



# Hancock Public Health

Prevent. Promote. Protect.



## 2024 Annual Report



**Your Recognized Leader in Population Health!**

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## **MISSION**

Improving ourselves and our communities.  
Promoting Public Health and the prevention of disease.  
Protecting people and the environment.

## **VISION**

To Be the Recognized Leader  
in Population Health.

## **VALUES**

**ACCOUNTABILITY** - *We hold ourselves accountable to the community we serve.*  
**INTEGRITY** - *The reflection of our ability to be honest, timely, and comprehensive in our work.*  
**QUALITY** - *The measurement of improving on our services, will show in the quality of our work.*  
**TEAMWORK** - *We cultivate trust, collaboration, and professionalism in our teammates.*

## *A Message from the Health Commissioner...*

Dear Community Members,

I have been honored to step into the role of Health Commissioner for Hancock Public Health and continue the vital work of advancing public health in our community. This year has been one of significant change and progress, and I am grateful for the opportunity to lead our dedicated team during this transformative time.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of my predecessor, Karim Baroudi, MPH, whose leadership laid a strong foundation for our current and future initiatives. Karim's commitment to public health has been instrumental in many of our successes.

Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to address the diverse health needs of our community. From enhancing preventive care services to responding swiftly to emerging health challenges, we have strengthened our partnerships with local organizations, expanded our outreach programs, and implemented new initiatives that have positively impacted countless lives.

I am particularly proud of our efforts in promoting health equity. We have made significant strides in ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their background or circumstances, have access to the resources and support they need to lead healthy lives. This commitment to equity is at the heart of everything we do, and it will continue to guide our work in the years ahead.

As we move forward, my focus will be on building upon these achievements and addressing new challenges with innovative solutions. Our commitment to health equity remains unwavering, and we will continue to strive for a community where everyone has the opportunity to lead a healthy life. Together, we can create a healthier, more vibrant community for everyone.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support, collaboration, and engagement. The progress we have achieved together is a testament to the strength and resilience of our community. I am excited about the future and confident that, together, we can achieve even greater milestones.

Sincerely,

*Lindsay Summit, MPH*

Lindsay Summit, MPH  
Health Commissioner



# Essential Public Health Services

Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.

Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.

Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.

Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.

Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.

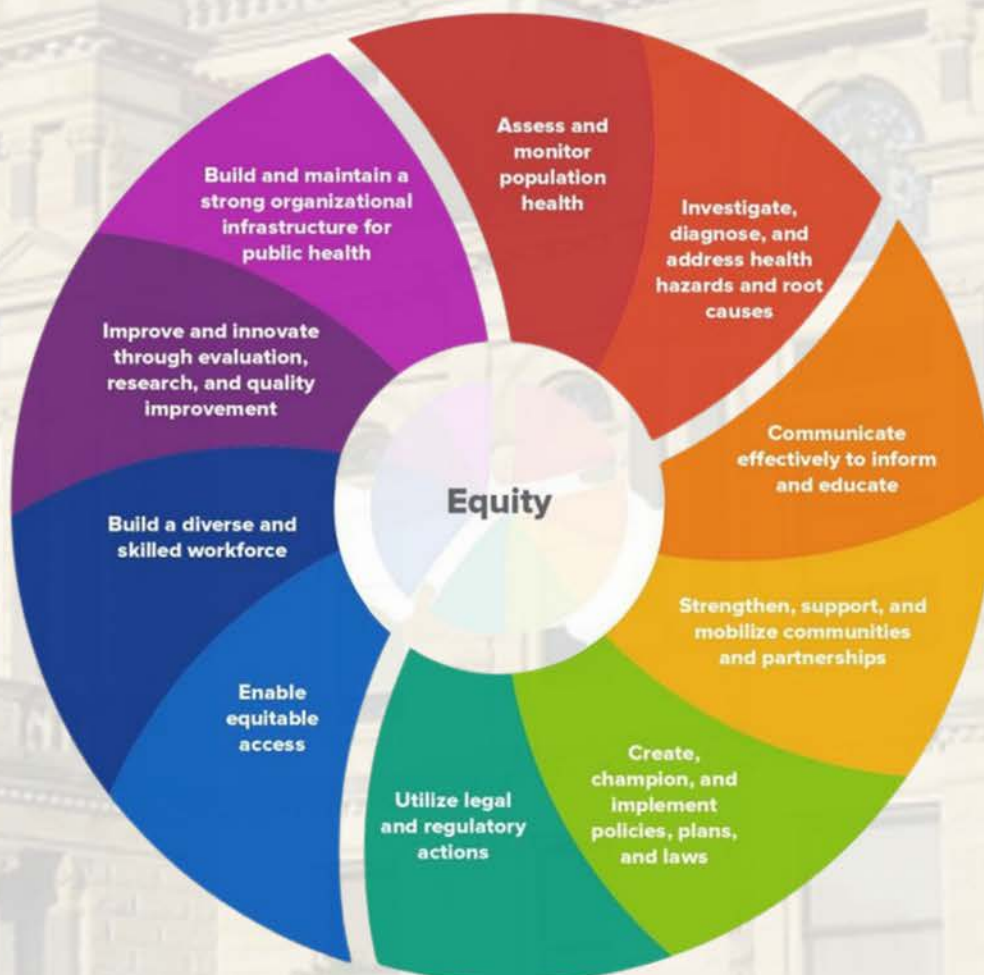
Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.

Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

Assure competent public health workforce.

Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services.

Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.



# Board of Health

The Hancock County Board of Health is an independent governing body operating under the Ohio Revised Code 3709 and Ohio Administrative Code 3701. Your Board of Health members are appointed by the 29 members of the Hancock County District Advisory Council. The Board of Health, in turn, appoints the Hancock County Health Commissioner.



**President**  
**Karen Jones, MSN, RN**  
Term expires 2025



**Nancy Moody Russo,**  
**JD, BSN, RN**  
Term Expires 2029



**Brian Edler**  
Term Expires 2027



**William Alge, Esq.**  
Term Expires 2025



**William Kose, MD**  
Medical Director



**Cheryl Huffman, MD**  
Term Expires 2026



**Robin Spoons M.Ed**  
Term expires 2028



**Barbara Pasztor**  
**RN, MHSA**  
Term Expires 2026

The Hancock County Board of Health meets the third Friday of every month at 7:30 a.m. in the board room located at 2225 Keith Parkway, Findlay, Ohio 45840. The meeting is open to the public to observe. Interaction with the Board will require prior approval.

## Hancock County District Advisory Council

The purpose of the Hancock County District Advisory Council (HCDAC) is to elect officers, appoint members to the Hancock County Board of Health, receive and consider the annual or special reports of the Hancock County Public Health Department and make recommendations to the Hancock County Board of Health regarding matters for the betterment of health and sanitation within the district, or for needed legislation.

Members include: township trustees, city and village mayors, and the Board of Commissioners

# VITAL STATISTICS



**Dan Klein, Local Registrar**



**Craig Niese, Data Manager**

**943 BIRTHS**

**885 DEATHS**

**477 Female    469 Male**  
**924 Hospital Births    19 Home Births**

**TOP 5 CAUSES OF DEATH\***

1	Cardiovascular
2	Respiratory
3	Cancer
4	Alzheimer's/Dementia
5	Cerebralvascular

*\*Cause of death information is preliminary and subject to change as coroner investigations are completed*

**TOP BABY NAMES**

Emma	Greyson
Evelynn	Dean
Nora	Everett
Alaina	Charlie
Harper	Owen

**1,248** Years of potential life lost

**Translation Services\***

Language	Minutes Spent
Haitian Creole	5,924
Spanish	5,642
Portuguese	176
Arabic	48
French	22
Burmese	20
Vietnamese	5

*\*Excluding Help Me Grow (HMG). HMG utilizes translation services provided by the Ohio Department of Health.*

**INVESTIGATED DEATHS**

Accident*	13
Suicide	7
Homicide	1
Could not be determined	0
Pending	5

*\*Accidents include vehicle-related (8), overdose (4), falls (4) and other accidents (5).*

