



2002 Annual Report



KNOX
COUNTY **Health**
Department
*working for a
healthier and safer
community*

2002 KNOX COUNTY PROFILE

Total Population: 54,500*

Male 26,514 - 48.6%

Female 27,986 - 51.4%

Median Age 36.5*

Total Households 19,975*

Family Households 14,364*

Housing Units 21,793*

Owner Occupied 15,116 - 69.4%*

Poverty Rate 10.1%*

Per Capita Income \$20,850*

Median Family Income \$34,027*

New Housing Starts 468**

In-County Births 429

242 Males 187 Females

Out-of-County Births 290***

162 Males 128 Females

In-County Deaths 523

236 Males 287 Females

Out-of-County Deaths 107***

63 Males 44 Females

Causes of Death****

Heart Related	255
Cancer	86
Lung Disease	28
Strokes/CVA	23
Flu/pneumonia	29
Accidents	11
Suicides	1
Homicides	0
Other causes	87

* 2000 Census.

** Total includes number of new residential housing units with the city limits of Mount Vernon and Apple Valley and number of residential sewer & water permits issued by Knox County Health Department.

*** Due to a delay in compiling figures at the state level, these figures represent 2000 totals.

**** In-county deaths only.

Cover Photos

- 1.) Dentist Michelle Carpenter examines the teeth of a student as part of the county-wide dental screening for all third-graders.
- 2.) Registered Sanitarian Terri Hillier checks the temperature of a steam table during a routine food inspection.
- 3.) A nurse with the Ohio National Guard obtains a blood sample during GuardCare 2002, a two-weekend event in August that provided healthcare services for more than 800 adults and children.
- 4.) Registered Sanitarian Todd Pearce sets up a mosquito trap in an effort to track the presence of West Nile Virus in Knox County.

To the Citizens of Knox County

2002 was a year for new challenges for the Knox County Health Department. With the threat of bioterrorism, emergency preparedness and response planning with other local emergency responders and health care providers became an important role for the agency. Educating the community about smallpox, anthrax and other biological threats and preparing our local plan to administer smallpox vaccinations to the community was a necessity.

The emergence of West Nile Virus throughout Ohio resulted in further surveillance activities for the agency. Mosquito control activities became a daily part of the Environmental Health Division's routine during the spring and summer months. Residents were helpful in their reporting of dead birds, which is a first sign of West Nile Virus activity among the mosquito population. Similar surveillance and mosquito control activities are being planned for 2003. Also, providing medical services, dental care, home health care services, nutritional education, and early childhood programs along with promoting healthier lifestyles continue to be at the forefront of the agency's daily work throughout the community. With the expansion of medical services to five days a week, the number of patients whether children or adults dramatically increased in 2002.



Over 15,500 individuals were served through the medical clinics; the dental clinic; the Women's, Infants and Children (WIC) program; and the home health care program at the Knox County Health Department.

On behalf of the Board of Health, I am pleased to present the 2002 annual report of the Knox County Combined General Health District. Preventing disease through environmental inspections, surveillance, health education and promoting healthier lifestyles along with providing health care services continues as the focus of your public health department. Many of the public health activities could not be possible without on-going partnerships with other social service agencies, health care providers, educators, community service organizations, the Ohio Department of Health and individuals throughout Knox County. Through these efforts, the Board of Health and the Health Department staff continues its work in making Knox County a healthier and safer community.

Dennis G. Murray

Dennis G. Murray, R.S., M.P.H.
Health Commissioner

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

****Ed Bowlus, D.V.M.**
PRESIDENT

***Mary deVillers**
PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

****Laura Haberman, R.N.**

***Ronda Hathaway, R.N.**

*****Jeff Harmer**

****Gary Mizer**

****Keith Plocki, M.D.**

***Lee Rhoades**

****Dorothy Thompson**

*Appointed by Mount Vernon City Council **Appointed by District Advisory Council
*** Appointed by the Licensing Council



Members of the Board of Health include, from left, seated: Laura Haberman, Dorothy Thompson, Mary deVillers, Ed Bowlus; standing: Dr. Keith Plocki, Jeff Harmer, Gary Mizer and Lee Rhoades. (Not present: Ronda Hathaway.)

2002 DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Knox County District Advisory Council holds the responsibility of appointing six of the nine members to the Board of Health and bringing recommendations and health issue concerns to the Board's attention. The advisory council is composed of the chairman of each township's board of trustees or a designee, the mayor of each village and the president of the Knox County Board of Commissioners.

