

WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING?

Public Health Nursing is a special practice, first standardized in the late 19th century, aimed at providing critical preventive health and medical social services to the entire community. It of course involves immunization and other forms of direct care, but what truly distinguishes Public Health Nursing is the casefinding, referral, advocacy, health teaching, counseling, reinforcement, community assessment and involvement in community planning that continually (and quietly) works to prevent health problems or help correct them before they become dangerous, expensive or disruptive to the individual or to the community. It is a fundamental public service, largely delivered at the local level.

NURSING SERVICES SCHEDULE

Immunization Clinics:

Auburn Town Hall 1st Monday of the month
 Russell Town Hall 1st Thursday of the month
 Middlefield VFW 2nd & Last Monday of mo.
 Chardon: County Human Services Building Last Friday of the month

Senior Clinics:

Middlefield 1st Wednesday of the mo.
 First Methodist Church
 Bainbridge 2nd Tuesday of the month
 Burns-Ludlow Building
 Chester 2nd Thursday of the month
 Town Hall
 Burton 3rd Monday of the month
 Public Library
 Chardon 3rd Thursday of the month
 Senior Center
 Thompson 4th Thursday of the month
 Grace Lutheran Church

Orthopedic Clinic Four (4) times a year
 by appointment only
Scoliosis Clinic Two (2) times a year
 by appointment only
Pediatric Hearing Clinic Four (4) times a year
 by appointment only
Tuberculosis Skin Testing Every Friday, 8 - 11 a.m.
 Health Dept. main office
Tests for Strep Throat Every Morning 8 - 9 a.m.
 Main office, when nurse available

For appointments call the Nursing Division 8 am - 4:30 pm M - F.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES

Residents of Geauga County have received services from the Nursing Division since 1920. The services have changed over the years to meet the needs of a growing community. Sixteen programs are offered by the staff of five Public Health Nurses and one clerk.

In 1988, 11,151 persons were given hands-on care during 14,324 visits.

Program	Persons Served	Visits
Streptococcal Detection (33% positive results)	768	768
Maternal & Infant Visits	350	374
Genetic Screenings	353	
Immunization Clinics (Immunizations given - 5,598)	2,116	2,928
Pediatric Otolgic Diagnostic Clinic	62	62
Scoliosis Clinic	74	108
Orthopedic Clinic	135	172
Home Visits	93	135
Office Clinic	62	279
Influenza Vaccine	1,450	1,450
Pneumonia Vaccine	43	43
Industrial Health Program	379	379
Tuberculosis Skin Testing (8 referred)	387	756
Senior Clinics (30 referred)	590	1,559
Handicapped Children Visits	131	282
Cholesterol Screenings (205 referred)	881	881
Schools: Vision Screenings (141 referred)	940	230
Scoliosis Screenings (150 referred)	2,287	
Head Start & Day Care	50	4

The nursing staff is available as consultants, and to provide health education to individuals or to groups.

"Choose health; choose not to smoke."

All programs operated in accordance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

MAKE IT PERSONAL!

Geauga is a beautiful county with a pleasing and restful, rural character, and that's a major reason why it attracts new residents each year. The best way to **keep it beautiful** is for each of us to resolve to take a **personal responsibility** for protecting our environment...land, air and water...and then act on it. The steps are awareness, education...then action.

The fact that Geauga is developing largely on a private-wells-and-home-sewage-system basis, means that no governmental agency of reasonable size and powers can alone prevent all the problems that arise due to owner indifference and neglect of these private systems. Mr. & Mrs. well-and-septic owner, here's where **you** come in!

First, resolve that you won't just take our precious groundwater supplies for granted. They are vulnerable to abuse, and it's possible for a single source of groundwater contamination to affect an entire community. Have your well installed and serviced only by a well driller registered in Ohio. Avoid spreading pesticides near your well casing, and **never** dispose of motor oils, solvents, antifreeze, gasolines or fuel oils by dumping them on the ground or in your home sewage system. Check all fuel tanks regularly to make sure they aren't leaking. Report any old, unused wells that appear improperly sealed to your health department. Periodically, have your water tested by a reliable source. And, use the water you need; but don't waste it...drought or no drought.

Home sewage disposal systems (septic tanks, aeration systems, etc.) are another feature of rural life. These can work very well, but neglect will surely lead to problems. **You** are the operator of this system. Learn what kind of system you have, where the leaching field or filter bed or discharge lines are located and how to observe for early detection of problems. Have your system installed and periodically serviced only by an installer or service agent registered in Geauga County. Avoid overloading your system, and don't subject it to harmful chemicals. And **don't** operate motor vehicles over your leaching field, especially in wet weather. If you're in doubt about any of these things, call your installer or your health department for advice. Finally, remember this...a home sewage system is a private system, but if not properly cared for, it can become a social problem. You and your neighbors are relying on one another to take that personal responsibility for keeping Geauga beautiful!



