

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Holmes County
General Health District

Prevent. Promote. Protect.



Public Health Saves Lives

ACCREDITATION

The Holmes County General Health District (HCGHD) was awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in August of 2022. Established in 2007, PHAB is the non-profit organization that administers the national accreditation program, which aims to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. Across the nation, health departments provide services aimed at promoting healthy behaviors; preventing diseases and injuries; ensuring access to safe food, water, clean air, and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies. PHAB President and CEO Paul Kuehnert stated "People living and working in communities served by these health departments can be assured that their health department is strong and has the capacity to protect and promote their health. Just going through the accreditation process itself helps health departments pinpoint the areas that are critical to improving the work they do for their communities." By achieving PHAB Accreditation, HCGHD can continue carrying out its mission to protect and improve the health and environment of those who live, work, and play in Holmes County.

HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Public health in Holmes County has continued its successes, even in a difficult time for Public Health Practitioners. Our dedicated staff have persevered, endured, and rose to the occasion with excellence. It is by performing the following that our dedicated staff have rose to elite status among their peers:

- 1.Preventing Public Health crisis.
- 2.Promoting Public Health.
- 3.Protecting Public Health.
- 4.Being Kind.

Holmes County is now served by a nationally accredited health department. This process was tedious with many twists and turns along the way. I am inspired by the work our staff performed as we all recover from a global pandemic. If we work to inspire, we can impact change and strengthen a community. It sets the groundwork for new leaders to step up and into action, it inspires positive change, and it helps us remember our culture and where we have come from. I hope throughout this report you see how our staff have tried to inspire the community and work together to improve lives every day.

It is my hope that our community remembers that public health saves lives. For every 10 percent increase in local public health spending, it reduces infant deaths by 6.9%, cardiovascular deaths 3.2%, diabetes deaths 1.4% and cancer deaths 1.1%. Public health saves money. For every additional dollar spent on prevention programs and services, it saves \$5.60 in health spending. For every dollar spent on childhood vaccines saves \$16.50 on future health care costs. Also 75% of moneys spent on health are spent on preventable conditions, but only 3 cents of every \$1 is spent on public health and prevention. This agency has been great stewards of resources and has seen tremendous health impacts with minimal dollars spent. Holmes County ranks #4 in Ohio in life expectancy and due to the work of public health, has added 25 years on average to life.

I could not be prouder of our dedicated staff and the work that is performed for our community. Public Health is just one pillar of a community, and we all work together to make this a great place to live, work and play. We cannot stand alone and make a difference but as Ronald Regan stated, "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." This agency with the support of our staff, Board, and community will continue to improve and strive for continued success by going through adversity so our community can prosper and give everyone a chance to help someone.