<p><b>Birth Certificates Issued</b></p>  <p><b>2,455</b></p>	<p><b>Death Certificates Issued</b></p>  <p><b>3,239</b></p>
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*Hancock Public Health is dedicated to providing services to all and striving to achieve health equity.*



# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



**Director - Josh Niese, MPH, REHS**

**Kurt Schroeder, REHS**

**Program Supervisor**

**Heidi Phillips, REHS**

**Craig Krajeski, REHS**

**Eric Helms,  
Plumbing Inspector**

**Tatiana Burkett, MS,  
REHS**

**Ryan Burks,  
EH Technician**

**Bob Kroeger,  
EH/Plumbing Clerk**

## INSPECTIONS



**Food  
Services**

**1,093**

**Campgrounds**

**6 standard  
16 temporary**

**Body Art**

**17**

**Sewage  
Systems**

**550**

**Plumbing**

**138**

## MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE

**5,996 Mosquitoes Sampled**



**18 West Nile**

**1 LaCrosse Encephalitis**

**1 Human West Nile Case**

## SERVSAFE MANAGER TRAININGS

**4 Classes**

**41 Students**

**93% Pass Rate**



**128**

**NUISANCE  
INVESTIGATIONS**



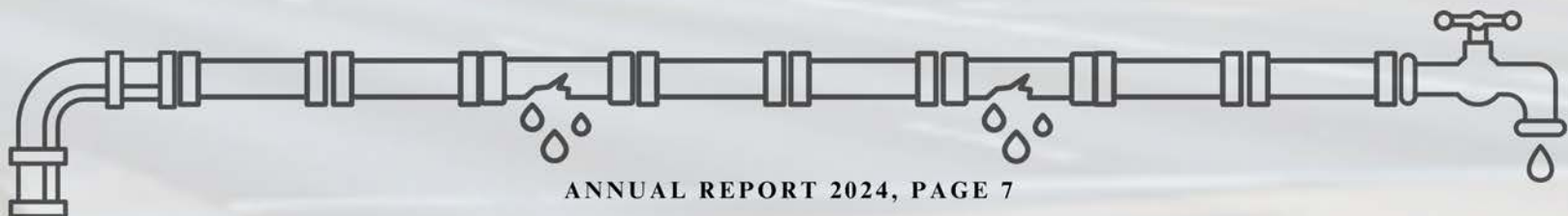
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**ANIMAL BITE  
INVESTIGATIONS**



**597**

**FOOD SERVICE  
LICENSES ISSUED**



# COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Director - Laura Reinhart, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Brittany Bommarito, RN

DeAnna Cardona, RN

Jayne Catlett, BSN, RN

Elisa Dyer, CMA

Lisa Jolliff, RN

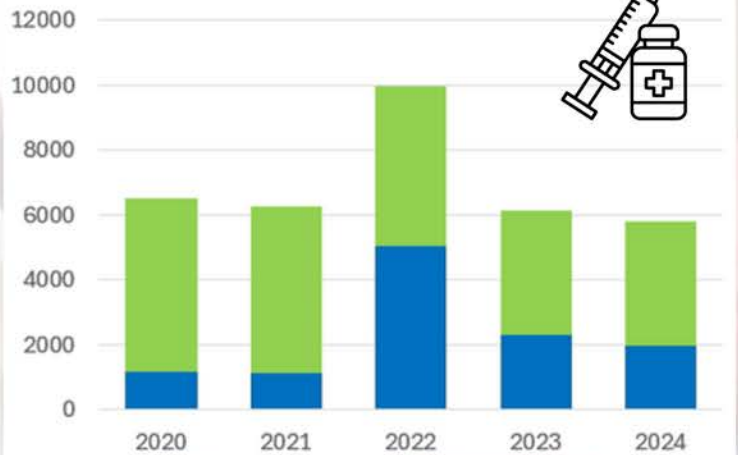
Nicole Spencer, RN



Clinic renovations are expected to be complete by Spring 2025!

TOP 5 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	
1	COVID-19 (1,187)
2	Chlamydia (156)
3	Hospitalized Influenza (54)
4	Chronic Hepatitis C (50)
5	Chronic Hepatitis B (43)

Total Vaccinations Administered in Adults and Children, by Year



**1,646**   
 Communicable Disease investigations conducted in 2024

## COMPLEX MEDICAL HELP (CMH) PROGRAM

The Complex Medical Help (CMH) Program is a program in the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) linking individuals with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps them and their families obtain payment for needed services.



