

Meigs County Health Department 2025 Annual Report



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Mission: The Meigs County Health Department's (MCHD) mission is to prevent, promote, and protect the health and well-being of Meigs County.

Vision: The MCHD's vision is to be a leader in public health, providing solutions to community health challenges so that people may enjoy optimal health in a clean and safe environment.

Values:

- Prevention Focused: We believe that the best investments in the public's health are those that prevent the spread of disease, foster optimal wellness, and promote healthy behaviors.
- Accountable: We are open and honest in our relationships and good stewards of available resources.
- Community Centered: We build and sustain our public health system through partnerships that improves health outcomes for all.
- Evidence-based: We implement strategies that are based on science and best practices.
- Social Justice: We work to eliminate health disparities and advocate for the needs of the underserved.
- Respect: We treat everyone with dignity, sensitivity, and compassion.



- ✓ The Board of Health (BOH) meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5PM in the MCHD's conference room
- ✓ BOH Meeting minutes can be found on the MCHD website
- ✓ The District Advisory Council (DAC) Annual Meeting was held March 25, 2025. The DAC is a body politic made up of Township Trustee Presidents, Village Mayors, and the President of the Board of County Commissioners responsible for appointing BOH members per Ohio Revised Code 3709.03

MEIGS COUNTY BOH



Mr. Eric Rock
BOH President



Mrs. Edna Weber
BOH Vice President



Mr. Roger Gaul
BOH Member



Wilma Mansfield, MD
BOH Medical Member



Mrs. Pam Patterson
BOH Member



Douglas Hunter, MD
Contract Medical Director
Retired June 2025



Morgan Gordon, DO
Contract Medical Director
July-December 2025



Marcus 'Marc' Barr, MS
Health Commissioner



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

The Meigs County Health Department (MCHD) is not just a necessary service, it's a high-value investment that is essential to our county's well-being and economic stability.

We understand that you, as taxpayers and community members, deserve to know you are receiving a quality service for your support. To quantify our impact, the MCHD partnered with Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service to conduct a Social Return on Investment (SROI) analysis.

This rigorous analysis revealed an overwhelming value: For every \$1 invested into the MCHD, the community benefits an estimated \$14.73 to \$16.52. This remarkable return demonstrates that supporting local public health is one of the most effective fiscal decisions our communities can make.

The full impact of the MCHD can often be "invisible," precisely because our work is centered on prevention. Our programs actively stop some problems before they start, saving our residents and taxpayers from significant financial and personal burdens. A few examples would include vaccinations limiting the spread of communicable diseases and inspections services prevent food-borne illnesses just to name two of the many services we provide.

If these vital, preventative services were removed, individuals and taxpayers would face the immense financial burden of treating widespread illness. Furthermore, our already limited healthcare systems would be tasked with treating preventable conditions, draining resources from other essential needs.

Serving approximately 22,000 people across 430 square miles of southeast Ohio, the MCHD is a cornerstone of our communities' resilience. I highly encourage everyone to read the full Social Return on Investment report, which details our work and the methodology behind these findings. It is available on our website at www.meigs-health.com under the Resources/News tab.

This report doesn't just present data; it brings up a critical question for all of us: Can Meigs County afford to live without the MCHD? The evidence is clear: Investing in public health is investing in a stronger, healthier, and more economically sound future for Meigs County.



Courtney Midkiff, BSC
Administrator/Registrar



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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

While change and challenges are inevitable, I can attest fully that the staff at your Meigs County Health Dept. (MCHD) continued to be resilient, persistent and committed to our mission: to prevent, promote, and protect the health and well-being of Meigs County. In 2025, we said hello to some new team members and goodbye to others while staying the course with continuing to provide you with the 10 Essential Public Health Services: Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets; Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population; Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it; Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health; Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health; Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health; Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy; Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce; Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement; Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.

Some particular work of interest in 2025 included the completion of a Social Return on Investment for which the MCHD contracted with Ohio University. The full report can be accessed at www.meigs-health.com and demonstrates how the MCHD wisely stewards your property taxes for the benefit of you, your family and friends. Also, the MCHD coordinated another successful Meigs County Cleanup Day and offered additional scrap tire abatement for County residents. In addition, the MCHD welcomed OhioHealth's Wellness on Wheels (WOW) mobile unit beginning in April. WOW provides convenient primary care, pediatrics and women's health/OB/GYN every Tuesday. Appointments can be made by calling 740-331-7373. Finally, the MCHD collaborated with Moxley Public Health to compile the 2026-2029 Meigs County Community Health Assessment, which will be released in Jan. 2026 and will be available for use by students, partners writing grant proposals, etc. Look for our complete 2025 Annual Report in late March 2025, which will be available at www.meigs-health.com, to see a summary of all the work done by your MCHD staff.

Also notable in 2025, was the passage of the MCHD's renewal levy. We greatly appreciate the majority of voter support and are grateful for the confidence instilled in the importance of the MCHD's role in the communities we serve. Thank you for sharing our vision to be a leader in public health, providing solutions to community health challenges so that people enjoy optimal health in a clean and safe environment.