Thank you for saving lives,

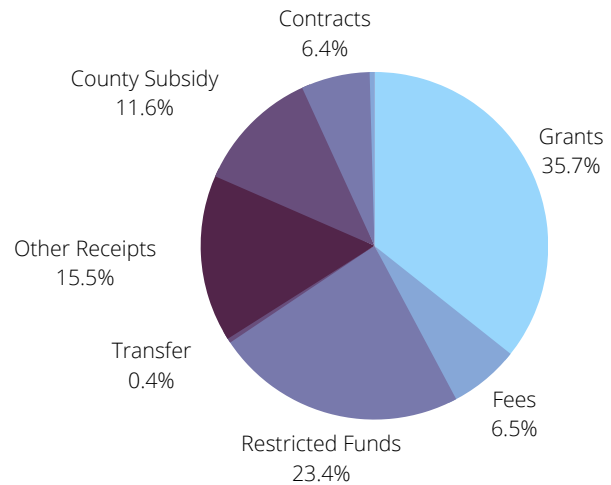
Michael Derr,

MBA, HEALTH COMMISSIONER

FINANCES

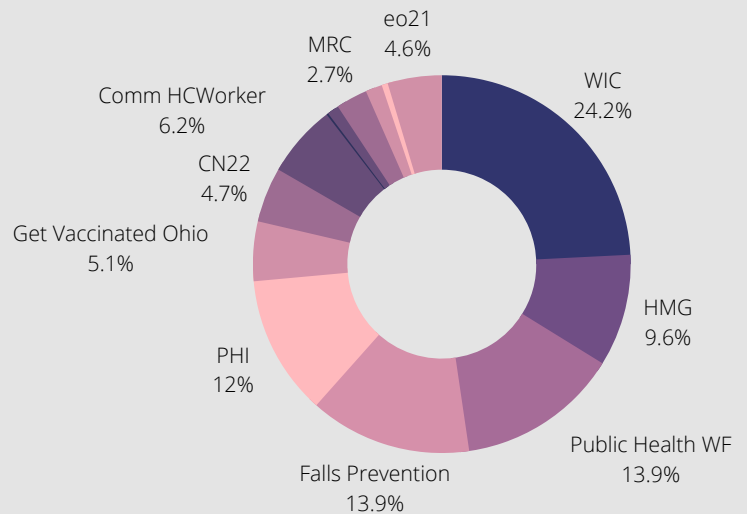
INCOME

Grants \$647,697.57
 Fees \$118,544.69
 Restricted Funds \$424,819.36
 Transfer \$7,500.00
 Other Receipts \$282,205.17
 County Subsidy \$211,038.82
 Contacts \$116,029.36
 State Subsidy \$8,095.48
Total Revenue \$1,816,200.45



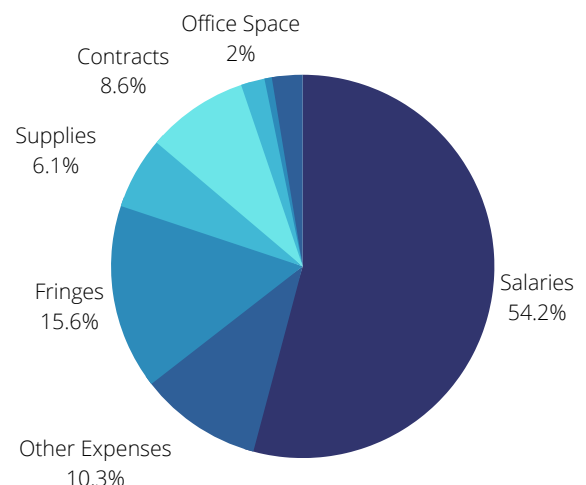
PROGRAM GRANTS

WIC \$156,837.01
 HMG \$62,171
 Public Health WF \$89,924.91
 Falls Prevention \$90,000
 PHI \$77,641.00
 Get Vaccinated Ohio \$33,008.00
 Cause Connections \$1,000.00
 CN22 \$30,484.75
 Community Health Worker \$40,250.00
 Enhanced Operations \$6,500.31
 MRC \$17,500.00
 Tobacco Use, Prevention, & Cessation \$9,250.00
 Litter Control \$3,400.00
 EO21 \$30,000.59
Total \$647,967.57



EXPENSES

Salaries \$991,447.91
 Other Expenses \$189,259.83
 Fringes \$285,885.20
 Supplies \$111,433.7
 Contracts \$157,460.45
 Office Space \$36,699.15
 Travel/Conferences \$11,357.42
 Transfers \$47,340.34
Total Expenses \$1,830,884.00



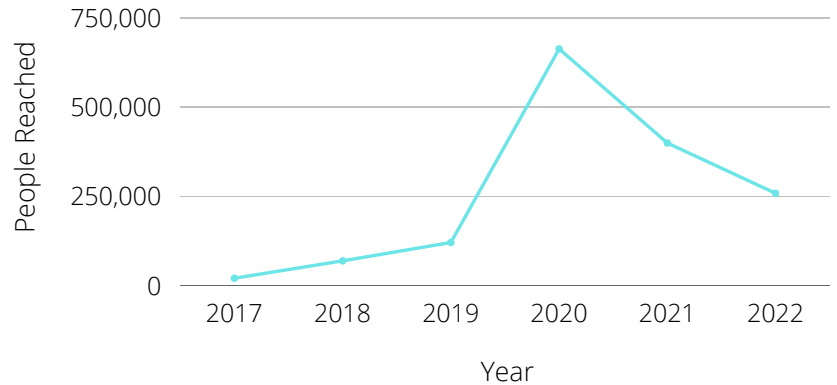
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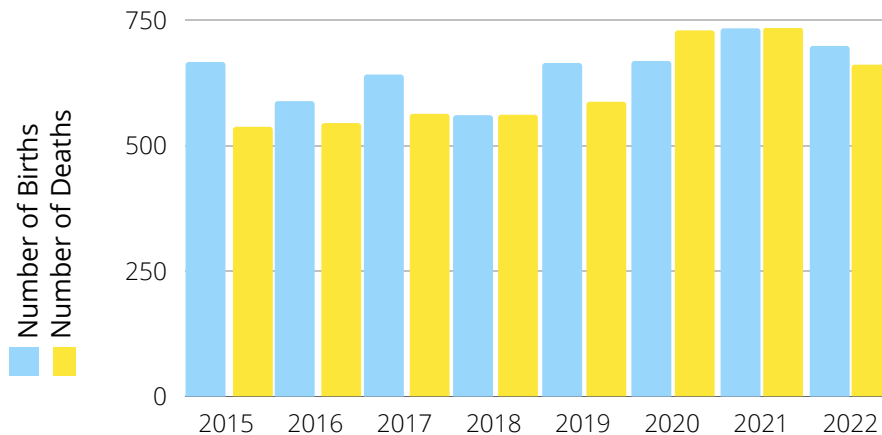
SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

