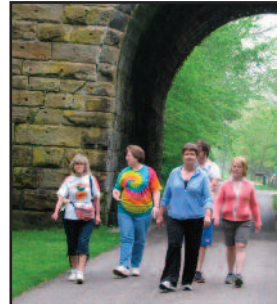


2012 ...by the numbers

Births Recorded	484
Certified Copies Issued	2,030
Teen Mother Births	50
Unwed Mothers	206
Deaths Recorded	546
Certified Copies Issued	1,699
Animal Bites Reported	185
Positive Rabies Test	2
Food Service Licenses	544
Food Service Inspections	876
Private Water Permits	83
Private Water Inspections	80
Water Samples	472
Sewage Permits	99
Sewage Inspections	113
Sewage Consultations	504
Nuisance Investigations	240
Medical Clinic Patients	616
Medical Clinic Visits	633
TB Tests Given	921
Patients Vaccinated	4,440
Seasonal Flu Vaccine	1,885
Dental Clinic Patients	3,399
Dental Clinic Visits	3,991
WIC Caseload	1,464
WIC Certified Visits	3,024
BCMh Cases	230
BCMh Consultations	1,895
Home Health Patients	285
Home Health Visits	7,580
Public Presentations	234
Publicity Efforts	775

It was a year of progress and promise

Passage of the Health Levy in November capped off a busy year for the Knox County Health Department. The 0.8 mill levy was the first request for increased millage in 24 years. While the additional funds won't be realized until 2014, 2012 set the stage for planning with a reorganization of personnel, implementation of a new strategic plan and publication of a community health assessment.



Health Commissioner Julie Miller leads a monthly wellness walk.

To promote agency programs and services, we redesigned our website, published a monthly newspaper column, participated in more than 250 community meetings, activities and events, and increased our publicity activity to more than 700 efforts.

We established the clinic as a medical home with the hiring of a full-time doctor while the dental clinic had nearly 4,000 appointments. The fiscal office began accepting the use of credit and debit cards as a payment option.

We started a monthly wellness walk entitled 'Get Your Tail to the Trail,' held two rabies vacci-

nation clinics, served as a drop off site for unused prescriptions, hosted monthly visits from the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile and exercised our emergency preparedness with the annual drive-thru flu clinic.

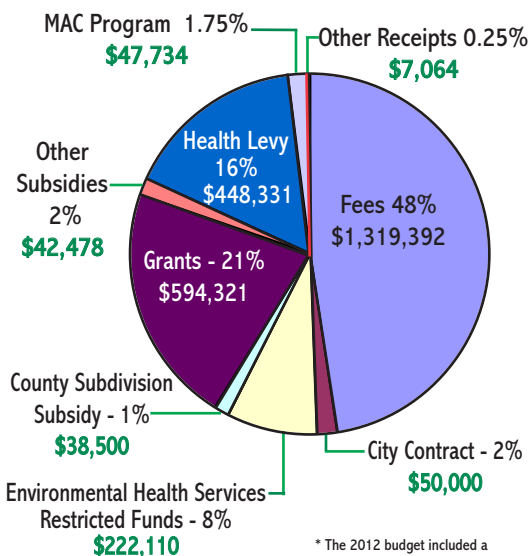
The WIC program successfully coordinated a monthly farmer's market, our BCMh nurse helped the program gain awareness with state legislators and we continued to offer

the only smoking cessation program in the county which boasts a 54 percent quit rate. We integrated social work services into the Home Health Care program which successfully completed its first year using electronic medical records.

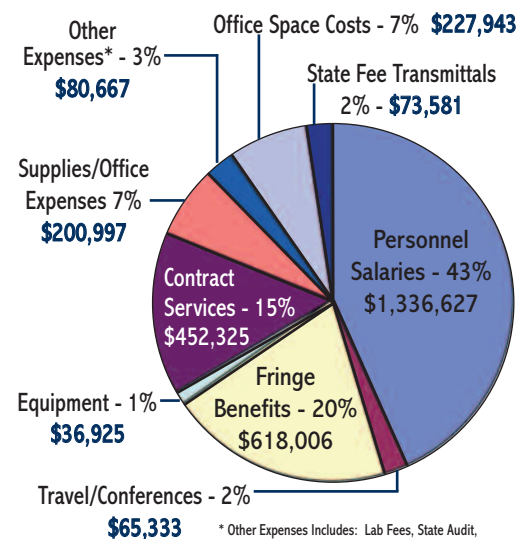
The Environmental Health staff saw notable increases in reported animal bites, food inspections, water and sewage permits, and nuisance abatements. Educational sessions were offered on algal blooms, food safety and food operations. Plus, for the first time, food inspection reports were made available to view on the agency website.