In 2026, the MCHD anticipates another busy year. We will be working on re-accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) atop of the other daily tasks with which we are served.

Please feel free to contact me at Courtney.midkiff@meigs-health.com or at 740-992-6626 if you have any questions, comments or concerns that the MCHD can address.



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Accreditation Coordinator/
Plan & Policy Compliance
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Shauna Chapman, AAB
Administrative Assistant/
Vital Statistics Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Registered Home Birth	2
Non-Birthing Facility Birth Registered	0
Certified Birth Certificates Issued	575
Certified Death Certificates Issued	822
Disposition Permits Issued (includes some for other Ohio counties)	272
Certificates of Service	0
Fetal Deaths Registered	0
Free Veterans' Copies Issued Upon Request	3
Total Revenue Collected	\$37,400
Remitted to ODH for certified copy fees	\$14,629.20
Remitted to Ohio Division of Real Estate and Professional license for disposition permit fees	\$1,118.50

*Genealogy assistance is provided to the public as requested.

**Assisted with completion of Paternity Affidavits upon request.

DEATHS

Total Registered Deaths Occurring in Meigs County	212
Natural Deaths	194
Accidents (7 overdose, 3 blunt force trauma, 2 compression asphyxia, 1 hypothermia, 1 massive head injury)	14
Homicide	1
Suicides (2 gun-shot wound, 1 hanging)	3
Undetermined	0
Top Causes of Death	Cardiac, Cancer

Notable in 2025:

- The Ohio Vital Records System (OVRs) was implemented in August for birth records and December for death records to replace the previous system (IPHIS/EDRS)
- A \$2.00 fee increase for certified copies went into effect in August because security paper required for the new system tripled in price. This is the first MCHD Vital Statistics fee increase since 2009
- The State increased the price for disposition permits from \$3.00 to \$10.00 effective September 30



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CANCER PATIENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The MCHD collaborates with the Meigs County Cancer Initiative (MCCI) to disseminate gas vouchers and food cards to Meigs County Cancer patients traveling to medical appointments.

Patients Served	Gas Vouchers	Food Gift Cards
168 (most duplicate or served monthly)	312 (\$20 each)	116 (\$10 each)



MCCI
Meigs County Cancer Initiative, Inc.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY CLINICS

Collaborative efforts between the MCHD and The Ohio State University:

Total OSU Mammography Screenings Available	76
Total Mammography Screenings Completed	64
Total Ladies Necessitating Follow Up	0
Total Breast Cancer Diagnosis	0
Total Clinics Hosted	4
Total Screenings Paid for by Southeast Ohio Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (SEOBCCP)	10
Total Screenings Paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, or Commercial Insurance	54



- ✓ The MCHD is the host location for the Ferman E. Moore American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center
- ✓ Midkiff and OSU’s Darla Fickle were interviewed for an October 16, 2025 publication on The Ohio Newsroom called “Mobile Unit Takes Lung Cancer Screening on the Road.” The article and audio version of the interview can be found at: <https://www.statenews.org/section/the-ohio-newsroom/2025-10-16/mobile-unit-takes-lung-cancer-screening-on-the-road>

ADMINISTRATOR ACTIVITIES

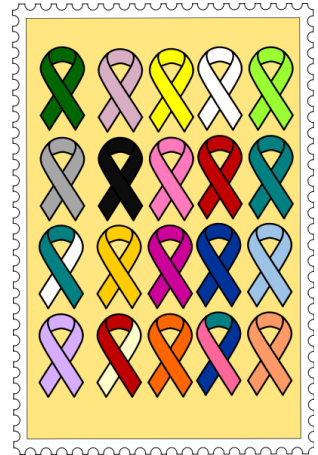
Midkiff is a member of the Meigs County Family and Children First Council (FCFC), Chair of Get Healthy Meigs! (GHM!), member of Meigs County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Meigs County Healthcare Coalition, BTeam (for ODH PHEP grant), and the Appalachian Translational Research Network (ATRN). Midkiff also serves on the OSU/Meigs Co. Extension/4H Advisory Board, Hopewell Health Center Partnership to Achieve Compliance & Savings (PACS) Pathways HUB, GJM Suicide Prevention Coalition, Falls Prevention Coalition, Meigs County Cancer Initiative (MCCI), Meigs County Fair Kid’s Day Planning Committee, Access to Wellness Collaborative, COAD Community Advisory Board, Southern Appalachian Ohio Cancer Collaborative, Head Start Community Advisory Board, & Meigs Co. Back to School Bash Planning Committee.



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CANCER SURVIVOR DINNER

MCHD staff Midkiff and Willard are active members of MCCI. Each year, MCCI holds a cancer survivor dinner to honor survivors and their supporters. This year's dinner was held November 7, 2025 at the Blakeslee Center. There were 62 attendees with 34 of those being cancer survivors.

Guest presenters were Deb Riley, Oncology Program Manager at OhioHealth, and Jensyn Cousins, Oncology Social Work Navigator at OhioHealth. Musical entertainment was provided by Virginia Scites.