CMH IN HANCOCK COUNTY: **297** Clients Enrolled

## Vaccines for Children

**674** Patients Enrolled

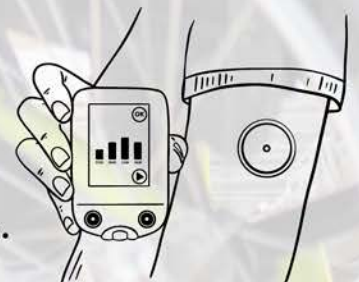
**1,762** VFC Vaccines Administered

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally-funded program to help parents overcome barriers to immunizing their children.

The Dexcom Continuous Glucose Monitor Study officially completed the transition from Hancock Public Health to Blanchard Valley Health System.

We are grateful to have been part of such a pivotal program for improving the overall health and well-being of those living with diabetes.

Special thanks to our Medical Reserve Corps volunteers for playing a huge part in maintaining clinic operations during our time with the Dexcom Study!





# MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC

The Mobile Health Clinic serves residents across Hancock County by providing screenings, care, and referrals to residents, including those who may experience barriers to healthcare.



**402**  
Hours Spent  
Providing Care

**69**  
Unnecessary Emergency  
Department & Urgent  
Care Visits Prevented

**176**  
Patient Encounters  
at The City Mission

**42**  
Community  
Events Attended

**55**  
Mental Health &  
Substance Use Disorder  
Referrals



## STI & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLINIC

To improve the lives of those in our community, we provide:

- Counseling on reproductive health
- STI testing and treatment
- Contraceptive education and management
- Screening for cancer and chronic illness

**359** Patients seen in 2024



## SCHOOL NURSING

HPH provides school nursing services to 5 districts throughout Hancock County

### Total Students Screened (Vision, Hearing & Scoliosis)

Arcadia	284
Hancock County ESC	73
Liberty-Benton	859
McComb	275
Trinity Lutheran	47
Vanlue	52

Each year, HPH Nurses teach Medication Delivery classes, designed to educate school staff on proper handling, administration, and documentation of student medications. **This year, HPH nurses taught Medication Delivery to 128 K-12 school employees!**

# HEALTH PROMOTION & PLANNING

Director - Chad Masters, MPH, REHS

Allison Yurcak, OTD, ORT/L     Hannah Plumley, MPH, CIC


Raquel Gonzales, OCPRS

Jessica Halsey, CPST

Kalynn Sommers, OCPRS

## HEALTH EDUCATION

Nutrition education provided in  
**5 School Districts**  
Across  
**17 Classrooms**  
Reaching  
**352 Students**



### CPR TRAININGS

**35** trainings conducted

**446** people trained

### CAR SEAT PROGRAM

In 2024, our certified Child Passenger Safety technicians inspected 62 car seats, a free service offered at Hancock Public Health.

**66%** of those seats were installed incorrectly upon arrival and corrected during inspection.

**168** car seats were distributed and installed as part of the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program and generous Kiwanis grant funding!

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

**TEEN** (ages 15-19) and **YOUTH** (ages 19-24) drivers accounted for approximately 42.3% of vehicle crashes in Hancock County in 2024, while **MATURE ADULT** drivers (55+) accounted for approximately 33.8%.

**10 out of the 12** traffic fatalities in 2024 were in these higher-risk age groups.



 **300**

Free bicycle helmets were distributed in 2024



**51**

**Pack 'n Plays distributed and safe sleep education provided**

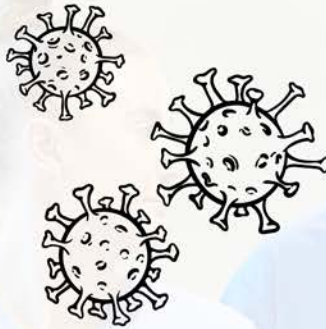


Our Health Educator provided prevention education and resources at 21 Safe Communities events, reaching approximately 3,000 people!