Members of the 2002 Knox County Advisory Council and their represented areas include:

Berlin Twp.

Brown Twp.

Butler Twp.

Clay Twp.

Clinton Twp.

College Twp.

Harrison Twp.

Hilliari Twp.

Howard Twp.

Jackson Twp.

Jefferson Twp.

Liberty Twp.

Middleburg Twp.

Milford Twp.

Miller Twp.

Robert Dudgeon

Charles Bratton

Douglas Beckley

Dan Broceus

Hank Edminster

Barry Bowden

Chuck Dudgeon

Richard Nichols

Terry Brasseur

James Dugan

Larry George

Lyman Gates

Jeffrey Benson

Harold Cochran

Roger McConnell

Monroe Twp.

Morgan Twp.

Morris Twp.

Pike Twp.

Pleasant wp.

Union Twp.

Wayne Twp.

Village of Brinkhaven

Village of Centerburg

Village of Danville

Village of Fredericktown

Village of Gambier

Village of Martinsburg

County Commissioners

Arthur Davis

Chuck Rowley

Bob Wise

Curt Bechtel

Clif Durbin

Tom Ridgway

T. Jeffrey Levering

Stephen Hammons

Dennis Sykes

Allen Frye

Roger Reed

Mike Schlemmer

Dave Mc Cullough

Robert D. Durbin

LICENSING COUNCIL

The Licensing Council is comprised of one representative from the businesses whose activities are licensed by the Board of Health, which include: food service operations, retail food establishments, manufactured home parks, public swimming pools and campgrounds. Initial terms are staggered between two and four years, after which, each council member serves a five-year term. The council elects one of its members to serve on the Board of Health.

The 2002 Licensing Council includes:

Joy Harris

BIG BROTHERS/SISTERS
OF KNOX COUNTY

Jeff Harmer

APPLE VALLEY
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Jack Taylor

TAYLOR'S SUPER VALUE/SUBWAY

Mark Gilmore

KOKOSING VALLEY
CAMP AND CANOE

Dave Dustheimer

DAVE'S PLACE
HILLCREST MOBILE HM. PARK

Roger McCoy

R&M SOUTHSIDE DINER

Jeff Harmer serves on the Board of Health.
Joy Harris is the alternate.



Environmental Health Secretary Cindy Wells processes residential water samples brought into the Health Department for testing.



Environment Health Director Brian Benick, R.S. and Jim Fridrich, R.S., evaluate a site being proposed for new residential construction.



Jim Fridrich, R.S., takes a soil sample at a site for a proposed residential development.



As Emergency Response Coordinator, Terri Hillier, R.S., works closely with Larry Hatton, director of the Knox County Emergency Management Agency.



With the spread of West Nile Virus into Ohio in 2002, the Health Department's mosquito sprayer was a familiar sight during the summer evening hours throughout the Knox County area.

2002 Statistics

RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM	
Animal Bites Reported	91
Dog	65
Cat	18
Other	8
Specimens to Lab	13
Positive Rabies Test	0

FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM	
Licenses Issued	
Commercial	215
Non-Commercial	69
Mobile	33
Temporary	137
Vending	54

Inspections	
Food Service	353
Food Establishments	114
Temporary FS/FE	138
Mobile FS/FE	171
Vending	15
Consultations	380
Foodborne Disease Reported	3
# of persons affected	19

PRIVATE WATER PROGRAM	
Permits to Install	278
Permits to Alter	8
Total Inspections	532
Consultations	434
Water Samples	
Collected by KCHD	374
Collected by Others	172

RESIDENTIAL SEWAGE PROGRAM	
Site Evaluations	355
Permits to Install	308
Number of Inspections	393
Consultations	849

RECREATION PROGRAM	
Campground Inspections	15
Swimming Pool/Spa Inspections	132

PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES	
Nuisances Reported	285
Number Valid	163
Investigations	367
Nuisances Abated	164

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Staff

DIVISION DIRECTOR
Brian Benick, R.S., M.P.H.

SECRETARY
Cindy Wells

REGISTERED SANITARIANS

Kelly Biggs, R.S.
Jim Fridrich, R.S.
Terri Hillier, R.S.
Todd Pearce, R.S.