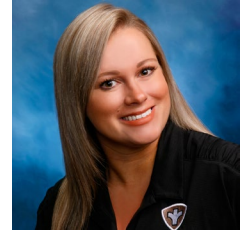


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2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see the 2025 Annual Financial Report completed by Charles E. Harris & Associates on the Meigs County Health Department's website www.meigs-health.com.





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Director of Nursing



Angella Rosler,
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Public Health Nurse



Juli Simpson, BSN, RN, LSN
Public Health Nurse/
Harm Reduction Program
Coordinator

2025 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

"PROJECT DAWN" PROGRAM (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) to address opioid overdoses in an attempt to save lives:

- ✓ 53 people trained
- ✓ 98 Naloxone kits provided to community members
- ✓ 12 Naloxone kits provided to First Responder Agencies
- ✓ Trainings were facilitated primarily at the Meigs County Health Department, but also at the following outreach events: Drug Take Back Days, Southeast Ohio Foodbank Mini Mobile Food Giveaway, Annual Lost Voices Recovery Walk, Prevention Day at the Meigs County Fair, Senior Citizens Day at the Meigs County Fair, Empowering Meigs: Community Resource Summit (formerly No Wrong Door Training), Falls Prevention Awareness Event, and Child Abuse Awareness Month Kid-Palooza
- ✓ 5 Nalox Boxes were maintained for emergency Naloxone access within Meigs County: Meigs County District Public Library (Pomeroy, Racine, Middleport, and Eastern locations) and the Meigs County Courthouse/Drug Court
- ✓ 10 Fentanyl Test Strips were provided to community members
- ✓ Received \$4,250 stipend from the Ohio Department of Health to assist with Annual Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month activities. Funds were used to provide several public service announcements on WMOV and WJEH radio stations from an interview with Meigs County resident Ashley Cook who is currently in recovery. Funds were also used to purchase MCHD-branded bags and medication pill boxes that were distributed during outreach events, a "Safe RX Disposal Saves Lives" banner and "End the Stigma" staff t-shirts, which were worn not only during outreach events, but also during our observance of "Why Recovery? Wednesday" every Wednesday during September.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

- ✓ 850 vaccines administered during daily in-house Immunization Clinics to 537 people including:
 - 27 Flu shots administered at the Annual Flu Season Kick-Off (Saturday) Flu Shot Clinic, normally held at the Meigs County Farmers' Market; however, in 2025, it was held at the MCHD due to extensive construction within Pomeroy
 - 261 Flu Shots were administered in 2025
 - 103 COVID-19 vaccines were administered in 2025
- ✓ Additional Outreach Flu Clinics were held at the Meigs County Courthouse, Carleton School, and Mark Porter Auto Group GM and Jeep sites
- ✓ COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics were held at the MCHD Monday through Thursday each week by appointment
- ✓ 1 infant and 11 adult RSV vaccines were administered in 2025



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OTHER SERVICE NUMBERS:

Vision assistance for Adults	1
Vision assistance for Children	0
Lead and Hemoglobin Tests provided	0
Blood lead investigation follow-up services for children	1
Pregnancy tests provided	40
Head lice checks performed	2
Walk-in blood pressure checks provided	4
Rapid HIV test performed (residents are referred to ohio.gov for tests)	0
Hepatitis C tests administered	0
PKU Kits distributed to Nurse Midwives or Doulas for Meigs County home births	2

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS) REPORTING AND CASE INVESTIGATION:

- ✓ 0 Families of SIDS victims were contacted during 2025

COVID TESTS

The MCHD distributed its final allocation of at-home COVID-19 tests during 2025

OTHER

The MCHD was contacted by and entered a MOU partnership with Holzer Health System for a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant that will provide a maternal health outreach program (MHOP) for Meigs, Gallia and Jackson Counties. MCHD Administrator Courtney Midkiff and DON Leanne Cunningham have routinely attended meetings since August 2025 to help develop the program from the ground up. The pilot program will launch to high-risk pregnant and post-partum patients of Holzer Health System in spring of 2026.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE:

- ✓ 127 Investigations of reportable communicable diseases
- ✓ Top reportable diseases in 2025 for Meigs County:

Top Reportable Diseases in Meigs County in 2025	
#1 Chlamydia	30
#2 Influenza-Associated Hospitalization	28
#3 Lyme Disease	21
#4 Campylobacteriosis	13
#5 Hepatitis C-chronic	11



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Regional
Epidemiologist
Athens City-Co.
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CMH Coordinator



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Complex Medical Help

COMPLEX MEDICAL HELP (CMH) PROGRAM

The CMH Program offers additional medical insurance and local service coordination by a public health nurse for those aged birth to 26 years with eligible medical conditions and is funded, in part, by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH).