Health Education at Hancock Public Health was awarded over **\$50,000** in local, state and federal grant funds to promote prevention education!

# EPIDEMIOLOGY AND EMERGENCY PLANNING

Infectious disease outbreaks are monitored by our epidemiologist. When outbreaks occur, investigations are conducted to minimize impact and seek ways to prevent similar outbreaks from reoccurring.



Emergency planning is crucial in public health to help prepare for and respond to health-related events. Our emergency planning section works with other agencies in Hancock County to create, exercise, and refine local plans and strengthen partnerships.

## OUTBREAKS IN 2024



Our epidemiologist conducts surveillance to monitor potential infectious disease threats and recently became Certified in Infection Control through the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC) to be further equipped to provide infection control recommendations to local healthcare facilities and to the public.



## MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



Hancock County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers play an important role in responding to public health emergencies.

Our trained MRC volunteers do not just help out when there is an emergency. In 2024, volunteers provided first aid at community events, administered vaccines during clinics, assisted in Dexcom clinics, and provided hand hygiene education at Healthy Kids Day.



Hancock County MRC volunteers donated over **445** hours of their time in 2024, totaling **\$17,162** in economic impact.

# SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024

Hancock Public Health was part of a multi-agency Solar Eclipse Planning Group for the once-in-a-lifetime Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. Millions of people across the country traveled into the path of totality, and Hancock County was right in the center of that path.

Preparing for a potential population influx is nothing new to public health. A sudden increase in population can lead to challenges such as traffic congestion and strain on local healthcare systems. By planning ahead, Hancock Public Health helped minimize risks and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all!

## ECLIPSE INSPECTIONS



The influx of people meant extra inspections to ensure everyone can celebrate safely.



Our Nurse Practitioner, Laura, and Medical Assistant, Elisa, took the Mobile Health clinic to rural parts of the county to help prevent people from having to travel for basic medical needs.

## Eclipse Glasses

Hancock Public Health was awarded \$7,000 through a Special Grant Opportunity from The Community Foundation. With this funding, HPH was able to purchase and distribute 20,000 FDA ISO 12312-2 certified solar eclipse viewing glasses to the Hancock County community.



Hancock County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers helped label and distribute all 20,000 pairs of glasses, each with a special label containing a QR code linked to education on safely viewing the eclipse.

# HARM REDUCTION

In 2024, our Harm Reduction team was successful in increasing access to harm reduction services by placing additional indoor and outdoor NaloxBox cabinets in communities throughout the county, in along with three new Harm Reduction vending machines in Findlay.



## Our new Harm Reduction vending machines include:

- Feminine hygiene products
- First aid kits
- Fentanyl and xylazine test strips
- Sharps containers
- Naloxone
- Male & Female Condoms and Safer Sex Kits

## VENDING MACHINE LOCATIONS

- The Family Center**  
1800 N. Blanchard Street
- University of Findlay PT Office**  
349 W. Trenton Avenue
- City Mission of Findlay**  
510 W. Main Cross Street



## NALOXBOXES

Providing free, easy access to life-saving naloxone

### Total NaloxBoxes Placed (2022-2024)

	Arlington	Benton Ridge	Findlay	Jenera	McComb	Mt. Cory	Van Buren
Indoor	2	-	38	-	1	-	2
Outdoor (24/7)	-	1	2	1	2	1	1



# HARM REDUCTION

## BY THE NUMBERS

**3,000**

estimated encounters through SafeWorks Syringe Service and other community events