Environmental Health Services

In 2002, the Environmental Health (EH) Division continued its work of disease prevention through the enforcement of rules and regulations and the education of individuals and licensed facilities. The spread of West Nile Virus and the threat of bioterrorism created new areas of work for the EH staff. Highlights from 2002 included:

- ◆ **Brian Benick, R.S., M.P.H. was named division director in April.** Benick formerly worked with the Cuyahoga County and Medina County health departments. **Cindy Wells was named E.H. secretary**, replacing Peggy Stewart who retired after 24 years with the Health Department. Todd Pearce, a sanitarian-in-training for the past two years, passed the State Sanitarian Registration Examination to earn the designation of "R.S."
- ◆ As it did throughout most of Ohio, **West Nile Virus** made its way to Knox County and prompted necessary testing of dead crows and blue jays reported by the public. A total of **53 dead birds were submitted** to Health Department, with **four testing positive for West Nile Virus.**

- ◆ Since the West Nile Virus is transmitted to animals and humans by mosquitoes, the Health Department stepped up its efforts to

stop the growth of the mosquito population through **increased insecticide spraying.**

There were 28 separate spray applications applied at various locations in Knox County, reflecting 415 miles traveled and 92 gallons of insecticide. Additionally, larvicide was applied to large areas of standing water.

- ◆ Knox County had its **first official human case of West Nile Virus** in September. A local elderly man developed symptoms and was admitted to the hospital. Following treatment, he recovered and returned home. Several mosquito breeding sites were discovered near his residence and control methods were recommended.

- ◆ **Terri Hillier, R.S. was named Emergency Response Coordinator** as part of the Public Health Infrastructure Grant to fight bioterrorism and other emergencies.

- ◆ There was an **increase locally in the submission of ticks for analysis**, after a young girl died from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever from a tick bite in Ross County. 27 ticks were submitted for analysis during the summer with one testing positive for Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

- ◆ The EH staff **worked closely with the Mount Vernon City Schools following the clo-**

sure of two school buildings because of the presence of *Strachybotrys* mold. Division Director Brian Benick inspected all of the district's buildings for water damage and presence of mold. Benick and Health Commissioner Dennis Murray provided input for the air quality assurance plan presented to the Mount Vernon City School Board.

- ◆ The EH staff **worked cooperatively with the Land Use Committee of the Knox County Regional Planning Commission** regarding subdivision regulations.

- ◆ **Nearly 500 radon kits were distributed** as part of the Radon Awareness Grant from the Ohio Department of Health. Knox County has some of the highest levels of radon in Ohio, especially in the Apple Valley area. Terri Hillier was re-certified as a certified radon tester.

- ◆ Inspectors from the Ohio Department of Health conducted a **program survey for the swimming pool, campground and manufactured home park licensed facilities** to assure compliance with state regulations for these inspection programs. No significant citations were reported.

- ◆ The EH staff handled three public health nuisances requiring court action.

2002 Statistics

School Presentations	310
# of Students Served	7,936
Community Presentations	154
# of Participants	20,361
Collaborative Participation with Other Agencies	143
News Releases/Media Coverage	91

GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Abstinence-Only
Education Grant

Injury Prevention Grant
to Prevent Youth Suicide

Safe Communities Grant

SPRANS Abstinence
Education Grant

Wellness Program
to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Asset Builders Coalition
Askable Parent Program

Bully-Resistance Training

Dental Health Education

Diabetes Education

Elder Health

Family Matters Newsletter

Hygiene Education

Knox County Coalition for
Effective Parenting

Men's Health Issues

Parenting Classes

Peer Mediation Training

Peer Power Teams

Sexuality Education

STD/HIV Education

Tobacco Education

Traffic Safety

Safe Communities Coalition

Seatbelt/Child Car Seat Safety

Safety Town

Women's Health Month

HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES

STAFF

DIVISION DIRECTOR
Pam Palm

HEALTH EDUCATORS

Judy Divilbiss
JoAnn Kerr
Lisa Jones
Caree McAfee



Public Health Week 2002 included several special displays of at public libraries throughout the county including this display of health information at the Fredericktown Community Library.



Kay Cubie of the Help Me Grow staff and Jim Fridrich of the Environment Health staff work the Health Department booth at the Knox County Fair.



As part of the division's bully-resistant programming, "bully boxes" were placed in elementary and middle schools to encourage students to anonymously report bullying incidents and other problem situations.