The CMH Program is multifaceted with three main components. The *Diagnostic program* is a 6–9-month coverage that covers diagnostic testing, with medical eligibility being the only determinate (no income limit). These medically eligible families still benefit from the coverage of testing and studies that can sometimes be astronomical in cost in finding the appropriate diagnosis. The *Treatment program* is a more comprehensive coverage that is renewed annually and requires yearly financial and medical eligibility. Many local families benefit from this program for their medications, procedures, and equipment/supplies. Unlike Medicaid and other similar programs, CMH considers multiple factors in income including medical costs the family may have accrued. The *Service Coordination program* provides ongoing assistance with a service provider and local public health nurse. This program is not financially restrictive but is selective in diagnosis that qualify. Although each program stands alone, many children join the program participating in all three simultaneously. All programs provide reimbursable public health nurse services, meaning personalized local service coordination.

The MCHD CMH program served 141 families with an average monthly caseload of 83 children in Meigs County in 2025. These families were eligible to receive personalized service coordination in addition to secondary health care coverage that may have included medications, copays, diagnostic procedures, physician visits, and even equipment that they may not have been able to afford otherwise.

The CMH program collaborated with other agencies including Early Intervention, Integrated Services, Hopewell Health Centers, Meigs County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center (ESC), Ohio Rise, Family and Children First Council (FCFC), and local schools. Many Meigs County families benefit greatly from the collaboration of agencies within the FCFC Intersystems Committee resulting in intensive multi-agency coordination. The service teams provide individualized and effective interventions. Whatever the need, the monthly meetings help to highlight each family and open the door to resources to improve their daily life. In 2025, 40 CMH families received this specialized attention.

The Meigs County CMH program strives to reach all eligible families in Meigs County to ensure proper medical care and service coordination needs for each child by developing community partners, and attending community meetings. Attending and assisting with events such as the Empowering Meigs: Community Resource Summit (formerly No Wrong Door), visiting local schools, and attending outreach events such as the Back to School Bash were some of the ways to bring awareness to the Program to reach eligible families in 2025.

Due to circumstances beyond control, the Meigs County CMH program encountered delays in reimbursements receiving billable funds only through October as of December 31, 2025.

✓ **2025 CMH reimbursement total- \$25,884 (2024 \$35,948)**



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Director of
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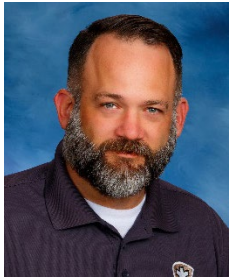
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Matthew Metzger,
REHSIT
Hired December

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Food	
Food Service Operation (FSO) and Retail Food Establishment (RFE) licenses issued (84 Class 1-4, 24 Temporary, 2 Vending, 29 mobile food services)	139
Inspections of RFE and FSO (190 Class 1-4, 24 Temporary, 2 Vending, 57 mobile food services)	273
Sewage	
Sewage Installation Permits issued	67
Site Reviews	61
Sewage System Operation Permits issued	131
Inspections/Approvals to land apply domestic septage	5
Septic registrations (21 Installers, 8 Service Pros, 10 Haulers-21 trucks)	39
Inspections of Sewage Treatment Systems (new and existing)	192
Animal Bites	
Rabies/Animal Bite Investigations (55 dogs, 11 cats, 1 bat, 1 livestock, 1 rodent, 1 rabbit, 1 opossum)	71
Specimens sent for Rabies Testing (all negative)	5
Animals vaccinated at the Rabies Vaccination Clinic held June 7 in partnership with Dr. John Krawsczyn, DVM, of the Meigs Veterinary Clinic (63 dogs, 13 cats)	76
Inspections	
Public School health and safety inspections (9 schools)	18
Inspections of Tattoo & Body Piercing operations (2 facilities, 3 temporary tattoo operations)	5
Public Campgrounds (1 temporary licensed, 11 inspections)	8
Public Swimming Pools licensed (2 inspections)	2
Water samples collected and tested for bacterial contamination	24
Nuisance complaints investigated (20 solid waste, 11 sewage, 9 other, 1 bedbug, 3 mold conditions, 1 tattoo, 11 food service, 5 unsanitary housing conditions)	61
Garbage Trucks Registered (49 inspected)	16
Jail Inspection	1
New private water wells permitted	6
18 Inspections at 2 closed Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) & Construction and Demolition Debris (CDD) landfills, 1 scrap tire generator, 1 large infectious waste generator, 1 CDD processing facility permit, 4 MSW transfer station facility inspections	



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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONT.

Grants	
Clean-Up Day	
Funding awarded from OEPA-Recycle Ohio for Meigs County Cleanup Day	\$13,129
• volunteers	74
• vehicles/trailers	314/79
• tires	1074
• tons solid waste	39.9
• tons scrap metal	15.96
• tons of appliances containing freon	3.62
• televisions (collected by Rural Action)	47
• mattresses (collected by Rural Action)	26
Funding awarded from Ohio EPA - Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (15 household sewage treatment systems replaced, 4 repaired, 5 soil evaluation). Since 2016, total of \$1,480,182 awarded (123 replaced, 38 repaired, 19 soil evaluations).	\$173,124
Funding awarded for Ohio EPA Mosquito Control Grant Program	\$20,896
• 263 traps set, 669 mosquitos collected, 1 location contained specimens positive for West Nile Virus by contractor Hannah Circle	
• Participated in Kids' Day at the Meigs County Fair	
• Provided free scrap tire recycling (1,117 scrap tires collected)	
• 300+ mosquito disease prevention bags including repellants distributed at various community outreach events	