**2,332**

individual naloxone kits were distributed in 2024

**242**

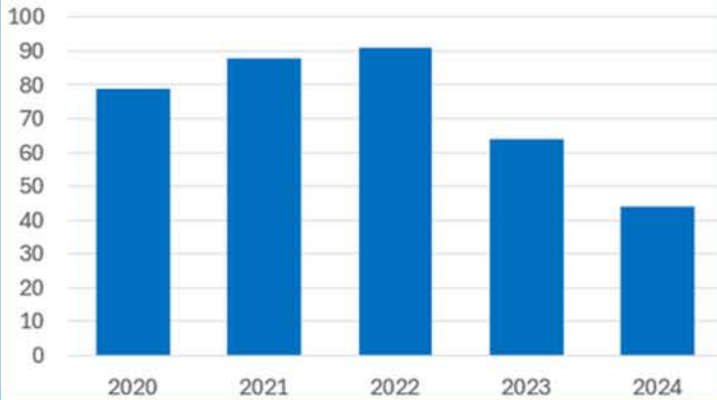
reported reversals in 2024

**34**

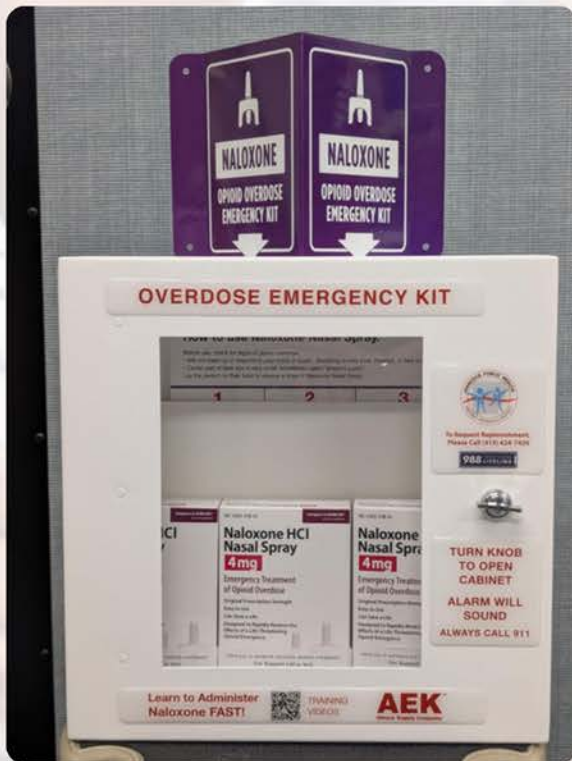
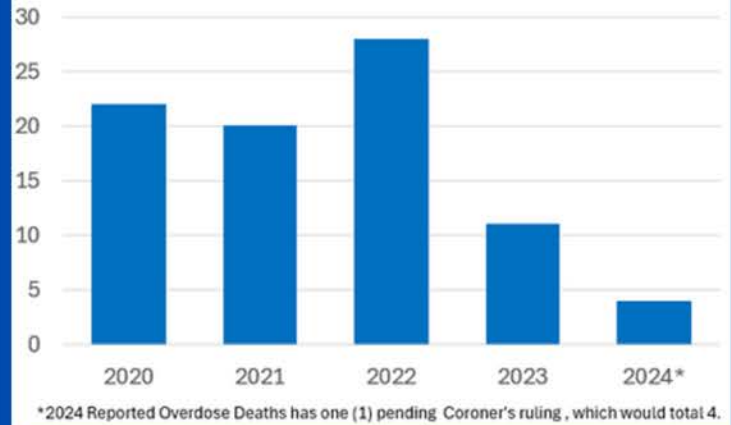
people utilized free STI and Hepatitis C services through our partnership with Equitas Health

**The number of new Hepatitis C cases reported each year in Hancock County is beginning to decline.**

Harm reduction services help prevent infectious disease transmission.

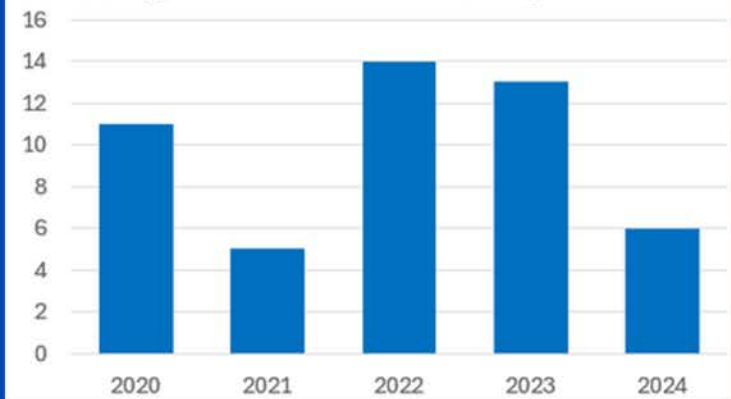


**The number of reported overdose fatalities in Hancock County is declining.**



**The Harm Reduction Program monitors deaths by suicide each year.**

Next of Kin interviews and survivor outreach are conducted to offer referrals to support services for loved ones affected by these deaths.