1988 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Lot Evaluations, Sewage	654
Sewage System Permits Issued	464
Sewage Inspections performed	1,910
Sewage Consultations	4,199
Water Well Permits Issued	577
Water Well Inspections	1,952
Water System Consultations	837
Water Samples Secured	1,705
Food Service Licenses Issued	498
Food Service Inspections	693
Food Service Consultations	591
Food Establishment Permits Issued	177
Food Establishment Inspections	185
Animal Bites Investigated (rabies)	195
Animal Heads Sent to Lab (rabies)	18
Positive Results (rabies)	0-
Plumbing Permits Issued	697
Plumbing Inspections	1,855
School Inspections	59
Swimming Pool Inspections	56
Mobile Home Park Inspections	11
Camp Inspections	46
Total Nuisances Reported	203
Total Nuisances Abated (73%)	148
Sewage Nuisances Reported	126
Sewage Nuisances Abated (61%)	77

W. I. C.

(Women, Infants & Children Food Supplement Program)

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is funded by the U.S.D.A. and administered by the Ohio Department of Health and the Geauga County Health Department. WIC helps correct and prevent nutrition related health and development problems in mothers and their children by providing nutritional assessments, nutrition education, highly nutritious food supplements, and health care referral, as needed, through local agencies.

Women must be pregnant, less than 6 months post partum, or breastfeeding an infant less than one year old to be eligible. Children must be less than 5 years old. Eligibility is also based on medical/nutritional evaluation, economic needs and area of residence.

1988 WIC Participants

January - 528
 April - 574

August - 629
 December - 600

GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

(Appoints & Advises Board of Health)

Twenty-three members representing townships, villages & Co. Commissioners -- Robert K. Schlatter, Ph.D., Chairman

BOARD OF HEALTH

Term Expires

Jerry R. Munn, President, Newbury	1992
Joseph E. Usher, Pres. Pro-tem, Middlefield	1990
Darwin English, Bainbridge	1993
Albert S. Evans, D.O., Middlefield	1989
Robert Provost, Chardon	1991

ADMINISTRATION

HEALTH COMMISSIONER.....	Herbert J. Shubick, M.S.
MEDICAL DIRECTOR.....	Alton W. Behm, M.D.
NURSING DIRECTOR.....	Sarah Y. Eiermann, RN, CNA
ENVIRON. HEALTH ADM.....	Robert K Weisdack, R.S., M.A., MPH
ADMIN. ASSIST./REGISTRAR OF VITAL STAT.....	Norma Piras
PRINCIPAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR.....	William Alderfer, C.P.I
W.I.C. PROJECT DIRECTOR.....	Allyson Lurch, B.A.
CFHS PROJECT DIRECTOR.....	Cynthia Hodgson, RN, CNM, CFNP

VITAL STATISTICS

The Vital Statistics Division of your Health Department maintains records of the births and deaths in Geauga County since 1909. The attending physician or person in attendance at birth files a certificate with the local registrar for each live birth occurring in the County. The funeral director is responsible for filing a certificate for each death occurring in the County.

Certified copies of birth and death certificates are available at the State-mandated charge of \$7.00 each. Two dollars of this fee goes to the State Child Abuse and Child Neglect Fund. You may contact the Registrar of Vital Statistics during regular Health Department hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm weekdays.

There were 333 boys and 255 girls born in Geauga County in 1988, totalling 588 births.

Deaths by Cause:	1987	1988
Heart & Circulatory	168	143
Cancer	66	101
Respiratory	31	32
Stroke	26	31
Accidents	19	17
Diabetes Mellitus	16	17
Liver Disease	4	5
Suicide	9	3
Homicide	3	2
Other	<u>23</u>	<u>28</u>
Total	365	379

**1988
FINANCIAL REPORT**

BOARD OF HEALTH & STATUTORY FUNDS

RECEIPTS:	1988
Unencumbered Carryover	\$ 402,103.86
Encumbered Cash Carryover (1987)	3,746.25
Subdivision Assessments	169,190.00
State Subsidy	25,537.90
Health Levy	174,944.80
Nursing Fees	19,485.50
Vital Statistics	24,272.20
Sewage, Plumbing & Misc. Fees	121,522.39
Food Service	25,138.75
Trailer Parks/Camps	2,280.00
Private Water Systems	54,192.00
Swimming Pools	3,950.00
Solid Waste	-0-
Total Receipts, 1988	\$ 620,513.54
Total Receipts & Balance	\$ 1,026,363.65