2017	20,973
2018	69,607
2019	121,025
2020	663,154
2021	399,560
2022	258,711

Social Media Reach 2017-2022



HOLMES CO. BIRTHS & DEATHS 2015-2022



2022 Births

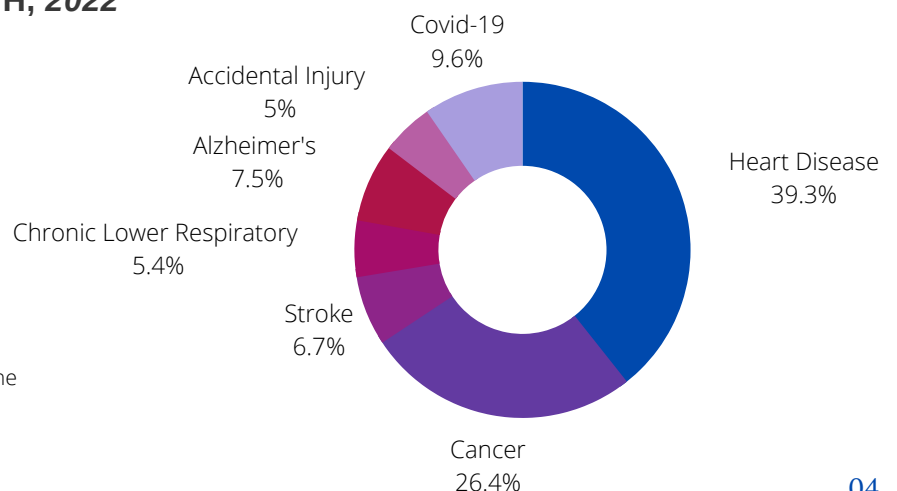
Birth Records (Holmes Co.): 697
 Hospital Births: 609
 Home Births: 60
 Birthing Center 73
 Out-of-County Births: 293
 Certified Birth Certificates: 1,864

2022 Deaths

Deaths Recorded: 357
 Fetal Deaths: 8
 Infant Deaths: 5
 Deaths Under Age 18: 6
 Injury Deaths: 7
 Certified Death Certificates: 1,008

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2022

Heart Disease: 94
 Cancer: 63
 COVID-19: 23
 Alzheimer's: 18
 Stroke: 16
 Chronic Lower Respiratory: 13
 Accidental Injury: 12



Data for 2022 is considered preliminary and changes in the numbers may occur as more deaths are reported.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE & NURSING

NURSING DIVISION

The Nursing Division at the Holmes County General Health District is responsible for disease surveillance and investigation, immunizations, service coordination through the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program, as well as Nutrition education through the Early Intervention System & the Women Infants and Children's (WIC) Program.

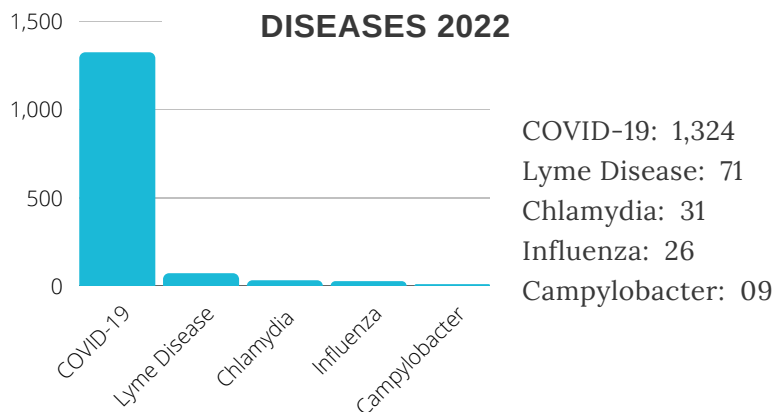
Screenings, Classes, & Other Education

Infant Feeding Class - 3
E.I. Nutrition Referrals- 82
LEAD Screenings- 36
School Hearing Screenings- 25
School Vision Screenings- 24