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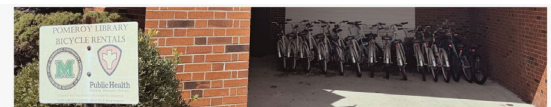
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PROGRESS ON PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION IN 2025

- ✓ Continued PHAB Reaccreditation efforts that are due in 2027
- ✓ Participated in 2 Get Healthy Meigs! meetings along with more than 25 other agencies
- ✓ Courtney Midkiff and Michelle Willard have continued to serve as Chair and Secretary of Get Healthy Meigs! respectively
- ✓ Continued working on goals for three Priority Areas associated with the 2023-2026 Meigs County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):
 - Access to Care
 1. Distribute information about Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OUHCOM) Community Service Program services to population-**This goal in progress**
 2. Provide lung screening services in Meigs County-**This goal completed** (Partnered with MCCI and the OSU James Cancer Center to promote and bring the mobile lung screening unit to Meigs County.)
 - Mental/Behavioral Health
 1. Develop Suicide/Overdose Fatality Review Board-**This goal completed**
 2. Develop and implement an educational program about effectiveness of harm reduction services-**This goal in progress**
 - Physical Activity
 1. Reimplement Book-a-Bike Program at the Pomeroy Library-**This goal completed**
 2. Wellness programs or initiatives at two Meigs County Businesses that include an element of physical activity-**This goal Incomplete**
- ✓ Continued to work on goals associated with the MCHD's Strategic Plan
- ✓ Worked with Ohio University's Voinovich School on the completion of a Social Return on Investment (SROI) Project
- ✓ Serve as Chair of MCHD's Performance Management/Quality Improvement Council
- ✓ Serve on in-house Wellness and Human Relations Committees
- ✓ Worked with Moxley Public Health to complete a Community Health Assessment
- ✓ Issued certified copies of birth and death records
- ✓ Provided administrative support as needed
- ✓ Worked with Clemans, Nelson and Associates, Inc. on Succession Planning for MCHD staff



Book a Bike

in partnership with Meigs County Health Department
[a part of the Meigs County Community Health Improvement Plan]
Check out a bike with your library card at the Pomeroy Library!



Ride around town for up to 3 hours!





WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM

The WIC Program serves income eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five who are at risk due to inadequate nutrition, health care, or both. The goal of ODH in releasing funds for the WIC Program is to protect and improve participant health status, prevent health problems, and promote good health within this population. This is accomplished through provision of a health and diet screenings; individual and group nutrition education sessions; breastfeeding education and support; referral to prenatal and pediatric health care and other maternal and child health and human services programs; and provision of supplemental, highly nutritious foods. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides the funding for all state WIC programs. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

WIC served an average of 362 income eligible participants as of the Close-Out Report for fiscal year 2025 including:

- ✓ 32 Pregnant Women
- ✓ 14 Exclusively Breastfeeding Women
- ✓ 9 Partially Breastfeeding Women
- ✓ 24 Post-Partum Women
- ✓ Provided 25 participants with (5) \$5.00 vouchers in conjunction with regular benefits to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables as part of the Ohio WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
- ✓ Directs participants to the on-site kiosk to apply for Home Visiting and Early Intervention Services through Help Me Grow
- ✓ 13 Exclusively Breastfed Infants
- ✓ 3 Partially Breastfed Infants
- ✓ 65 Other Infants ages 0 to 12 Months
- ✓ 202 Total Children ages 1 to 5 years

WIC Staff:



Sherry Eagle, CLC
WIC Director



Jenna Petry, RN
Health Professional



Lindsay Cundiff
WIC Clerk
January-October



Stacy Paul
Breastfeeding Peer Helper
February-December



Ellen Mingus, RD, LD
Contractor



Shawn Cunningham
PHEP Coordinator/
PIO/MRC Coordinator



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The **Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant** is federally funded and administered through the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to coordinate and better prepare various County agencies in the event of bio-terrorism or other public health emergencies.

