Grant Funded Programs
Bringing state and federal dollars to Athens County to improve our community public health status.

Dental Sealant Grant - $52,250 from the Ohio Department of Health. The program allows us to provide dental exams, application of sealants to healthy teeth, and provide dental referrals in elementary schools in Athens, Meigs and Hocking County. Grades 2 & 6: 912 Students examined, 2646 Teeth sealed, 215 referrals for additional dental care Grades 3 & 7: 917 Students examined, 1990 Teeth sealed, 174 referrals for additional dental care.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) - $77,524 from Ohio Department of Health & CDC. The PHEP program provided funding for advanced emergency and preparedness planning, training, equipment and regional coordination. Since 2002, PHEP grant funding enhances our capacity and accountability in emergency planning and response. We are better prepared to prevent disease and injury and maintain public health within the community.

The Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) grant - $95,000 from CDC. CHC programs increase access to healthy food and opportunities for physical activity, and eliminate tobacco use in school, worksites, and the community. Health Department staff work with many partners through the Creating Healthy Communities Coalition to establish policies, systems and environment changes to make the healthy choice the easy choice in Athens County.

Communities Preventing Chronic Disease (CPCD) - $400,000 from CDC to address the link between health care and community lifestyle support to prevent diabetes and control hypertension in Athens and Washington Counties. Staff work with partners to increase patient referral to community programs and engage Community Health Workers. CPCD staff assisted with the development of active transportation policies, healthy food and beverage policies, and healthy food access.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered ............................................. 735
Deaths Registered ........................................... 405
Fetal Deaths Registered ...................................... 7
Certificates of Service ........................................ 14
Certified Copies of Birth & Death Certificates
Issued .................................................................. 3745
Burial Permits Issued ........................................... 331
Burial Permits Issued - O.U. Heritage College of
Osteopathic Medicine ........................................... 98

Causes of Death
Accidental .......................................................... 9
Adult Failure to Thrive ........................................... 7
Cancer ............................................................ 70
Congenital Defects ................................................ 1
Dementia, Alzheimer’s .......................................... 7
Dementia, Unspecified ........................................... 7
Encephalopathy .................................................... 7
Heart/Vascular Disease ....................................... 119
Homicide .......................................................... 1
Hypovolemic Shock ............................................. 3
Infection .................................................................. 15
Kidney Disease ..................................................... 4
Liver Disease ........................................................ 6
Metabolic Disorder ............................................... 15
Multiple Sclerosis ............................................... 1
Multisystem Organ Failure .................................... 25
Myasthenia Gravis ............................................... 1
Overdose .................................................................. 5
Parkinson’s disease .............................................. 1
Pending ................................................................... 1
Pneumonia .......................................................... 11
Renal Failure ....................................................... 17
Respiratory Illness ................................................ 45
Ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm w/ Hypovolemic
Shock ................................................................... 1
Stroke .................................................................... 3
Suicide .................................................................... 7
Undetermined Etiology .......................................... 16

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sewage & Water
Sewage Disposal Field Inspections ....................... 310
Sewage Inspection (refinancing/selling) ................... 94
Sewage Installations Completed ............................ 97
Operational Sewage Inspections ........................... 244
Water Samples Collected ........................................ 15

Food Protection
Temporary Food Service Inspections .................... 80
Food Service Inspections ...................................... 940
Vending Machine Inspections .............................. 19
Mobile Food Service Inspections ......................... 66
Process Reviews .................................................. 24

Rabies Control Program/Animal Bite Investigations
Dogs ................................................................. 61
Cats .................................................................. 19
Bats .................................................................. 6
Other ................................................................... 3
Specimens Submitted to State Lab ....................... 10

Solid Waste Program
“Amnesty Scrap Tires” Removed ......................... 7900
“Orphan Scrap Tires” Removed ......................... 2600
Roadside litter removed (Coalition) ................... 9 Tons
Open Dumping investigations ............................ 76
Landfill/Compost Inspections ............................. 122

License & Permits Issued
Septage Haulers/Trucks ...................................... 9/14
Sewage System Installer Registrations ................... 19
Sewage Services Provided .................................... 4
Sewage Disposal Installation Permits ................. 97
Water Well Permit .............................................. 12
Food Service License ......................................... 421
Camp License ..................................................... 12
Public Swimming Pool License ............................ 27
Landfill License/CDD Licenses ............................. 2

Miscellaneous Inspections
School Inspections ............................................. 44
Manufactured Home Park Inspections .................. 18
Camp Inspections ............................................... 27
Swimming Pool Inspections ............................... 36
Housing Inspections ............................................. 38
Nuisance Inspections .......................................... 52
Lot Split/Subdivision Reviews .............................. 22
Tattoo Parlors ..................................................... 4
Mosquito/Bug Submitted .................................... 828
Mosquito Species Identified ............................... 11

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

BCMH Families Served ....................................... 154
Project DAWN Trainings ..................................... 66
Welcome Home Baby Visits ............................... 59
Cris for Kids ....................................................... 68

Nationwide Children’s Specialty Clinics
Families & Children Served
Developmental .................................................... 29
Genetics ............................................................ 47

Immunization Program

Adult
Influenza .......................................................... 1260
Immunizations ..................................................... 680

Childhood
Influenza .......................................................... 260
Immunizations ..................................................... 1508

Total Immunizations Given ................................. 3708

Immunizations Offered
*Hep A, Hep B, MMR, Men B, Meningococcal,
Pneumovax, Prevnar13, Td & Tdap, Varicella,
DTap, Hib, HPV, Polio, Rotavirus,

TB Program
TB skin tests performed ...................................... 806
T-Spots ................................................................... 50

Communicable Diseases Report
Campylobacteriosis ........................................... 16
Chlamydia Infection ............................................ 539
Coccidioidomycosis ............................................ 11
Cryptosporidiosis ............................................... 1
E. coli ............................................................... 6
Giardiasis ............................................................ 4
Gonorrhea ........................................................... 45
Haemophilus Influenzae ....................................... 1
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome ............................. 1
Hepatitis B-Perinatal Infection ............................ 2
Hepatitis B (including delta) acute ....................... 5
Hepatitis B (including delta) chronic ................... 39
Hepatitis C- acute ............................................... 2
Hepatitis C – chronic .......................................... 150
Influenza – associated hospitalization ............... 43
Legionnaires’ disease ......................................... 2
Lyme disease ..................................................... 8
Malaria ............................................................. 1
Meningitis – aseptic/viral .................................... 2
Meningitis - bacterial .......................................... 1
Mumps ............................................................. 1
Pertussis ............................................................ 3
Salmonellosis ..................................................... 10
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis, including Rocky
Mountain Spotted Fever ..................................... 10
Streptococcal – Group A – invasive ..................... 1
Streptococcal – Group B – in newborn .............. 1
Streptococcus pneumonia – invasive ................... 8
Typhoid fever .................................................... 1
Varicella ............................................................ 2
Yersiniosis ......................................................... 2