Next of Kin Interviews Conducted

**11**

Survivor Outreach Conducted

**28**





Help Me Grow Home Visiting is an evidence-based program that promotes healthy growth and development for babies and young children.

**Jannie Derstine, BA**  
Program Manager

**Lisa Barth, LSW**  
Lead Home Visitor

**Julie Robinson**  
Home Visitor

**Marissa Baer, RN**  
Home Visitor

**Ashley Bowman, BA**  
Home Visitor

**Kate Clymer, LSW**  
Home Visitor

**Susan Bright, MS**  
Home Visitor



Approximately

**1,530**

Boxes of  
diapers &  
Pull Ups  
distributed



Our home visiting program is diverse in providing home visiting services to families speaking English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Arabic.

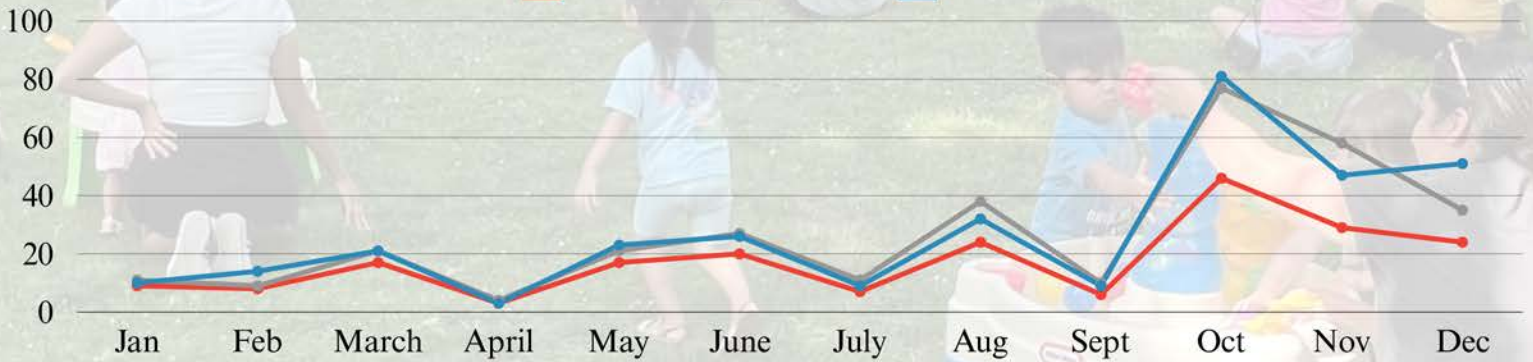




**Help Me Grow hosts monthly playgroups for the families served by Help Me Grow**

**Playgroup Attendance in 2024**

■ Families ■ Adults ■ Children





The Community Health Assessment process is conducted every 3 years in partnership with multiple agencies within Hancock County.

DELIVERED BY:



It is a systematic way to provide a picture of current health status, needs, and issues.

This assessment is used to justify how and where resources can be allocated to best meet community needs.

## 2024 HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT



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# OUR FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