PHEP ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2025

- ✓ For the Fiscal year ending 6/30/2025, the MCHD received approximately \$65,000 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- ✓ A new Fiscal year began on 7/1/2025, with the grant award totaling \$65,000 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- ✓ Attended the Southeast/Southeast Central Ohio Healthcare Coalition Summit
- ✓ Assisted in the coordination of the 2025 Meigs County Clean-Up Day 5/10/2025
- ✓ Passed all MARCS (ODH) radio communications exercises
- ✓ Assisted with a successful flu vaccination clinic on 10/4/2025 at the MCHD
- ✓ Continued as a member of the Meigs County Healthcare Coalition (MCHC)
- ✓ Continued as a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee
- ✓ Continued as a member of the Meigs County School Safety Council
- ✓ Continued to be a part of the Tri-State Communications Group
- ✓ Placed safety literature and other media around the Meigs County Fairgrounds during the county fair to remind attendees about staying healthy and hand washing, especially after being around animals
- ✓ Used the Ohio Public Health Communication System (OPHCS) to communicate MCHD weather delays and other information of note
- ✓ Successfully completed the following trainings: Chempack, OH138 Master Scenario Events List, Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), Debris Management, Infection Control Epidemiology, Ohio Responds, Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities, CPR and Basic Lifesaving Support, Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations within the Community Structure. Also completed training for the Grant Management Information System in preparation for transition to a new system
- ✓ Planned, coordinated, and was the lead in the southeast Central Chemical Surge Table-top Exercise at the Meigs County EOC
- ✓ Maintained the MCHD truck, Blu-Med mobile hospital trailer with diesel generator, vaccine trailer, mobile generators, and whole building generator
- ✓ Set up for, and/or participated in: Prevention Day at the Meigs County Fair, Senior Day at the Fair, Veteran's Appreciation Event, Back-to-School Event, Drug Take Back Day, and two Southeast Ohio Food Bank giveaways



Shawn Cunningham
PHEP Coordinator/PIO
/MRC Coordinator



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PHEP ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2025 CONT.

- ✓ Compiled and provided documentation for Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) requirements
- ✓ Attended all LEPC and Gallia Jackson Meigs Disaster Behavioral Health meetings and Table-Top Exercises
- ✓ Planned, coordinated, and led an Administrative Table-Top Exercise at the MCHD
- ✓ Successfully completed all PHEP deliverables and expenditure reports
- ✓ Shared information on the MCHD social media page about many forms of preparedness

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. The MRC network comprises 990 community-based units and almost 200,000 volunteers located throughout the United States and its territories. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as, other community members without healthcare backgrounds.

MRC ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2025

- ✓ Assisted with a successful flu-vaccination clinic on 10/4/2025 at the MCHD
- ✓ Attended multiple meetings held throughout 2025 with the Regional PHEP Coordinator and other MRC Coordinators to improve local MRC unit's abilities to respond to emergencies and update MRC policies
- ✓ Attended Veteran's Appreciation Day to share MRC information with attendees
- ✓ Completed several MRC presentations
- ✓ Completed 10 requirements for the MRC Strong Grant in Meigs County designed to help improve local emergency response capabilities and was awarded \$8,629.75

MCHD- IT/PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PIO) ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2025

- ✓ Continued to update computers, printers, and software throughout the MCHD
- ✓ Published numerous social media postings
- ✓ Updated the MCHD website almost daily
- ✓ All staff compiled weekly articles for local media. These articles are also available on the MCHD website and through the MCHD social media page
- ✓ Maintained security cameras and building security system
- ✓ Updated digital LED signs located on the outside of the MCHD building regularly
- ✓ Updated all MCHD computers from Windows 10 to Windows 11
- ✓ Worked on completing new Cybersecurity policy for State of Ohio requirements
- ✓ Continued to update cybersecurity stance of the MCHD
- ✓ Completed cybersecurity trainings and meetings by Cyber Ohio and Excel trainings
- ✓ Applied for and was awarded \$1000.00 through the PEP + Grant Program to update outdated electronic equipment that will improve the cyber hygiene of the MCHD and help to safeguard all sensitive data on our network



Juli Simpson, BSN, RN, LSN
Public Health Nurse/
Harm Reduction Program
Coordinator



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CHILD, DRUG OVERDOSE, AND SUICIDE FATALITY REVIEWS

A fatality review is a community planning process in which a multidisciplinary team of experts from various community systems and agencies convene to review the circumstances around potentially preventable deaths. These reviews involve a series of confidential death reviews to effectively identify gaps and innovative community-specific prevention and intervention strategies. By conducting fatality reviews, jurisdictions begin to see patterns of need and opportunities across systems to develop program and policy recommendations to improve coordination and collaboration. The ultimate purpose of local review boards is to reduce the incidence of potentially preventable deaths.

Child deaths are often regarded as an indicator of the health of the community. A careful study of each and every child's death can help communities learn how best to respond to a death and how to best prevent another. The MCHD has conducted Child Fatality Reviews for over 20 years, following House Bill 448, which mandates each of Ohio's counties to review the deaths of children under 18 years of age.

Three child deaths that occurred in 2024 were reviewed on March 18, 2025 during the annual convening of the Meigs County Child Fatality Review Board.

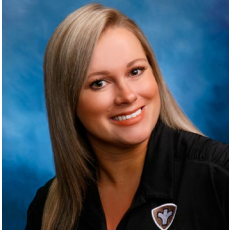
In 2025, the Meigs County Drug Overdose & Suicide Fatality Review (OSFR) Board for Meigs County began formally convening. During confidential meetings on February 26th, June 25th, and October 29th, case reviews were conducted on 14 drug overdose or suicide fatalities that occurred in Meigs County during 2024. This multidisciplinary team meets to share and discuss, in a focused and non-judgmental way, comprehensive information about the circumstances leading to an unintentional overdose or suicide death. OSFR case review information can then be used to identify trends, patterns, program recommendations, policy changes, and any other information that could be considered for prevention efforts.

