death certificates issued.



2025 Births

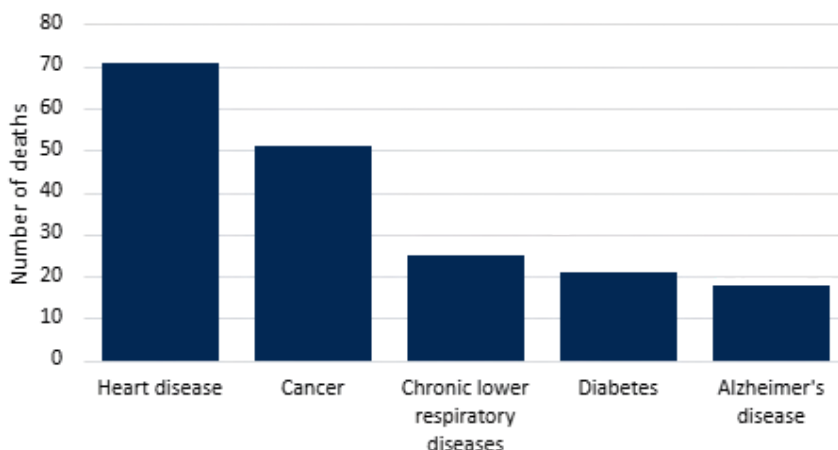
274 babies were born in Williams County to Williams County residents in 2025.*



• Top baby names of 2025

- Harper
- Evelyn
- Sadie
- Gracen
- Leo
- August

2025 Causes of Death



2025 Deaths

- **312 people died in Williams County in 2025****
 - 2 suicides
 - 1 overdose death

*Births that occurred in WC to non-WC residents are excluded from the data.

**This data is provisional and subject to change should additional data become available.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Public health nurses strive to promote health and wellness within the Williams County community through a variety of services and programs. Public health nurses provide adult and childhood immunizations, investigate infectious diseases, provide education to families about lead poisoning in children, and connect children with special healthcare needs and their families with comprehensive care and services through the Children with Medical Handicaps Program.

Immunizations

The WCHD was able to offer immunizations in our office and at community locations in 2025. Senior center, school, and workplace vaccination clinics were also held.

Overall, the WCHD was able to provide 14 school immunization clinics, 11 senior center flu immunization clinics, 2 School Staff Flu/COVID clinics, and 5 industry flu immunization clinics. These clinics exist so we are able to improve access for all Williams County residents.

1,653 immunizations were provided in 2025.



WCHD public health nurses at one of our senior center flu immunization clinics

Back to School Immunization Clinics

with the Williams County
Health Department

Edgerton Local Schools Open House

Tuesday, August 15th
5:30pm - 7pm

217 E. River Street
Edgerton, Ohio 43517

Appointment Required



Give us a call at 419-485-3141 to
schedule an appointment today!



Back to school immunization clinic patients showing off their band-aids

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Complex Medical Help Program

The Complex Medical Help Program (CMH) links families of children with special health care needs to a network of CMH approved providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need. CMH promotes early identification of children with medical conditions and treatment of those children by CMH approved health care providers.



75 children served in 2025 through the CMH program

Childhood Lead Poisoning

There is no "safe" level of lead in the blood – any confirmed level is an indication that the person has been exposed. Guidance was changed at the end of 2023 that children with levels above 3 mcg/dL should be monitored to increase the number of children being followed. Lead poisoning has no treatment or cure and can leave individuals with permanent cognitive damage and delays.



Source: EPA

- **25 children followed in 2025 to monitor their elevated lead levels**
 - **25 cases of elevated blood lead levels 3.5–10 mcg/dL**
 - **0 cases of elevated blood lead levels 10+ mcg/dL**

Narcan Distribution to Law Enforcement and EMS

Narcan is an opioid overdose reversal drug intended to prevent overdose deaths. Administering Narcan restores normal breathing to someone who has overdosed within 2–3 minutes.