The Health Department used billboards to promote several messages in 2002 including this one on behalf of the Asset Builders Coalition to promote good adult role models. The Asset Builders Coalition, under the direction of the Health Department, also promoted parent involvement in a series of slides shown prior to the featured presentation at the local movie theater.



Health Educators JoAnn Kerr, left, and Caree McAfee present a break-out session on today's youth culture during the annual Harvest of Health program in celebration of Women's Health Month.



This was Centerburg High School's entry in a banner contest sponsored among all high schools to increase seat belt awareness as part of the Safe Communities Grant. Other grant activities included a Seat Belt Challenge among high school drivers which was won by East Knox High School whose students demonstrated the largest increase in seat belt use during the school year.

Health Promotion Services

Health-related programming and promotion kept the Health Promotions staff busy throughout the year. Activities included:

- ◆ A luncheon for local school nurses in recognition of National School Nurses Day. The event, held at the Health Department, included a tour of the new facility, presentation of available services and a discussion on new ways to help local school personnel.
- ◆ A week-long training session on the 10 Rites of Passage, a special mentor program for at-risk youth, presented by Charles Johnson of Los Angeles. Sixteen local youth workers attended the sessions.
- ◆ Participation in health-related events at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, YMCA, Knox County Head Start, Wal-Mart, Central Ohio Joint Fire District Safety Day

and Earth Day at Kenyon College.

- ◆ Participation in every festival in the county including the Danville Turkey Festival, Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival in Mount Vernon, Fredericktown Tomato Show and Centerburg Farming Festival.
- ◆ Publication of the Connecting With Families calendar and activity guide which was distributed to more than 19,000 households via the MIDS bag and kicked off a week of events for Ohio Parents Week.
- ◆ Participation and co-sponsorship of Family Fun Day, a free event for Knox County families featuring entertainment, demonstrations, activities and food. Despite torrential rains and a power outage, more than 1,000 people attended the event.
- ◆ Participation and co-sponsorship of Focusing on Youth Issues (FYI), a three-

day conference on mental health issues affecting youth.

- ◆ Coordination of dental screening and education for nearly 700 third-graders
- ◆ Presentation of Parent Trip parenting classes in Collaboration with Juvenile Court and Department of Job & Families Services.
- ◆ Provided health and safety presentations at all schools and for several groups including Mount Vernon City Recreation Program; Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; Fredericktown Christian Preschool; Big Brothers/ Big Sisters; Fredericktown Senior Citizens Center, and Mount Vernon Kiwanis.
- ◆ Distributed 186 child car seats, conducted 22 individual child car seat checks and held 4 public events for child car seat checks.
- ◆ Formation of the Knox County Breast Cancer Support Group which meets monthly.



Stephanie Swanson, a radiologic technician with Wyeth Bristol sets up a mammogram during a special clinic in October in collaboration with the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project of Richland County.



Radusta Friedley, with daughter Lindzee, presents her immunization record to intake clerk Deb Creager during an appointment for the WIC nutritional program.



Medical Director Emerson Laird, M.D., listens to the lungs of Samara Evans during a sports physical in a medical clinic exam room.



Penny Ekegren, B.S.N., center, division director of Family & Community Health Services and project director for the Help Me Grow program, talks with HMG service coordinators during a staff meeting. From left: Vicki Bross, R.N.; Kay Cubie, R.N.; Ekegren; Joyce Meyers, L.S.W., R.N.; and Karolyn Smith.



Emily Price holds her son, Brody Smith, while Lisa Mathias, R.N., administers a childhood immunization.

Family & Community Health Services

2002 brought a **dramatic increase in patient numbers** for the Family & Community Health Services Division. This was the first full year in the Health Department's new facility, which includes four exam rooms, a separate area for immunizations, a lab area and dental clinic with two chairs.

- ◆ The **number of patients served** in the general medical clinic **increased by 66%** and the number of **new patients** visiting the Health Department **increased by 56%**.

- ◆ **Emerson Laird, M.D. became medical director** in 2002. **Medical clinics were offered five days a week** and **Dr. Robert Amicon**, a physician from Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus who retired to Knox County, joined the Health Department medical staff.

- ◆ During every month in 2002, the **WIC program** exceeded its monthly caseload ceiling, averaging 1,243 cases a month. In October, **WIC began holding extended hours every Tuesday** to accommodate those clients who work and are unable to make it in during regular daytime hours.