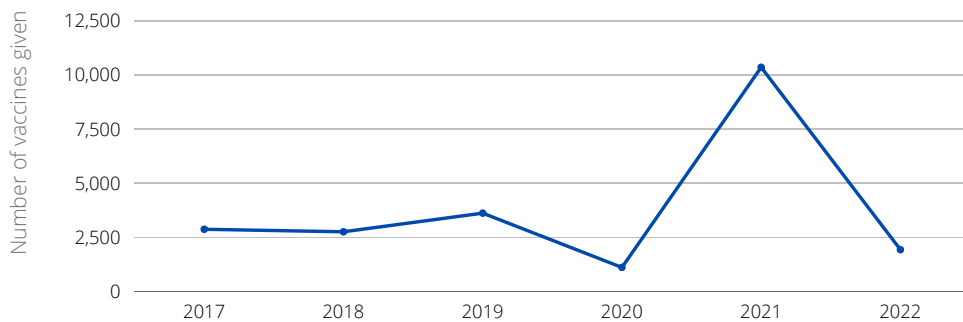
Average Monthly Program Caseload

WIC- 323
Breastfeeding - 58
CMH - 175

TOP 5 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES 2022



VACCINES PROVIDED 2017-2022



CMH (Children with Medical Handicaps)

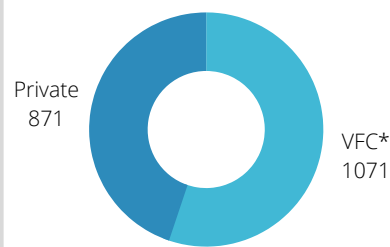
CMH added 51 new cases in 2022. This is the highest number of new cases in last 4 years. Additionally, eligibility for CMH was extended to age 23. The program now offers additional services for adult Cystic Fibrosis clients including, 18 days inpatient hospital, physician services, outpatient services, outpatient facility, dental services, surgery and anesthesia.



WIC (Women Infants and Children)

WIC has updated the food package to include new authorized foods & an increase in baby food varieties. WIC has also increased the cash value for fruits and vegetables and the farmer's market program redeemable at Harvey's Markets & other local farm stands. Nutrition education, breastfeeding support, & supplies are available to families. WIC services are more readily and provided in various locations. Please call 330-675-8455 to learn more.

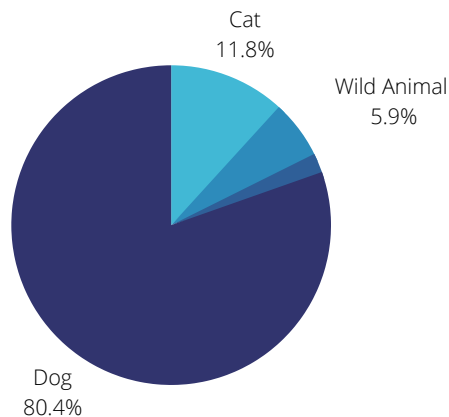
VFC & PRIVATE VACCINES ADMINISTERED 2022



*VFC: Vaccine for Children

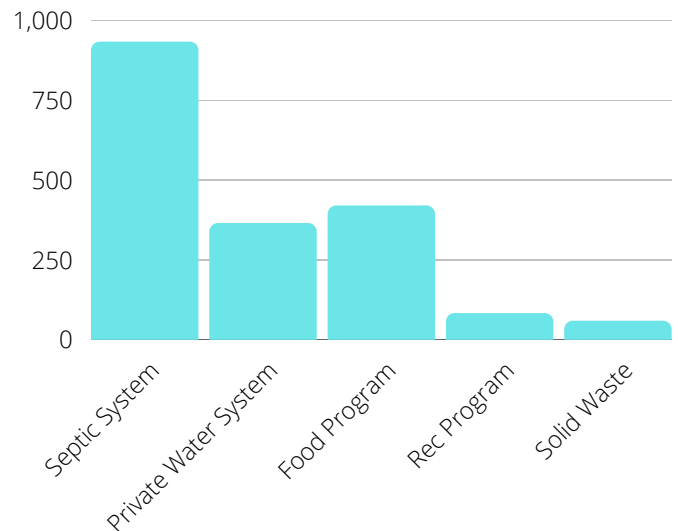
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