Cribs for Kids® Program

- ❖ Provided safe sleep education and a pack 'n play (*Safe Sleep Survival Kit*) for **12 Meigs County families** in 2025 who did not have a safe sleep surface for their new baby.
- ❖ Since the program's beginning in March 2015, 179 local families have been provided with safe sleep education and a safe sleep surface for their baby.

Provides referrals to other mother/baby/family programs such as WIC and Help Me Grow.





Shauna Chapman, AAB
Administrative Assistant/
Vital Statistics Clerk



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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- ✓ Assists the Administrator with a variety of fiscal activities such as typing vouchers, issuing checks, monitoring accounts payable and receivable, and preparing reports
- ✓ Compiles and make deposits and deliver vouchers to the Meigs County Auditor's Office
- ✓ Prepares and maintains electronic records of employee time and accrued leave
- ✓ Performs data entry for the Nursing and Environmental Health Departments
- ✓ Serves as the Vital Statistic Clerk, which includes issuing certified copies of birth and death records and providing genealogical assistance to the public
- ✓ Serves as Environmental Health Clerk by assisting with issuance of licenses and permits etc. for food service operations, retail food establishments, sewage systems, private wells, public campgrounds, public pools/spas, sewage haulers, refuse haulers, and tattoo/body piercing operators
- ✓ Assist with billing procedures/record keeping for the Nursing Department
- ✓ Assists with registering patients for clinical services and appointments
- ✓ Assists with answering incoming calls and re-directing as appropriate, and taking adequate messages when required
- ✓ Assists with greeting, assisting, and/or directing visitors and the general public
- ✓ Updates various reports and lists on the MCHD website
- ✓ Assists Clerical Specialist with updates to bulletin boards
- ✓ Other administrative tasks as assigned
- ✓ Served as HR Committee Chair





Kayden DeVore
Clerical Specialist



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CLERICAL SPECIALIST

- ✓ Grants entrance to all visitors
- ✓ Answers and directs all incoming calls to the appropriate personnel
- ✓ Collects data and information for patients pertaining to registration
- ✓ Updates seasonal employee bulletin board
- ✓ Registers patients for all clinical/nursing services offered
- ✓ Schedules appointments for COVID-19 shots and boosters, and advise appropriate staff of patient arrival
- ✓ Contacts patients to schedule appointments and reschedule missed appointments
- ✓ Assists with accurate collection of monies coming into the agency
- ✓ Assists with handling transactions for environmental department
- ✓ Updates MCHD PowerPoint presentation to reflect current information for incoming visitors
- ✓ Collects mail from mailbox, and distribute to appropriate person
- ✓ Drops outgoing mail off at approved USPS mail receptacle
- ✓ Data entry
- ✓ Other administrative tasks as assigned





The MCHD observed its Annual Workforce Development Day and held its annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on September 10. Staff members gathered at the Rutland Bottle Gas Building at the Meigs County Fairgrounds and participated in learning and wellness activities provided by Holzer Health System and The Nook via the ODH Public Health Workforce 23 grant. Staff members were recognized for their hard work and dedication with a catered luncheon provided by Subway.

The MCHD recognizes employees and Board of Health Members for service milestones when they complete 5, 10, 15, 20 years or more total years of service with the MCHD. To be eligible, an employee must achieve a service milestone in the previous 12 months. Service may have been on an intermittent, contractual, part-time, or full-time basis.

Honored in 2025 with a certificate reflecting years of service with the MCHD:

- ✓ Roger Gaul, BOH Member (15 Years)
- ✓ Angie Rosler (10 years)



MCHD Outreach-Meigs County Clean-Up Day 2025





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MCHD Outreach-Rabies Vaccination Day 2025

Rabies Day 2025



76 Vaccinations
were Administered

13 Cats
63 Dogs



Special **THANK YOU!** to Dr. John Krawsczyn and the
Meigs Vet Clinic for making this event possible.

MCHD Outreach-Fair Days

Prevention Day



Senior Day



Other MCHD Outreach & Activities



Back-to-School Bash



Drug Take Back Days



More MCHD Outreach & Activities

Healthy Food for Healthy Minds



Kid-Palooza



Food Giveaway with the SE Ohio Foodbank, Ohio Wellness on Wheels, and CareSource



Empowering Meigs: Community Resource Summit (formerly No Wrong Door)



Even More MCHD Outreach & Activities

Lost Voices Recovery Walk



Braylyn Strong 5k



Breastfeeding Awareness Month



Falls Prevention





ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC

In October 2025, the MCHD held the annual Flu Season Kick-Off Flu Shot Clinic. MCHD staff were assisted by Ohio University Nursing students.