- **51 boxes of Narcan nasal spray were distributed Williams County**
- **6 Reported Narcan uses reported by EMS.**



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Infectious Disease

232 total cases of infectious diseases were reported to the Williams County Health Department in 2025. The illnesses listed below are caused by bacteria, viruses, and parasites and are reportable to a health department. These germs can infect people and make them sick. These illnesses can be prevented if proper precautions are taken.

Infectious diseases can be prevented with safe health habits like proper hygiene practices, vaccines, safe water and food, and safe sex practices.

Infectious Disease Cases in Williams County, 2025

34 **GI Infections from food, water, or animals**
Including Campylobacter, Salmonella, Giardiasis, Hepatitis A and E. Coli

74 **Sexually Transmitted Infections**
Including Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis

90 **Vaccine Preventable Infections**
Including COVID-19 hospitalization, Influenza hospitalization, Varicella (chickenpox), and Streptococcus pneumoniae invasive.

16 **Bloodborne Infections**
Including Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C

5 **Infections from Insects**
Including Lyme Disease and Dengue

15 **High Risk Invasive Diseases**
Including Meningitis, Streptococcal invasive, Legionellosis, Haemophilus influenzae, and Carbapenemase



WCHD investigates what is making people sick. We work hard to stop illnesses from happening in the first place or before people get sick.

It is important that our community has safe food, water, air, and fewer infectious diseases for everyone's personal health.

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC)

Women, Infants, and Children is a nutrition education program that has served families with children less than 5 years old and pregnant women for 40 years in Bryan and Montpelier. W.I.C. provides nutrition and breastfeeding education; supplemental, highly nutritious foods; referrals to prenatal/pediatric healthcare, maternal and child health programs, and health & human service programs; and immunization screenings and referrals. Participants can also use a debit card to redeem benefits at local grocery stores.



Department of Health

Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)



WIC Breastfeeding booth at the Williams County Fair

- 680 clients served in 2025
- 265 average participants each month
- 48 breast pumps issued
- 66.7% of participants breastfeed
- \$1,350 of coupons given to use at Local Famers' Markets

How we've helped these businesses:

- Ohio workplace plus toolkit x21
- Certificate of recognition x21
- Desktop Privacy screen x1
- Privacy Door Hangers x7
- Lactation Kit x13
- Breastfeeding Reading material x3
- Rocker/Glider x1
- Window Blind x1
- Created a policy x3
- Privacy Partition x5
- Room in use sign x3
- Pop up tent x1
- Small table x1
- Breastfeeding cover up x1
- Curtains x1
- Mini fridge x1
- Air purifier x3

Breastfeeding in the Workplace

The federal Break Time for Nursing Mothers law requires many employers to give nursing employees break time and a private space (not a bathroom) to pump breast milk for up to one year after a baby is born. Businesses that support breastfeeding employees see lower healthcare costs, reduced absenteeism, lower turnover, and improved morale. The WCHD has received a grant to help businesses in our community establish or strengthen lactation accommodations that reflect these standards.

21 Businesses helped

Walmart
GoodWill Industries
Spangler's
Kamco
Montpelier Public Library
WCHD- Montpelier
Toledo Tool and Die
Millers New Market
Village of Edgerton
WCHD- Bryan

Family Dollar- West Unity
ElliAnns Boutique
Chief Supermarket
Atenloh Brinck & Co USA INC
Bard Manufacturing
Parkview Care Center
YMCA
Bryan Library
Kinship Chiropractic
Magnolia Roots Hair CO.
Miracles Child Care

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Public Health (EPH) Division is responsible for implementing a broad range of programs that are designed to protect and promote public health throughout Williams County. Through inspections, investigations, consults and education the goal of the EPH Division is to maintain compliance with regulations while providing the best possible service to the residents of our county.

Food Safety Program



The Environmental Health Division is responsible for the licensing and inspection of food service operations, retail food establishments, and foodborne illness outbreaks.

