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ANNUAL REPORT

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Our mission: "To strengthen the health and well-being of our county through education, disease prevention and compassionate caregiving"

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To the Residents of Fayette County:

I am pleased to present the Fayette County Health Department's (FCHD) 2025 Annual Report. FCHD employees are dedicated to serving our community in the best way possible. Our standard is to provide quality services in a professional and caring manner. I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for all they do.

Why is public health so important? That is a question that we are constantly asked here at the Fayette County Health Department. Everyone's personal health begins with public health. Whether it is prenatal care, immunizations, food inspections, home visits for moms, labs and bloodwork, home care, or hospice, they are all vital to protecting the health of Fayette County residents.

Having served the health department for almost 25 years, it has been an honor to witness such growth that has resulted in the formation of solid programs, valuable partnerships, and a platform to serve our community well. A few highlights from 2025 include:

- Kelly Miller was recognized for 30 years of service, Jodi Smith for 10 years of service, and Shelby Rowcliff for 5 years of service
- Our Home Health department received the HHCAHPS Patient Satisfaction 2024 Award of Distinction
- Received a Medical Reserve Corps grant to certify all our staff in CPR
- Became a 24-hour collection site for sharps disposal
- Participated in Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA and Senior Health Fair at the Vandalia Senior Citizens Center
- Began planning to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2026.

Also deserving of thanks are our Fayette County Board of Health members. We are blessed to work with a group of individuals who volunteer their time to support our staff and we value their oversight, support and guidance.

I encourage you to review this report and see the variety of services that we have provided to our community in 2025. Public Health is often under-funded and underappreciated, but we are fortunate to have this dedicated & talented group.

Kendra Craig, Administrator



Board of Health Members

Joe Wills, President and County Board Liaison
Joe Schaal, Vice President
Julie Aderman, Secretary
Dr. Glenn Skow, Medical Director
Pam Parrish
Kelli Blank
Tammy Sasse
Pastor Matt Philbrick
Julie Gordon

Leadership Team

Kiley Depew, Director of Finance & Maternal Child Health
Jenna Townsend, Director of Home Care
Jodi Smith, Director of Environmental Health
Allison Satterthwaite, Director of Public Health & Home Visiting

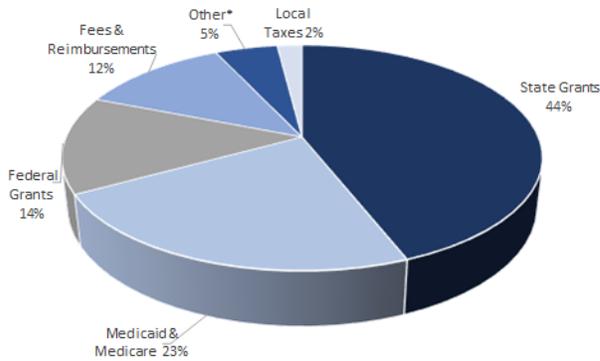


Full Staff:

Brandi, Bruno, Lisa Cain, Beth Cox, Kendra Craig, Emily Davis, Kiley Depew, Kala Dugan, Kate Ennen, Taylor Evans, Moriah Gelsinger, Rikki Howard, Michelle Knapp, Kelly Miller, Camryn Murphy, Bree Randall, Beth Riedle, Shelby Rowcliff, Becky Sanders, Allison Satterthwaite, Jodi Smith, Aubrey Thomas, Susan Timmons, Jenna Townsend, Tori Padberg Will, Casey Wilson, Crystal Winters, Tony Wollin and Heather Wollin