EXPENDITURES:	
Salaries	\$ 449,862.14
Medicare	1,870.92
Supplies	16,866.87
Equipment	17,446.25
Equip. Maintenance/Contracts	8,480.17
Travel & Expenses	9,137.69
Advertising & Printing	852.97
PERS (Retirement) & Worker's Comp	66,460.33
Remittances to State	25,223.62
Other Expenses	<u>94,800.29</u>
Total Expenditures, 1988	\$ 691,001.25

Grant Funds

Women, Infants & Children Grant Fund

RECEIPTS:	
Unencumbered Carryover	\$ 5,927.55
WIC Grant	<u>65,160.56</u>
Total Receipts & Balance	\$ 71,088.11

EXPENDITURES:	
Salaries & Contracts	\$ 39,406.19
Travel	998.22
Fringes	9,305.06
Supplies & Other	<u>7,891.15</u>
Total Expenditures, 1988	\$ 57,600.62

Child & Family Health Services Fund

RECEIPTS:	
Unencumbered Carryover	\$ 38,509.58
Receipts (CFHS Grant & Fees)	<u>32,366.89</u>
Total Receipts & Balance	\$ 70,876.47

EXPENDITURES:	
Supplies, Contracts & Other	\$ 52,139.11
Equipment	<u>10,146.94</u>
Total Expenditures, 1988	\$ 62,286.05

CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

1988 CLINIC VISITS:		
Well Child Clinic	316	(211 clients)
Prenatal Clinic	189	(36 clients)

CLINIC SCHEDULE (by appointment):

Service	When	Where	Eligibility
Prenatal	Tues. 8:30-4:30	Ravenwood Center	Suspected Pregnancy
Well Child	Fri. 8:30-11:30 & Last Thurs/mo. 5:30pm-8:30pm	Cherry Ctr. Cherry Ctr.	Birth-21yrs.

Child and Family Health Services is a program authorized by the Ohio Department of Health to provide preventive health care for mothers and children. All services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on family size and income. Medicaid is accepted.

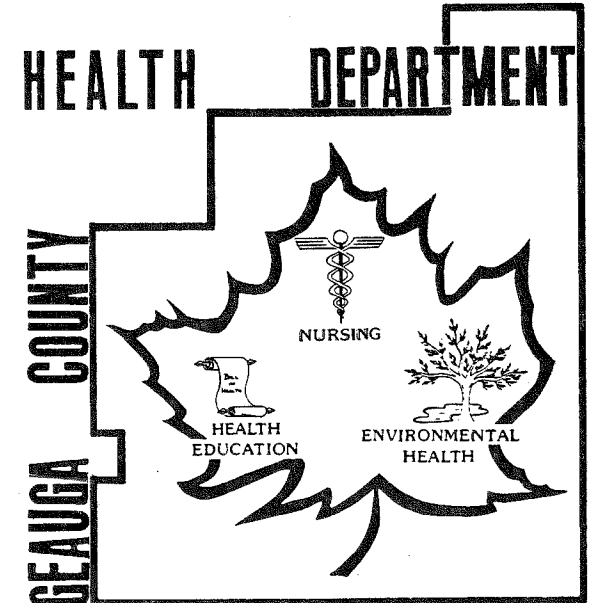
The Well Child Clinic is held weekly in Chardon with monthly evening hours. It is staffed by a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner under supervision of a Clinic Pediatrician. Other personnel assist with medical screenings, health education and immunizations. A speech pathologist attends monthly to screen and refer children with speech therapy needs. Local dentist, Dr. Anne Clouser volunteers her time monthly, examining children's teeth and educating parents on proper dental care. Through her assistance, a fluoride supplement program has been implemented for families lacking fluoridated water. The Child Car Safety Seat Project offers safety seats on a sliding scale fee basis.

March 1, 1988 marked the opening of Geauga County's Prenatal Clinic, held weekly at Ravenwood Center. Prenatal services are provided by a Certified Nurse-Midwife with consultation by the clinic's obstetrician and local delivering physicians. A Licensed Social Worker attends monthly to assess and assist in pregnancy and parenting adjustment. Referral is made to local physicians for emergency services and delivery.

HEALTH DEPT. HOURS: Mon. thru Fri. 8am - 4:30pm.

This report is intended to inform you of your Geauga County Health Department's many services. Feel free to call us about any of these services.

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