- ◆ The Health Department continued to offer **free childhood immunizations** in 2002. **A vaccine shortage** in the spring delayed administering the **second MMR shot** usually provided in February and March at in-school clinics for sixth-grade students. However, the vaccine did arrive in May and in-school clinics were held before the end of school. Restrictions on Tetanus shots were lifted near the end of the year.

- ◆ **Monthly immunization clinics** were begun in Centerburg and Fredericktown and the monthly immunization clinic continued at the Sanctuary in Danville.

- ◆ **2,893 people received a flu shot** at community clinics conducted by the medical staff. Community clinics were offered in Danville, Centerburg, Gambier, Fredericktown and two locations in Mount Vernon in addition to clinics at the Health Department. The cost to receive a flu shot remained at \$5; Medicare was accepted for payment.

- ◆ The **Help Me Grow** program continued to expand in 2002 with the number of referrals more than doubling in all program

areas. **Help Me Grow** works with expectant parents, newborns, infants and toddlers to provide services that ensure children start school healthy and ready to learn.

- ◆ The **dental clinic** was re-opened in 2002 with the hiring of Ted Haley, DDS. For most of the year, **dental services were available three days a week**. Patients included children as well as adults.

- ◆ **Classes on communicable diseases and blood borne pathogens** were provided for several groups including child care providers and county and city workers.

- ◆ The Health Department **hosted four speech and hearing clinics** commonly referred to as "POD Clinics." The clinics are sponsored and staffed by the Ohio Department of Health. Clients receive evaluation and follow-up referrals.

- ◆ A **breakfast presentation on childhood immunizations** was held for local physicians and their staffs.

2002 Statistics

GENERAL MEDICAL CLINIC	
Patients Served	1,198
Adult	1,177
Pediatric	46
New Patients	609

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC	
Patients Served	644
New Patients	353

DENTAL CLINIC	
Patients Served	742
Total Visits	753

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM	
Childhood (Total # of shots)	5,210
Flu	2,893
Tetanus	376
Hepatitis B	949

TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL	
PPD Skin Tests	1,081
Diagnosis Confirmed	1

HELP ME GROW PROGRAM	
Total # of Referrals	484
Total # of Prenatal Home Visits	79
Total # of Welcome Home Visits	305

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	
Class A Diseases Reported	88
HIV Positive Reported	2

WIC (Women, Infants & Children)	
Avg. Monthly Active Caseload	1,243
Certified Visits	2,863

FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES STAFF

DIVISION DIRECTOR
Penny Ekegren, B.S.N., R.N.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR
Emerson Laird, M.D.

MEDICAL STAFF
Robert Amicon, M.D.
Ted Haley, D.D.S.

Simona Moore, C.N.P.
Gloria Mortera, M.D.

CLINIC SUPERVISOR
Darlene Davis, R.N.

WIC SUPERVISOR
Tami Lybarger Ruhl, RD, LD

CLERKS
Brenda Dugan
Stacey Robinson
DENTAL ASSISTANT
Jackie Fletcher
IMMUNIZATIONS
Judy Hoffman, R.N.

BCMh PROGRAM
Vicki Whited, R.N.

HELP ME GROW PROGRAM
Vicki Bross, R.N.
Kay Cubie, R.N.
Judy Hoffman, BSN, RN.
Lisa Mathias, R.N.
Joyce Meyers, LSW, R.N.
Beth Pae
Karolyn Smith

WIC STAFF
Lillian Collins, DTR
Deb Creager, In-take
Dina Herald, R.D., L.D., IB.C.L.C.
Becky Hoefflick, C.M.A.

2002 Statistics

HOME HEALTH CARE

Referrals received	539
Patients admitted	283
Patients discharged	287
Caseload @ EOM - Skilled - Avg.	73
Caseload @EOM - Custodial - Avg.	25

TOTAL VISITS

	11,465
Evaluation/Supervisory	564
Skilled Nursing	2,959
Home Health Aide	5,290
Physical Therapy	2,205
Speech Therapy	38
Occupational Therapy	128
Homemaker	281

REIMBURSEMENT

Medicare	6,193
Medicaid	609
Insurance	347
Private Pay	1,731
Passport	1,830
Community Care Program	161
Veteran's Administration	5
Workman's Compensation	25

HOME HEALTH CARE

Staff

DIVISION DIRECTOR

Marianne Bunch, B.S.N., R.N.