Fiscal Year 2025

REVENUE SOURCES

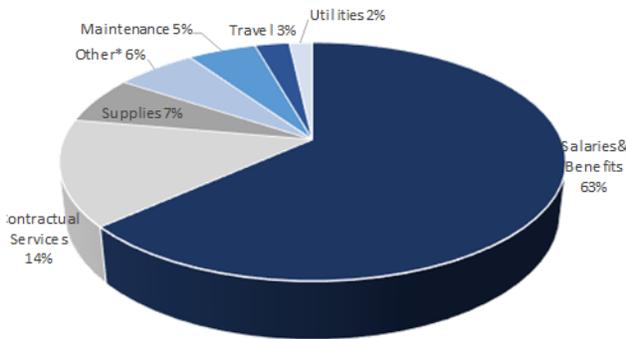


State Grants	\$ 1,217,885
Medicaid/Medicare	\$ 636,429
Federal Grants	\$ 371,276
Fees & Rembursements	\$ 339,852
Other*	\$ 133,130
Local Taxes	\$ 48,566

*Local grants, interest, contributions, memorials, transfers

TOTAL REVENUE \$2,737,138

EXPENDITURES



Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,701,240
Contractual Services	\$ 385,718
Supplies	\$ 173,827
Other*	\$ 164,838
Maintenance	\$ 140,075
Travel	\$ 70,276
Utilities	\$ 47,365

*Local grants, interest, contributions, memorials, transfers

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$2,683,339

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

The Fayette County Maternal and Child Health (MCH) focuses on the well-being of mothers, infants, children, and families, offering vital services like nutrition education, breastfeeding support, prenatal/postnatal care, depression screenings, and connecting families to resources to reduce maternal/infant illness and mortality.



The Fayette County Health Department Home Health has been providing care to Fayette County and neighboring counties since 1976. Home Health is a skilled service individualized to each patient's needs. Home Health allows a patient to recovery from an acute illness or manage chronic illness in the comfort of the patient's home. Home Health is a valuable alternative to long hospital stays or nursing home placement. Patient and family compliance and assistance enhances the care that Home Health can provide on an intermittent basis.

You Have a Choice!

When additional care is required after a hospital stay, many people are not aware they have a choice in who provides that care, or that they can request an agency of their choice. As a county-based agency, we compete with agencies directly affiliated with hospitals and agencies operating for profit. We encourage you to choose wisely, based on proven quality from professional local staff.

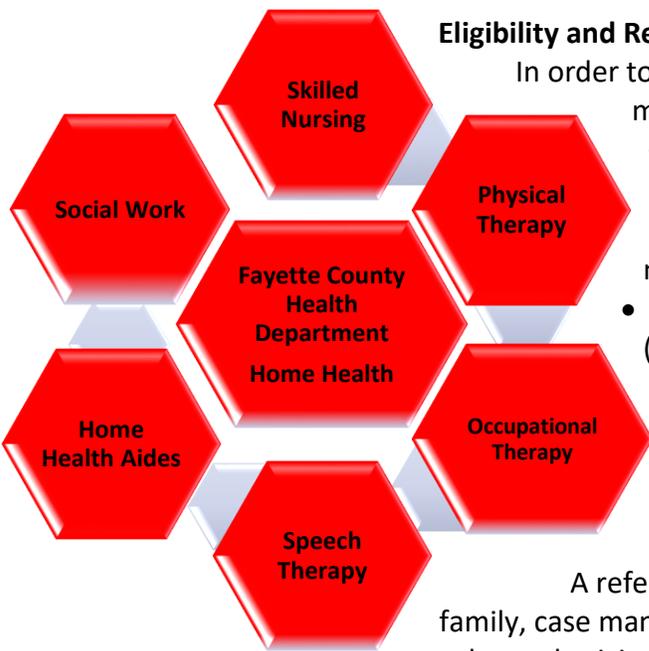
TOTAL PATIENTS SERVED **136**

TOTAL # OF HOME VISITS **3159**

Eligibility and Referrals:

In order to qualify for home health services under Medicare, patients must continuously meet the following criteria:

- Have a skilled need, such as nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy or speech therapy.
- Follow up with a physician that can sign and manage Home Health orders.
- Be homebound as defined by Medicare regulations. (Absences from home should be infrequent and of short duration, but leaving your home for medical care is acceptable.)
 - You must have a family member or caregiver able and willing to participate in your care if necessary.



A referral may be made by family, case managers, social workers, physicians, or patients themselves.