ANIMAL BITES REPORTED 2022



Animal bites increased 25% in 2022

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONS 2022



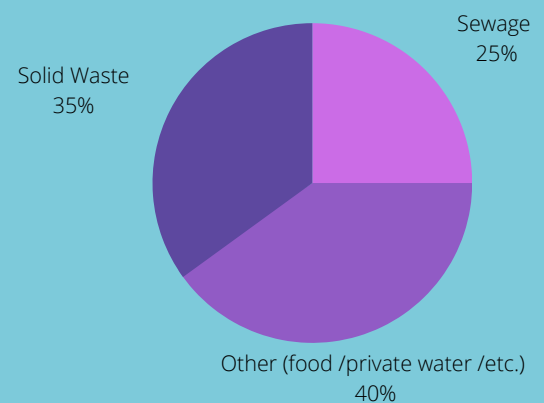
INSPECTIONS, SURVEYS, & GRANTS

2022 was a busy year for the Environmental Health Division. Our Environmental Health Specialists conducted 1,911 inspections in the Licensed and Permitted Program; responded to 51 animal bites; investigated 20 nuisance reports; and provided 237 consultations. 370 new construction permits were obtained in the Sewage and Private Water Programs, the highest number in 5-years. The Environmental Health Team was also happy to expand their participation in educational opportunities throughout the community, including speaking engagements at Holmes County Safety Council; West Holmes All-In Career Days; OSU Extension Food Safety Trainings; and Holmes-Wayne Sewage Contractor's Seminar.

All Environmental Health programs receive a survey from our partnering State agencies at a frequency determined by Ohio Revised Code. The Solid Waste, Private Water, and Retail Food programs all received surveys in 2022 from the Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Health, and Ohio Department of Agriculture. Thanks to our hard working and knowledgeable staff, HCGHD is once again placed on each Agency's list of approved Local Health Districts to carry out these program activities.

The Environmental Health Team is proud to assist the community through our Grant funded programs. The Water Pollution Control Loan Fund was able to replace 13 failing septic systems for eligible homeowners in 2022. We were again awarded \$150,000 for 2023 and look forward to replacing more septic systems and even utilizing some of our award to assist with residential connections within the Winesburg Sewer Expansion project. The Recycle Ohio grant activities are continuing and are shaping up to beat last year's totals of 970 pounds of trash and 612 pounds of recyclables collected.

NUISANCE REPORTS 2022



Reports of nuisances increased nearly 40% during 2022 when compared to 2021.

Nuisances in Environmental Health are defined as a condition or activity which could threaten public health.

HEALTH EDUCATION & COORDINATION



Falls Prevention Program

This year 2 new program sites were added, Big Prairie and Clark. Falls Prevention hosted 4 Positive Aging Workshops with 11 speakers presenting on various positive aging topics. A total of 91 individuals attended the Workshops.



Child Injury Prevention

Safe Sleep

- In its 2nd year of operation the safe sleep education program distributed 16 safe sleep environments to 15 caregivers at no cost to participants.

Car Seat Program

- Also in its second year, the car seat program in partnership with Ohio Buckeye Buckles program distributed 64 car seats in 2022. Car seats are also offered at no cost to qualifying families.

2022 HEALTH EDUCATION CLASSES

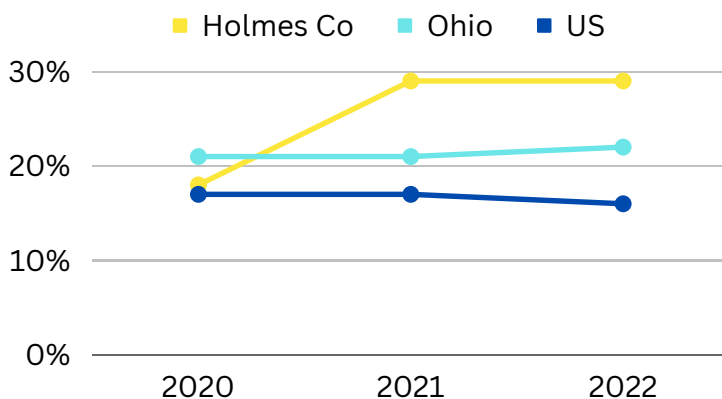
Car Seat Classes- 49
Safe Sleep Classes- 15
Matter of Balance Classes- 27
Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes- 32
Geri-Fit Classes- 56
Stepping On Class- 8
Positive Aging Workshops - 4
Ask Advise Refer - 4
HMG-HV Playgroups - 12
HMG-HV Avg. Monthly Caseload - 22