SECRETARY

Cathy Miller

REGISTERED NURSES

Glenn Barteau, R.N.
Jackie Fletcher, R.N.
Debbie Hammons, R.N.
Marcia Tidyman, R.N.

THERAPISTS

Shawntel Crawford, PT
Sally Daniels, PT
Kelly Barnett, PT
Cheryl Church, PTA.
Nikki Fletcher, PTA.

HOME HEALTH AIDES

Tammy Bowers
Carolyn Conkle
Jean McCallister
Scarlett Parrish
Barb Sheneman
Amy Stover
Ginger Williams



Jackie Fletcher, R.N., visits with Home Health patient Cora Kay during a weekly visit. Fletcher has been a visiting nurse with the Health Department for 18 years.



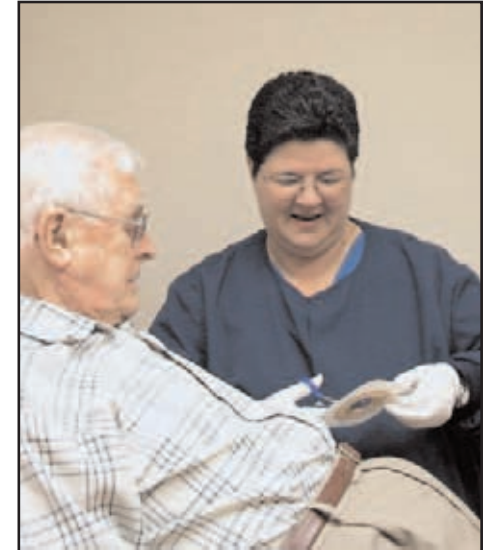
Physical Therapist Shawntel Crawford provides therapeutic massage to the shoulders of Home Health patient Kathleen Selsam during a home visit.



Glenn Barteau R.N., visits with Home Health patient Ronald Brown during his stay at The Inn at Hillen Vale following heart surgery.



Home Health Aides include, seated from left: Barb Sheneman, Ginger Williams; standing from left: Jean McCallister, Carolyn Conkle, Tammy Bowers, Amy Stover and Scarlet Parish.



Deb Hammons, R.N., teaches Home Health patient Cecil Nelson regarding ostomy care.

Home Health Services



Marcia Tidyman, R.N., visits with Home Health patient Eileen Smith during a weekly visit. Tidyman has been a visiting nurse with the Health Department for 13 years.

Due to shorter hospital stays and longer life spans, **the demand for home health care continues to grow** with staff members conducting 11,465 visits in 2002.

◆ Any Knox County resident may be eligible for in-home healthcare. Services can be **short-term**, such as during recovery from an injury, illness or surgery. **Ongoing services** would include care of a disabled or elderly person. **Home Health Care services** can be provided to a person of any age when a need for skilled care exists. **Custodial care** is available to those who need help with personal care or homemaking.

The Home Health staff includes four visiting nurses, seven home health aides and a physical therapist. We also contract with two additional physical therapists and two physical therapist assistants.

◆ **Visiting nurses** can change wound dressings, take samples for lab tests, conduct treatments for cancer, stroke, heart disease,

respiratory conditions and provide IV management so patients can receive prescribed medications through intravenous lines or injections while at home.

◆ **Therapists** can help patients with mobility and strength, re-gain day-to-day skills such as dressing and feeding ones self, and improve communication capabilities.

◆ **Home Health Aides** can get clients up and dressed, give baths, write correspondence, do light housekeeping, grocery shopping and laundry.