252 Food inspections were completed

34 Food plan reviews were completed

Recreational Programs

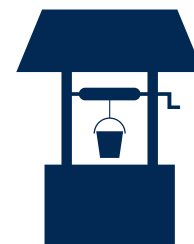
Public and commercial swimming pools and spas are a source of leisure, recreation, exercise, and therapy for many residents throughout our county. Each facility is licensed and inspected by the Environmental Public Health Division to assure pool safety for the public. Campgrounds, body art facilities, and schools are also inspected.



Private Water Systems (PWS)

The PWS program works to ensure that homeowners and businesses have properly constructed water sources that meet Ohio's sanitary regulations. The regulation of wells, springs, rainwater cisterns, hauled water storage tanks and ponds that provide potable water to fewer than 25 people per day and have fewer than 15 service connections are required to be permitted through WCHD.

The Ohio Department of Health released revised rules, effective January 1, 2020. The rules are filed under Ohio Administrative Code 3701-28 and requires any person working on a private water system (well, pump, pressure tank, pressure switch, etc.) to be a Registered Private Water Systems contractor with the Ohio Department of Health.



62 well permits were issued in 2025

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)

The WPCLF Program provides funds to low-moderate income families to assist with the replacement of failed septic systems. At the close of 2022, we surpassed the 1-million-dollar mark when combined with the additional funds awarded in 2021 through the H2Ohio Program. As of December 2025, we have invested \$1,711,242.31 back into the Williams County community to replace

failed septic systems. The results of this project have so far resulted in the removal of approximately 10.66 million gallons of wastewater per year from Williams County ditches, creeks, rivers, and other waterways. We anticipate funding to continue in the years to come and we will keep working to improve the overall environmental health of Williams County.



Sewage Treatment System Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Program

In January of 2015, the Ohio Department of Health adopted new rules regarding private Sewage Treatment Systems (STSS) in Ohio. These rules require *all* local health departments in the state, including the Williams County Health Department, to develop and implement a local Operation and Maintenance (O&M) program to ensure regular maintenance and proper functionality of all systems in the county.

The Williams County Operations and Maintenance (O&M) program has successfully completed its first renewal in the 5 year cycle. In the fall of 2025, mailings were sent to Group 2, which includes Springfield, Millcreek, and Jefferson Township.

30

Septic site reviews

32

Septic permits issued

47

Lot split applications

1,012

Septic system operation permits issued

28

Septic systems designed



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling

The Williams County Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling Program is a comprehensive program designed to educate and increase public awareness about solid waste reduction and recycling. The program provides educational information and materials to promote the 3 "R's" Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle through media advertising such as newspaper, radio, and internet.

Recycling Events

On May 10th and September 25th, the WCHD hosted electronics recycling events. Over **40,500 pounds** of electronics were recycled, which is about **20.5 tons**.

FREE Electronics Recycling Event



Williams County Health Department
& WiltonKeck

Date:

May 10th, 2025

Time:

9am - 12pm

Location:

WiltonKeck Warehouse, 807
E. Maple St. Bryan, OH 43506



Questions?
Contact Shannon for
more information:
419-485-3141 ext. 109

Social Media post the fall
Electronics Recycling Event

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event



With the Williams County Health Department
& ERG Environmental Services

Date: August 19th, 2025 **Time:** 2pm - 6pm

Location: Williams County Fairgrounds
619 E Main, Montpelier OH 43543
Beside the fair office

First come firstserve

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Corrosives	Aerosols
Misc. Cleaners and Toxics	Automotive Fluids
Batteries (mixed household)	Solvents/ Flammable
Fluorescent Lamps	Oil Based Paint
PCB Ballast	Latex paint
Lithium Batteries	Reactive/ Oxidizers
Propane tanks	Smoke Detectors
Clean Sweep Pesticides	Fire Extinguishers



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Flyer for the August Hazardous Recycling Event.

On August 19th, the WCHD held a Household Hazardous Waste event. A total of **21,467 pounds** of household hazardous waste was collected, which is about **10.7 tons**. At the same August 19th event, **14,200 pounds** of latex paint were collected for proper disposal, which is about **7.1 tons**.