HMG Home Visiting

Help Me Grow Home Visiting (HMG-HV) saw another busy year with an average monthly caseload of 22 families. HMG-HV is an evidence based model that works to enhance the quality of parent child interactions & increase school readiness. This is accomplished by providing screenings, referrals, safety items, and education both in the home and in a group setting.

PERCENT OF ADULT RESIDENTS WHO SMOKE 2020-2022



Data gathered from: countyhealthrankings.org.

Tobacco Prevention and Cessation

July of 2022 marked the beginning of a new program within the Department. Since its inception, the tobacco program has offered education, media expansion, & a community assessment. A total of four Ask Advise Refer Trainings were completed in 2022.



Quit Line: 1-800-QUIT-NOW

EVENTS



BAMM (BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH)

Holmes County WIC celebrated BAMM throughout August, 2022. The WIC team created breastfeeding trivia to engage participants and community members each week to provide education and a chance to win prizes donated by the community. The WIC team also worked with the Help Me Grow Visiting program to provide an event “Play, Paint, and Empower Breastfeeding” at the Trail Pavilion open to all families in the community. This event included story time provided by the Holmes County Library, paint and water play, healthy snacks, meet and greet with the WIC breastfeeding peer, car seat information, and goodie bags for children and adults.



WEST HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL

REHS Colt Tennant (above) introduced students to a career in Environmental Health right here in Holmes County. He discussed all of our environmental health programs, the educational requirements to become an Environmental Health Specialist, and his inspiration to pursue this rewarding career path.



FALLS PREVENTION FORUM

The Falls Prevention Program and the Standing Against Falls Coalition shared results from the 2021 Holmes County Falls Prevention Survey. The survey was designed to gather information about the health, health practices, and falls awareness of adults 65 and older living in Holmes County to help to plan future action to make the 65 and older population safe, healthy, and free from falls!



SEWAGE CONTRACTOR'S MEETING

On November 15th, Holmes and Wayne County Health Districts hosted a Sewage Contractor's Seminar at Ripley Church in Big Prairie. This Seminar provided Holmes and Wayne County Registered Sewage Contractors all 6 of their required Continuing Education hours for registration renewal. The Seminar featured speakers from Holmes and Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio EPA, Holmes County Engineer, and Wayne County Health Department.

AWARDS AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Maurice Mullet Award



SARAH BURKHOLDER

This year's Maurice Mullet Award recipient is Environmental Health Director, Sarah Burkholder. Sarah has always taken an approach to make the community and the field of public health better. She is a dedicated practitioner of Environmental Health recognized by her peers and professional organizations. Sarah was a delegate for the state of Ohio to the National Environmental Health Association (OEHA), and the current president-elect of OEHA. Sarah has influenced the profession through advocacy work for public health. She is always willing to dig into the work and look for an outcome that serves the needs of our community.

Esther Spreng Award



CHERYL SEABRIGHT

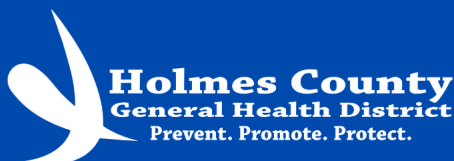
This year's Esther Spreng award recipient is Cheryl Seabright. Cheryl is currently the Board President of the Clark Community Center, has taught silver sneakers, an adapted versions of Tai Chi to individuals who participated in the Holmes County Board of DD school and workshop as well as older adults through the Falls Prevention program at the HCGHD. It is about action. It is about service. It is about community. It is about wellness and empowering individuals to be healthy. It is about recognizing an individual who serves others because she sees a need. Cheryl exemplifies what this award is all about - service.

Employee Spotlights

Monique Jacobs
Ashley Markowski
Raquel Miller
Sue Gonter - Dray
Sarah Burkholder

Years of Service

Gina Cruiz - 1
Ashley Markowski - 1
Becky Starner - 5
Sam George - 15
Laurie Sabel - 20



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