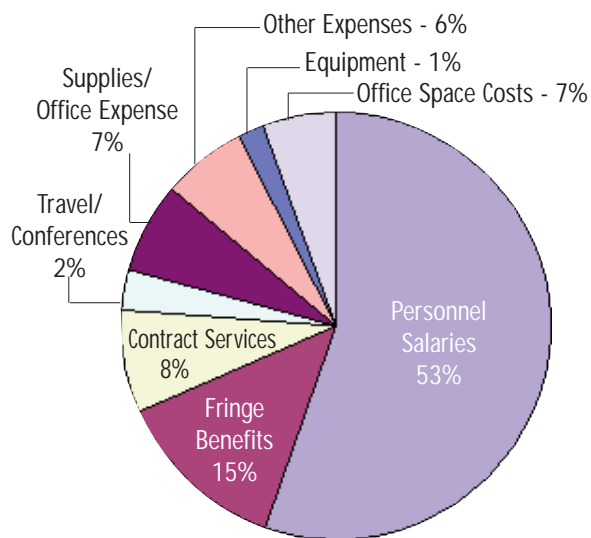
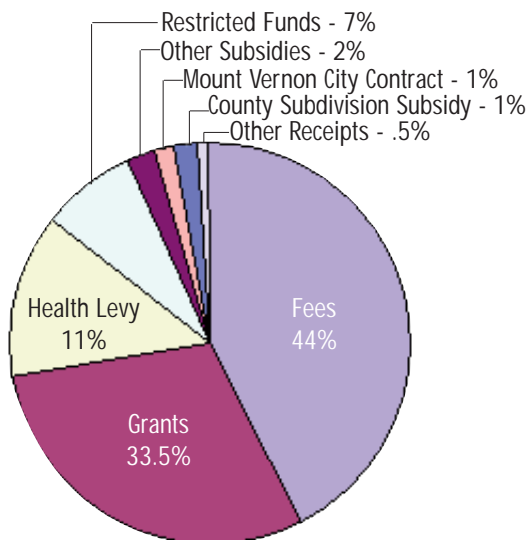
◆ In 2002, the **Ohio Department of Health conducted a compliance and re-certification survey of the Home Health program**. There were no deficiencies or citations.

◆ In addition to home visits during 2002, the Home Health staff also **made several educational presentations** to local groups including the residents at The Living Center, the Parent Trip parenting classes and Morgan and Liberty granges.

FINANCES

REVENUE SOURCES

Fees	\$1,136,763
Grants	878,249
Health Levy	294,524
Restricted Funds	170,963
Other Subsidies	47,387
Mount Vernon City Contract	38,500
County Subdivision Subsidy	38,500
Other Receipts	6,469
Total Revenue	\$2,611,355



EXPENSES BY ACCOUNT

Personnel Salaries	\$1,305,305
Fringe Benefits	377,486
Contract Services	212,739
Travel/Conferences	57,924
Supplies/Office Expenses	182,835
Other Expenses	166,171
Equipment	18,640
Office Space Costs	186,152
Total Expenses	\$2,507,252



Linette Vance, seated, is the fiscal officer for the Knox County Health Department, where she has worked for more than 20 years. Jane Burke, standing, works part-time in the fiscal office.

2002 GRANT SOURCES

Abstinence Education *	\$64,984
Anti-Bullying Education	5,000
Bike Helmet*	700
Car Seat - TANF*	5,408
Child and Family Health Services*	114,507
Effective Parenting*	600
Healthy Ohioans	
Healthy Communities**	8,333
HMG Part C*	47,967
HMG GRF*	32,209
HMG TANF*	192,885
Immunization Action Plan*	23,263
Injury Prevention*	29,635
Public Health Infrastructure	61,325
Safe Communities*	42,458
SPRANS***	4,332
WIC*	139,636
Wellness Block*	102,108
Women's Health Month*	1,400
TOTAL	\$876,750

* Reflects grant dollars received between Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2002.

** Reflects grant dollars received between Jan. 1 and June 31, 2002.

*** Reflects grant dollars received between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2002.

EMPLOYEES BY DIVISION

Home Health Care	18
Family & Community Health Services	24
Admin./ Vital Statistics	4
Environmental Health	6
Health Promotions	5
Total Employees	57

The Knox County Health Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Provider

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

REGISTRAR/RECEPTIONIST	Joan Stringfellow
DEPUTY REGISTRAR/ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	Jane Addair
FISCAL OFFICER	Linette Vance
ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	Jane Burke



Joan Stringfellow, seated, is receptionist and serves as registrar, overseeing all birth and death records. Jane Addair, standing, is deputy registrar and administrative secretary.

Vital Statistics

Births Recorded	429	Certified Copies Issued	4,267
Teen Mother Births	57	Birth	2,000
Teen Births Ages 13-17	16	Death	2,267
Teen Births Ages 18-19	41	Non-Certified Copies Issued	1,146
Premature Births	3	Birth	786
Mothers Who Smoked	125	Death	360
Deaths Recorded	523		
Fetal Deaths	6		
Trauma Deaths	11		

Top Names For Boys

Hunter
Mason
Austin
Nicholas
Trevor

Top Names For Girls

Hannah
Olivia
Elizabeth
Brooklyn
Emma

Community Partnerships: Working together for a healthier and safer community



Certified Radon Tester Terri Hillier, right, worked with the carpentry class at the Knox County Career Center for production of a model house to show radon mitigation. The model house is used at health fairs and other events



Safety Town, a weeklong program for children entering kindergarten, is held in Mount Vernon, Danville and Centerburg; and relies on the help of local law enforcement officials including the Mount Vernon Police Department, the Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Danville Village Police.