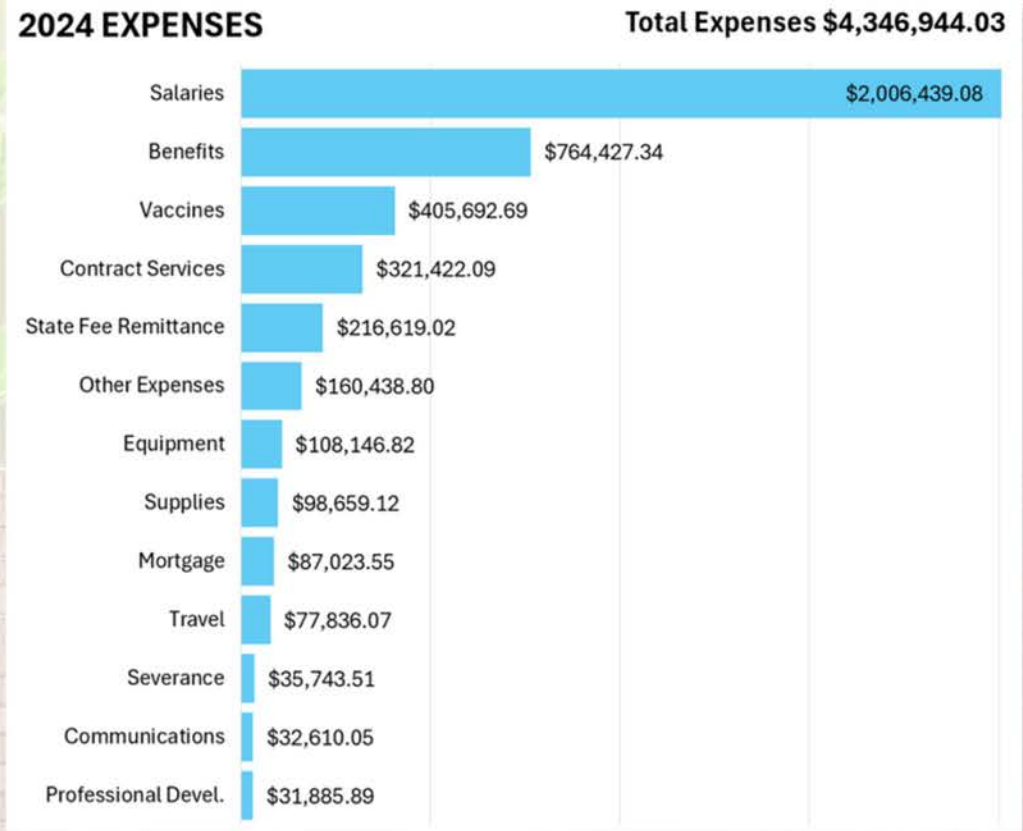
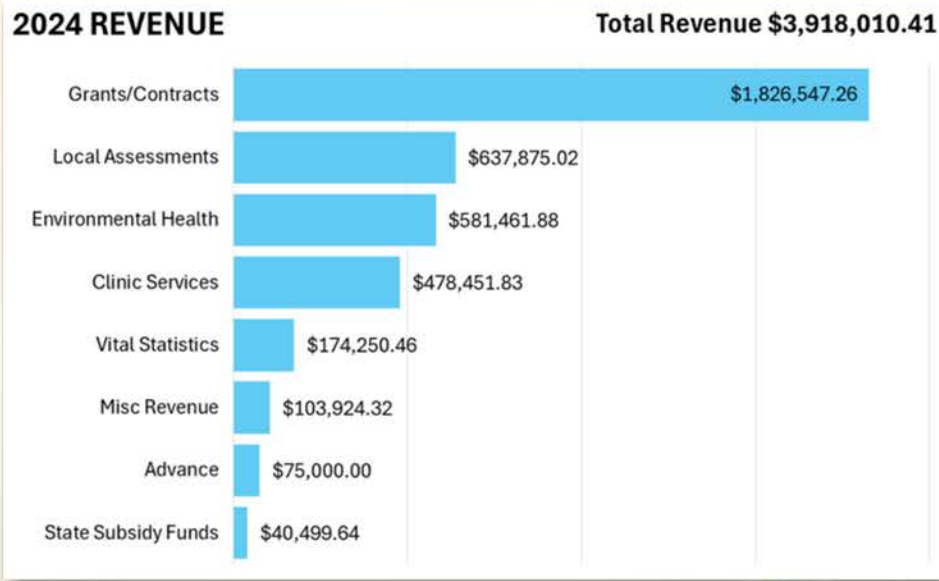
## Balances

**2024 Beginning Balance**  
**\$1,293,553.84**

**2025 Carryover Balance**  
**\$864,620.22**



**Chelsi Frankforther, BBA**  
**Fiscal Officer**



# Department Contacts



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**Help Me Grow**  
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**Health Promotion & Planning**  
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