In the Winter of 2025, the WCHD hosted a Christmas Lights Recycling event where residents were able to recycle their old or broken holiday lights. Residents recycled approximately **4,000 pounds** of Christmas lights.

FREE!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RECYCLING

WHEN?

December 1st, 2025 through January 31st, 2026
Monday through Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

WHERE?

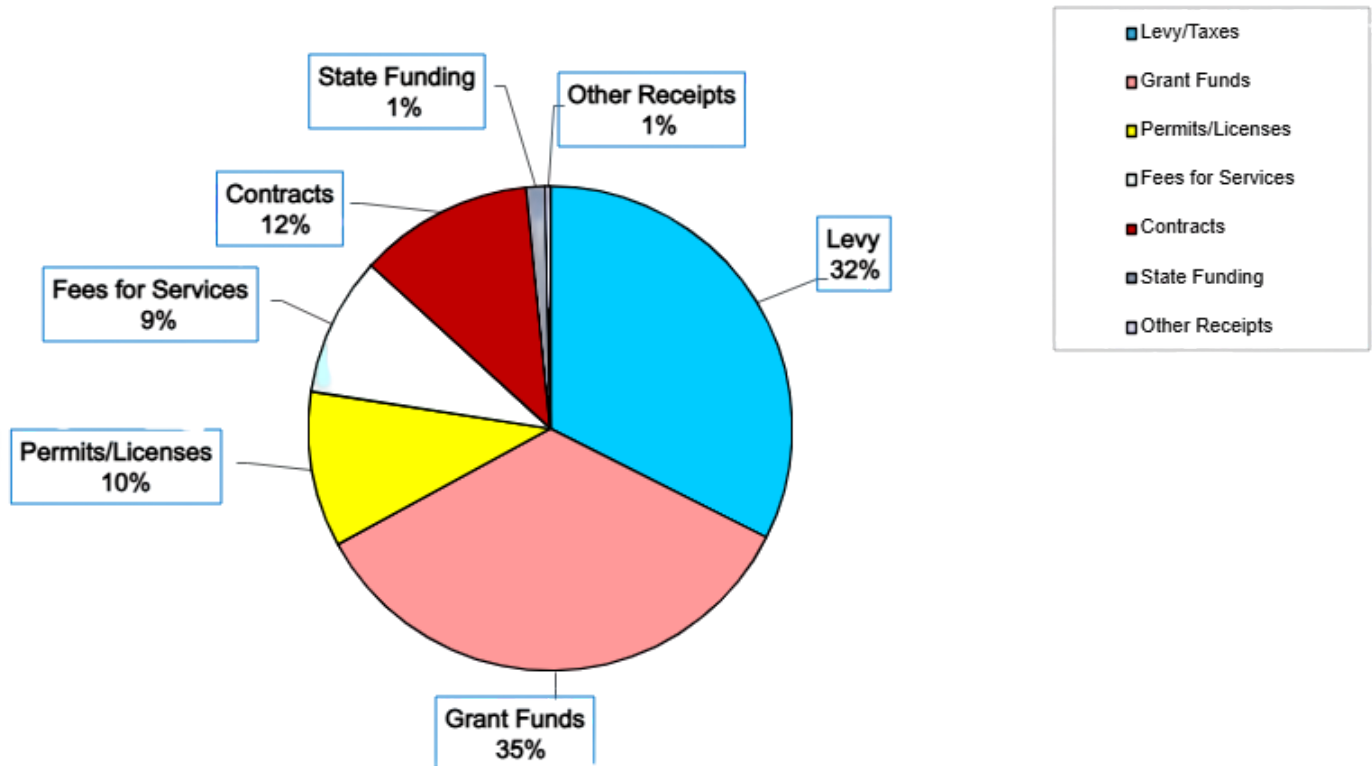
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Flyer for the Christmas Lights Recycling Event

FINANCIAL REPORT

2025 Revenue YTD



2025 Expenses YTD