Financial Overview

REVENUE* - \$2,769,930



EXPENSES - \$3,092,404



Preventing & Promoting
illness and disease healthy lifestyles

Medical Clinic

Full-time doctor on site, Monday through Thursday
Sick and well-patient visits for those with or without a doctor
Physical Exams for Adults and Teens including exams for
employment and sports participation • Pap Tests
Childhood and Adult **Immunizations** • **Tetanus & Hepatitis B Shots**
Blood Pressure Screenings • **Shots for Flu, Pneumonia & Shingles**
Diabetic Screenings • **Pregnancy Testing and STD Counseling**
Sliding Fee Scale • **Medical Card and several insurances accepted**

Dental Clinic

Full-time dentist and dental hygienist • Routine dental care for
adults and children including **Fillings, Sealants and Cleanings**
Sliding Fee Scale • **Medical Card and several insurances accepted**

Home Health Care

Skilled Nursing • **Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy**
Daily PT for joint replacement patients
Disease Management including Diabetes, Parkinson's,
COPD, Cancer • **Home Health Aides**
Registered Nurse On Call 24 hours a day/7 days a week

WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

Nutrition education for **Pregnant, Breastfeeding or Postpartum Mothers** and their **Children, up to age 5**
Breastfeeding Support • Supplementary **Food Coupons** for use
at area grocery stores and farmer's markets

BCMh (Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps)

Promotes **Early Identification and Treatment** of **Children who have Special Needs** • **Assists Parents** with Insurance, Schools, Physicians, Pharmacies, Hospitals and Medical Supplies
Includes **Diagnosis, Treatment, Service Coordination**
Helps Families Obtain Payment for Services

Health Education

Presentations for Classrooms, groups and organizations
Smoking Cessation Classes and One-on-One Counseling
Child Car Seat distribution, installation and inspections
Promote **traffic safety, environmental education, radon testing, nutrition** and other health and safety behaviors

Protecting our community
including food, water & the environment

Food Safety

Inspection and Licensing for all **food service operations** including food establishments, mobile units and vending operations;
Investigation of all reported **Foodborne Illnesses**;
Offer **ServSafe Classes** and **Person In Charge Training**

Private Water Systems

Issuing of **Permits, Inspection and Testing of New Water Wells**;
Water Sampling of existing **Private Water Wells**

Septic Systems

Issuing of **Permits, Approval, Consultation and Inspection of Home Sewage Systems**

Inspection & Investigation

Inspect all Public **Swimming Pools, Bathing Beaches and Spas, Tattoo & Body Piercing Parlors, Solid Waste Facilities, Manufactured Home Parks, Schools and Campgrounds**;
Investigate reported **Animal Bites, Nuisance Complaints**;
Coordinate **Rabies Control and Lead Poisoning Prevention**

Emergency Preparedness

Comprehensive Planning for
Public Health Emergencies and Disasters;
Coordination of **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)**;
Develop **Crisis Communication Plans and Procedures**;
Annual **Full-Scale Exercises and Drills** with Community Partners

Birth and Death Records

The Knox County Health Department **has birth and death records** for anyone who was born or has died in Knox County, **dating back to December 1908.**

Additionally, **birth certificates from other Ohio counties are now available** at the health department via online records through the Ohio Department of Health.

Only certified copies of birth and death records are available.
There is a fee. Payment is due at time of request.
Cash, check and credit/debit cards accepted.

There is a form to complete. Requests are fulfilled immediately.
The form can also be obtained on our website.

Public Health serves everyone
regardless of income, age, race or sex