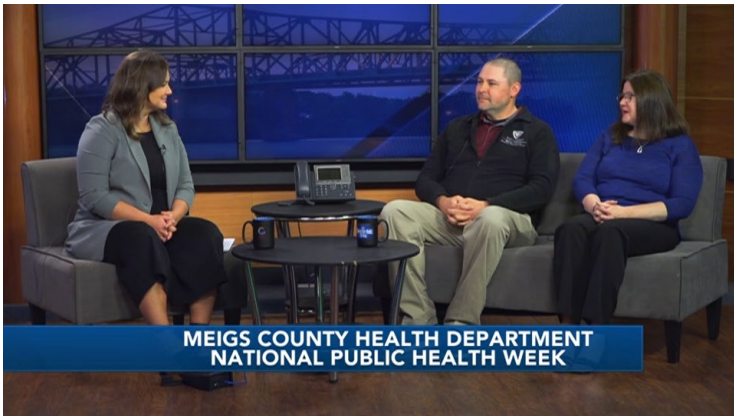


MCHD Employee Wellness

In an effort to create and maintain an organizational culture of wellness that encourages maintenance of healthy behaviors both at work and off the clock, MCHD staff participated in activities provided by The Nook. These activities were funded by the ODH Public Health Workforce 23 Grant, which focuses on employee recruitment, hiring and retention. In addition, the Ohio University Heritage Community Clinic provided free workplace health screenings for MCHD staff.



MCHD EXTRAS



Barr and Midkiff were asked to participate in an interview with WTAP in April 2025 to discuss Public Health and National Public Health Week.



State Representative Kevin Ritter, who serves Ohio's 94th House District, visited the MCHD August 25th. During his visit, we highlighted the important work our team is doing alongside community partners and discussed legislative issues that could impact not only the Health Department, but the health and well-being of all who call Meigs County home.



The MCHD began a partnership with OhioHealth's Wellness on Wheels (WOW) mobile unit beginning in April. WOW provides convenient primary care, pediatrics and women's health/OB/GYN every Tuesday by appointment or walk-in.

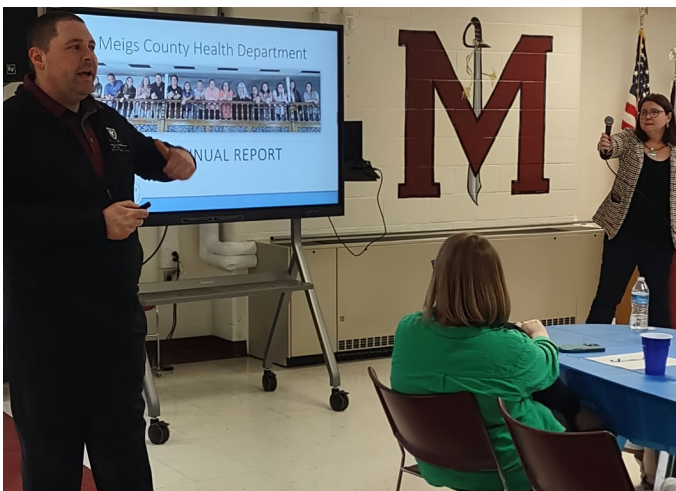


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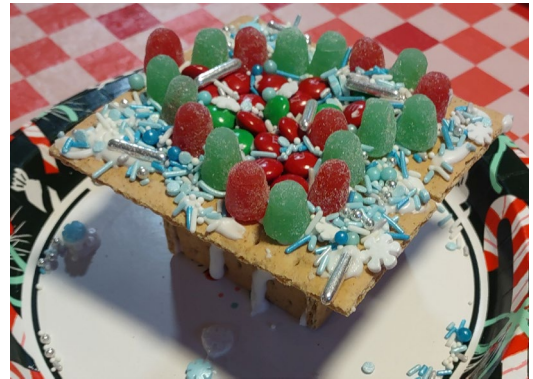
More MCHD Extras

The DAC held in March 2025 at Meigs High School, provided an opportunity to show County leaders the impact that MCHD services have on the community. Ohio University's Kelli Schoen demonstrated the SROI. Barr presented an abbreviated version of the MCHD's 2024 Annual Report.



Christmas Party 2025

MCHD staff enjoyed their annual Christmas party on December 10, 2025 at the Meigs Golf Course. The meal was catered by Broken Bread Catering. Staff participated in more activities provided by The Nook and a gingerbread house building contest.





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In partnership with the CDC, the Cornell Health Impacts Core (CHIC) provided free access to a 75-hour, 15-week Public Health Essentials (PHE) certificate program to State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Health Departments serving rural communities. The program is aimed at public health practitioners who are either new to the field or could benefit from a public health strategic skills refresher. Congratulations to MCHD staff members Marc Barr (Health Commissioner), Courtney Midkiff (Administrator), and Michelle Willard (Accreditation Coordinator) who successfully completed the online program between May and September 2025!



The MCHD proudly celebrated the retirement of our longtime Medical Director, Douglas Hunter, M.D. We wish Dr. Hunter and his wife Tonja all the best as they begin this exciting new chapter. Congratulations and thank you for your years of dedicated service Dr. Hunter!

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Jessica Davis, BSN, RN
Public Health Nurse
January



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Vinda Burnem, LPN
Public Health Nurse
March-June



Brooklyn Beaver, REHSIT
January-March



Khalan Al Hinai, REHSIT
May-June