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: 1100 Students examined, 3816 Teeth sealed, 286 referrals for additional dental care. Grades 3 & 7: 1075 Students examined, 1489 Teeth sealed, 213 referrals for additional dental care.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) - $89,285 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 - $125,450 from ODH & 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 ODH and 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. Through the grant, the Healthy Connections clinic was established at the Health Department as a resource hub for helping Medical providers direct patients to lifestyle programs, cooking classes, and physical activity support.

New Programs in 2015
- Welcome Home Baby -
- Cribs for Kids -
- Project DAWN -
- Public Health Accreditation -

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered..................................662
Deaths Registered.................................370
Fetal Deaths Registered...........................5
Certificates of Service..............................16
Certified Copies of Birth & Death Certificates
Issued................................................4380
Burial Permits Issued...............................325

CAUSES OF DEATH

Heart/Vascular Disease............................137
Cancer ..............................................72
Respiratory Illness ................................43
Stroke ...............................................1
Alzheimer .........................................18
Renal Failure ......................................10
Natural Causes .................................... 25
Overdose................................................6
Pneumonia.......................................... 9
Suicide .............................................. 8
Infection ............................................ 4
Accidental ......................................... 9
Homicides ...........................................1
Encephalopathy ................................... 2
Liver Disease ...................................... 5
Miscellaneous ........................................19
Congenital Defects ................................. 1

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sewage & Water

Sewage Disposal Field Inspections........251
Sewage Disposal Inspection for existing systems
For refinancing or selling ..................102
Sewage Installations Completed .............86
Operational Sewage Inspections ..........171
Water Samples Collected .................... 12

Food Protection

Temporary Food Service Inspections ..64
Food Service Inspections .................... 766
Vending Machine Inspections ............. 20
Mobile Food Service Inspections ........ 81
Plan Reviews .......................................21

Rabies Control Program/Animal Bite Investigations

Dogs ...................................................80
Cats .....................................................39
Bat ..................................................... 1
Other ...................................................2
Specimens Submitted to State Lab ........ 19

Solid Waste Program

“Amnesty Scrap Tires” Removed ..........6740
“Orphan Scrap Tires” Removed ........1068
Roadside litter removed (Coalition) ....5.01tons
Open Dumping investigations ............ 34
Landfill Inspections ............................ 10

License & Permits Issued

Septage Haulers ...................................11
Septage Hauler Trucks ..........................13
Sewage System Installer Registrations ...19
Sewage System Manufacturer Registrations ........................................11
Sewage Disposal Installation Permits ........86
Water Well Permits ............................... 2
Food Service License ...........................358
Camp License .....................................12
Public Swimming Pool License ............ 24
Landfill License/CDD Licenses ............. 2

Miscellaneous Inspections

School Inspections ...............................46
Manufactured Home Park Inspections ....19
Camp Inspections .................................12
Swimming Pool Inspections .................23
Housing Inspections ............................ 21
Nuisance Inspections .......................... 58
Lot Split/Subdivision Reviews ............. 35
Tattoo Parlors .......................................4

Public Health Nursing

BCMH Home & Office Visits .................129
HIV testing ......................................... 14
Pregnancy Testing .............................. 09
Project Dawn .......................................48

2015 School Screenings

Kindergarten Screenings.......................363
Scoliosis Screenings .........................1251

Doctor Clinics # Clinics # Patients

Ear, Nose, Throat ................................ 1 10
Genetics .......................................... 6 29

Immunization Program

Total Immunizations Given ..............3601

Adult Immunizations

Influenza ............................................ 1425
Hepatitis A ....................................... 42
Hepatitis B .......................................107
Measles, Mumps, Rubella ...................55
Meningococcal ................................. 9
Pneumovax ...................................... 11
Prevnar13 .......................................... 105
Td & tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) ........................................ 245
Varicella (Chickenpox) ...................... 54
Zoster (shingles) ................................. 3

Child Immunizations

Influenza ........................................... 307
DTap(diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) ....... 31
Hepatitis A .......................................210
HepatitisB ......................................... 10
Hib ................................................. 83
HPV (Human Papillomavirus) .............138
Kinrix (DTap & Polio) ......................... 41
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) ...........90
MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella &Varicella) ...................................43
Meningococcal ..................................147
Pediarix (Dtap, Hepatitis B, polio) .........52
Polio ............................................. 30
Prevnar13 ......................................... 99
Rotavirus ......................................... 40
Td & Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) ........................................ 151
Varicella (chickenpox) ...................... 72

TB Program

TB Skin tests performed ................. 730
Chest x-rays done ............................ 07
IGRA tests ....................................... 68

Communicable Diseases Report

Campylobacteriosis ............................ 21
Chlamydia Infection ..........................454
Giardiasis ......................................... 1
Gonococcal infection ..........................23
Hepatitis B (including delta) acute ...... 6
Hepatitis B (including delta) chronic ...22
Hepatitis C – acute ............................. 1
Hepatitis C – chronic .........................180
Influenza – associated hospitalization ... 6
Listeriosis .......................................... 1
Lyme Disease .................................... 1
Meningitis – aseptic/viral .................. 2
Meningococcal disease-Neisseia meningitiae ................................9
Salmonellosis ..................................... 9
Streptococcal – Group A – invasive ....... 1
Streptococcus pneumonia – invasive .... 1
Varicella ......................................... 2