Physician orders will be required prior to admission for Home Health services. Referrals may be made prior to entering a hospital for elective or anticipated treatment by calling the office at 618-283-7262.



Care Compare Quality Rating

QUALITY RATING ★★★★★

PATIENT SURVEY RATING

Our purpose is to enhance the quality of life for both patient and family when quantity of life cannot be extended. When a patient has been told that they have a terminal illness and curative treatment is no longer an option, a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness often threatens the family as well as the patient. Fayette County Health Department Hospice is committed to easing these burdens by addressing the individual physical, psychological and spiritual needs.

- Skilled Nurse Visits
- Hospice Bath Aides
- Medical Director Consultations
- On-Call Nurse 24/7

- Medications Related to Hospice Diagnosis
- Medical Equipment
- Authorized Inpatient Care

- Emotional & Spiritual Support
- Social Work
- Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapy
- Bereavement Mailing & Counseling

Hospice focuses on the patient's comfort level, allowing patients to make the most out of the time they have left. Emotional support for patient and family makes the process of grieving much more tolerable. Hospice offers choices and control over what happens to the family unit during this dying and bereavement journey.

Criteria: The patient must be certified with a terminal illness with a life expectancy of 6 months or less, if the disease runs its normal course. The patient, family, and doctor must agree that no more curative or diagnostic treatments will be done while under hospice care. The prognosis must be documented by the physician's signature on a standard hospice physician's order form. Patient must have a primary caregiver who will be available 24 hours a day. They must be over 18 and must be able to arrange for 24/7 care.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work, and play. Public health saves money, improves our quality of life, helps children thrive, and reduces human suffering

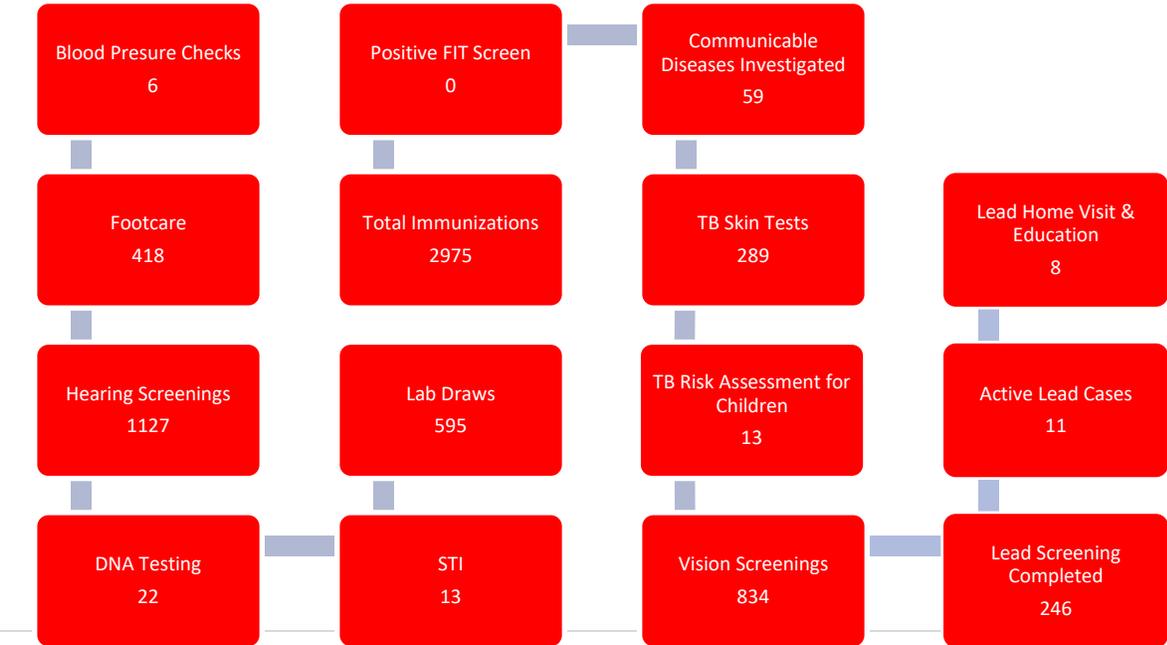


While a doctor treats people who are sick, those of us working in public health try to prevent people from getting sick or injured through education and promotion of our programs. We promote wellness by encouraging healthy behaviors. From conducting scientific research to educating about health, people in the field of public health work to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy. That can mean vaccinating children and adults to prevent the spread of disease, or educating people about the risks of vaping and tobacco use. Public health sets safety standards to

protect workers and develops school nutrition programs to ensure kids have access to healthy food.