As part of the Safe Communities Grant, there is a strong emphasis on seat belt usage and proper installation of child car seats. The Health Department participated in several car seat checks during 2002, including this one at part of Safety Day at the Central Ohio Joint Fire District building in Centerburg



Clinic Supervisor Darlene Davis performs a blood pressure screening at the Apple Valley Women's Health Fair, one of several community health fairs the Health Department participated in during 2002.



The Health Department worked with the wood shop at the Mount Vernon Developmental Center for production of 40 "bully boxes" to be placed in schools throughout Knox County.



The Knox County Health Department collaborates with many health and human service agencies and community groups in both the private and public sector to make public health services more effective, efficient and accessible to all Knox County residents.

In 2002, our partnerships included working with the O.S.U. School of Public Health whose graduate students helped conduct focus groups throughout the county to access the health needs of the county. A direct result of the partnership was the publication of a Directory of Services for the Health Department which was distributed county-wide through the MIDS bag.

More than 800 adults and children benefited from our collaboration with the Ohio National Guard and the Ohio Dept. of Health for GuardCare 2002 during two weekends in August.

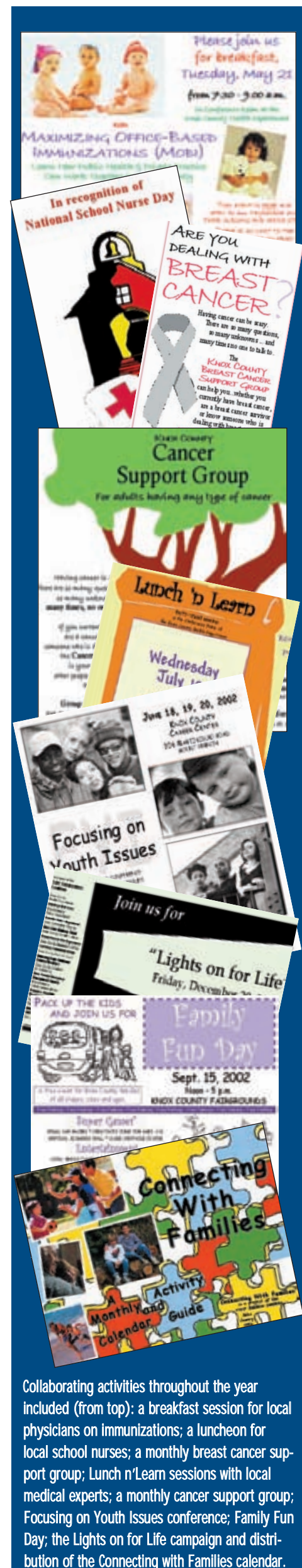
During 2002, we worked closely with Knox Community Hospital for development of an emergency response plan, coordinated distribution of flu vaccine and public awareness of diabetes.

We collaborated with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Apple Valley Property Owners Association, New Hope Early Education Center, Head Start, the YMCA and the Knox County Safety and Loss office for presentation of community health fairs.

Our relatively new facility on Upper Gilchrist Road served many other agencies and groups in 2002 who used it regularly for meetings, presentations and trainings, including the American Cancer Society's Look Good, Feel Better program, New Directions Board of Directors, the Knox County Cancer Support Group, the Knox County Breast Cancer Support Group, the Asset Builders Coalition, and the Knox County Coalition for Effective Parenting.



In addition to daily clinics at the Health Department's main location on Upper Gilchrist Road, the Health Department holds monthly immunization clinics at (from left) the Central Ohio Joint Fire District building in Centerburg; The Sanctuary Community Action in Danville; the Fredericktown Community Library. The Sanctuary also serves as the site of a monthly WIC clinic while the Fredericktown library and the COJFD building serve as sites for flu shot clinics .



Collaborating activities throughout the year included (from top): a breakfast session for local physicians on immunizations; a luncheon for local school nurses; a monthly breast cancer support group; Lunch n'Learn sessions with local medical experts; a monthly cancer support group; Focusing on Youth Issues conference; Family Fun Day; the Lights on for Life campaign and distribution of the Connecting with Families calendar.