Public health works to track disease outbreaks, prevent injuries and shed light on why some of us are more likely to suffer from poor health than others. The many facets of public health include speaking out for laws that promote smoke-free indoor air and seatbelts, spreading the word about ways to stay healthy and giving science-based solutions to problems.

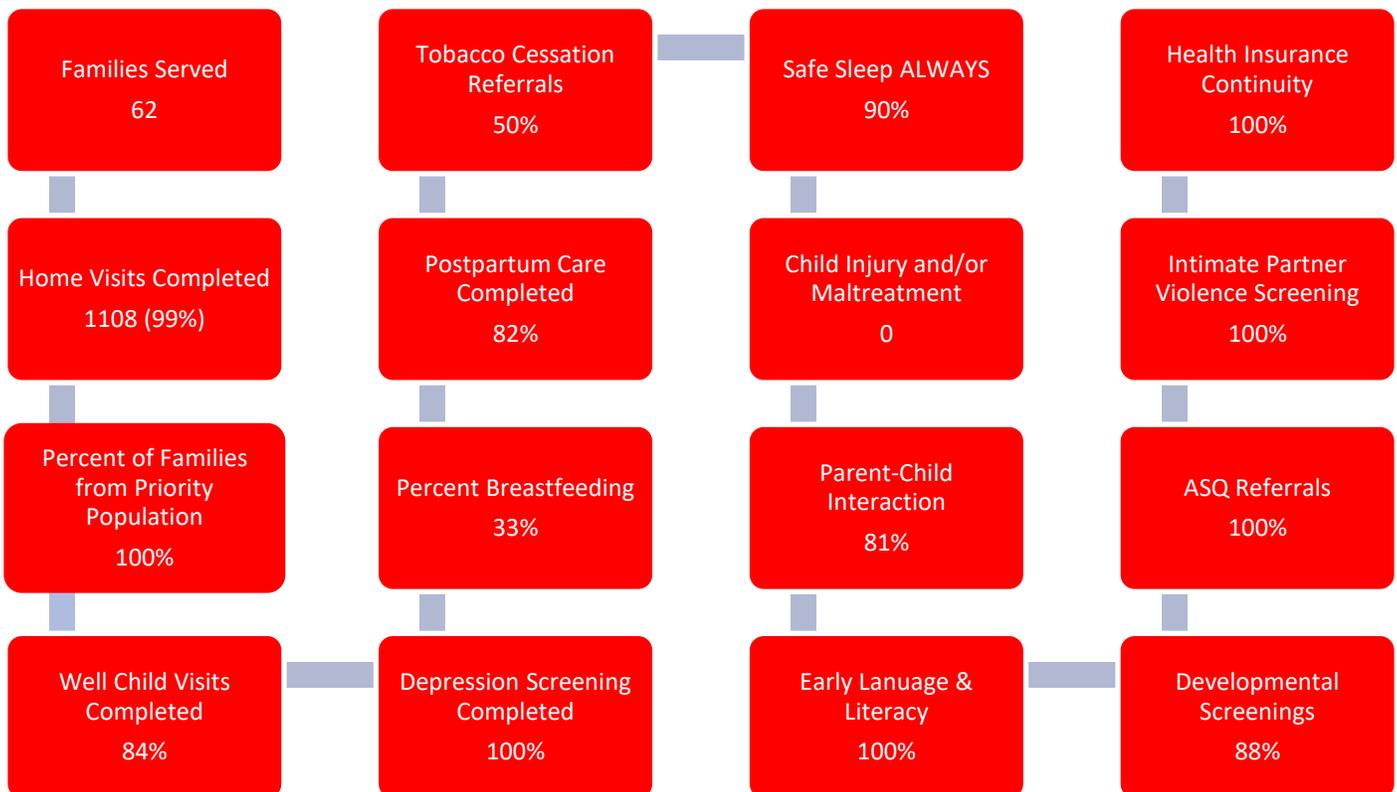
We continue to assist with the lead prevention program by screening all high-risk patients and any community members requesting this testing. Lead testing is required for many school and daycare applications. The Public Health Lead Nurse Case Manager works closely with families involving follow-up testing, home visits, interventions, evidence-based resources and education on lead safety, mitigation, and prevention.



HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

Healthy Families of Illinois

HFI is a home visiting program that helps new and expectant parents strengthen their families' functioning and reduce their risk for child abuse and/or neglect. The program is a prevention program that works to improve the safety of children while providing support to the family. Home visitors help new moms and dads be better parenting by teaching them how babies grow and develop, how to keep babies safe and healthy and good parenting skills.



HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

Doula Services

Our Doula services are a fun, interactive, weekly home visiting program. The Doula's mission is to enhance your pregnancy with services such as comfort measures, birth wish list, breastfeeding, support games and ways to bond with your baby, belly casting, personal baby books made by the Doula's from maternity, birth, and baby pictures.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Food Safety

The Division of Environmental Health permits and routinely inspects food service establishments to ensure compliance with the Illinois Food Code and the Fayette County Food Ordinance. Before a food service establishment can begin operations, they must obtain a Fayette County Food Service Establishment Operating Permit and pass a pre-opening inspection. Aside from establishment inspections, we strive to educate food service managers and operators on proper food safety practices and principles. Increasing food safety education is a great defense against food-borne illnesses.

	2025 Total
Food Safety	
Permits Issued	141
Inspections	164
Follow-up Inspections	20
Pre-Openings	11
Complaints	3
Temporary Inspections	50

Private Sewage Disposal

The Division of Environmental Health conducts plan reviews, permitting and final installation inspections for new and renovated private sewage disposal systems. Education and regulation concerning private sewage disposal systems help ensure proper human wastewater disposal. This limits exposure to pathogens and reduces negative environmental impacts.

	2024 Total
Private Sewage	
Plan Approvals	47
Installations	45
Inspections	45
Complaints	0

Tanning and Body Art

The Division of Environmental Health conducts inspections of tanning and body art facilities that are permitted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. We strive to ensure our citizens are provided clean and safe facilities when seeking services.

	2024 Total
Tanning / Body Art	
Inspections	6
Follow-up Inspections	0
Complaints	0

Potable Drinking Water

The Division of Environmental Health conducts plan reviews, permitting and final installation inspections for new and modified private water wells and closed loop wells. We also collect and ship private water samples for bacteria testing. We strive to help citizens ensure they have a safe potable water supply.

	2024 Total
Potable Water	
Wells Permitted	8
Wells Constructed	8
Inspections	8
Complaints	0
Private Water Samples	53
Sealed Wells	0

Vector

The Division of Environmental Health works to educate the public about vector borne diseases and ways to reduce the risk of exposure. FCHD conducts surveillance for West Nile Virus by testing mosquitoes and dead birds for the disease. We also perform tick drags to collect ticks to test for diseases that may be present.

	2024 Total
Vector	
Bird Submissions	0
-No. of Positive Birds	0
Mosquito Batches Tested	50
-No. of Positive Mosquito Batches	1
Tick Drags	6

TOBACCO-SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS

The Smoke-Free Illinois Act is (SFIA) state law which protects residents, workers, and visitors from the harmful effects of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and e-cigarette vapor by prohibiting smoking of all forms of combustible tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, and hookah, and e-cigarettes, vapes, and any other electronic smoking device, in public places and places of employment. FCHD provides education to schools, restaurants and businesses in Fayette County.

Education in Fayette County Schools	Restaurant and Business Compliance Checks
Brownstown and Ramsey School District	94

