

Trumbull County Combined Health District



2019

Annual Report

Our Values...

We serve our communities, our organization and each other with trustworthiness, collaboration, communication, helpfulness and dedication.

Our Mission...

We are committed to protect and promote the health and well-being of our community and prevent disease, disparity and harm to our residents.

Our Vision...

Our programs and services result in healthy people, safe environments and thriving communities.

Our Goal... Building Health Communities

FRANK MIGLIOZZI, MPH, REHS/RS

HEALTH COMMISSIONER

PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION

In 2019, the Trumbull County Combined Health District achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). This was a defining moment for our health district. Public Health Department Accreditation measures a health department's performance against a set of nationally recognized practice-focused and evidenced-based standards.

What does this mean for our health district? Our agency has been working towards national accreditation for approximately 5 years. It was a rigorous process, which benefited our agency as it required us to take a look at our policies, procedures, goals and

objectives. By doing so, we were able to improve upon them, and develop a quality improvement plan.

In conjunction with our accreditation efforts, we reviewed our Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) with several of our key stakeholders such as Mercy Health, Trumbull County Mental Health & Recovery Board, Warren City Health District, just to name a few. This review and restructuring of our CHA and CHIP was a 9 month process, wherein we collected primary & secondary data to assess our county's health status and identify the strengths and gaps in providing preventive health care

services in our county.

The information gathered was used to develop 3 priority areas & 3 cross-cutting factors to focus on over the next 3 years:

1. Mental Health & Addiction
2. Chronic Disease
3. Maternal & Infant Health Access to Health Care
4. Access to Care
5. Social Determinants of Health
6. Public Health System, Prevention & Health Behaviors

An improvement plan was developed wherein strategies and objectives were established to make improvements in these 6 focus areas.

OHIO CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

In 2019, the State of Ohio marked the 100th anniversary of two legislative acts that shaped the future of public health in Ohio. The Hughes Act & Griswold Act, both enacted in 1919, established the modern day organization of local health departments and laid the foundation for public health efforts that are still in effect today.

In the 100 years that have passed since the enactment of Hughes-Griswold, public health has had a significant impact on health and quality of life: People are living an average of 25 years longer; small pox, once a common, deadly occurrence, has been eradicated; motor vehicle fatalities have been reduced by 90% and deaths from sudden infant death syndrome has

decreased 50%.

Other accomplishments of public health have been immunizations for children & adults, the control of infectious diseases, reduction of tobacco use, safer & healthier foods, better maternal & infant healthcare, increased preventative screenings and public health preparedness and response.

While the last 100 years have been filled with much success and progress, the next 100 years promises to show the ever-growing presence and importance of public health in our everyday lives.



OUR FIGHT AGAINST THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

In 2019, the health district was successful in receiving a new 3-year funding source to continue implementing new strategies to combat the opioid epidemic in Trumbull County. This funding is allowing us to continue our relationships with various partner agencies in dealing with opioid abuse prevention, and expand life saving services such as the distribution of Narcan.

The award of this new funding source is certainly great news, but our county has a ways to go in combating this epidemic.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In 2019, our agency modified existing emergency preparedness plans, with a focus on pandemic flu. These plans addressed how our county would be able to respond in such an outbreak.

In the case of a pandemic outbreak, our agency would be charged with vaccination of our population within a 48 hour period, which would be nearly impossible for our staff to complete alone. We reached out to some of our stakeholders, local businesses, governmental agencies and health care systems and were successful in developing mutual aid agreements which would make

the goal of vaccination of our population more attainable.

These agreements encompass providing space for POD (points of dispensing) clinics, assistance in vaccination, and transportation & housing of the SNS (Strategic National Stockpile) vaccine that would be received from the state of Ohio. These agreements include an agreement with the Trumbull County Engineer to pick up and transport the SNS vaccine if and when needed to our various points of dispensing.

We also have a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). This plan allows our agency to effectively mitigate potential emer-

gencies while still performing our other essential functions. Moreover, this plan provides our agency with a line of succession should a key member of our staff be unavailable, or our agency needs to operate out of an alternate location, and set aside non-essential services for a period of time to mitigate an emergency.



REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH GRANT

In the Fall of 2019, the health district was successful in obtaining a reproductive health grant to provide for all aspects of reproductive health such as family planning, birth control, identification & treatment of STIs (sexually transmitted infections), and to provide life saving health screenings.

We will be collaborating with Meridian Health to provide these services, making them more accessible to low to moderate income families and the uninsured and underinsured population in our community.

Obtaining this grant allows us to provide better access to healthcare in our community, which promotes better health outcomes.

For more information, please see our Director of Nursing's section in this report.

CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT (CHC)

The CHC Grant was established to reduce chronic disease. In the past, this grant has not been competitive, but this grant cycle it was. Due to our agency's success with this grant, we applied and were awarded the grant for another five years. By receiving this grant, it will help us to continue to improve and promote active lifestyles and reduce chronic disease in our target communities.

In September 2019, Girard City passed a local Tobacco 21 (T21)

ordinance that ensures enforcement of tobacco products can only be sold to those 21 years of age and older. Girard City passed this ordinance in addition to the state T21 law, to provide prevention practices for youth such as implementing a tobacco retail license program, and ensuring enforcement of the law through annual compliance sales checks. By passing this ordinance, Girard City is protecting their youth from access to tobacco products and also providing a healthy environment for their youth.

This program and activities are further discussed in our Health Education section.

BOARD OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

There were 11 regular and 2 special Board meetings conducted in 2019.

The Board Members successfully completed their required two hours of continuing education units (CEU) prior to the start time of the September, October, November & December meetings.

The Board adopted fee changes and categories for two environmental programs (tattoo & food vending).

The Board authorized the Health Commissioner to enter into 6 contracts for purposes of inspections/enforcement and professional services, as well as seek bids for basement renovations.

The Board approved the purchase of two vehicles.

The Board declared 10 properties/structures unfit for human habitation.

The Board declared 3 properties to be a danger to life and health for lack of essential utilities.

The Board granted 8 septic variances primarily dealing with sewer tie-ins, septic component distances, partial installations and installer CEUs.

3 variances were granted to keep a water well from being sealed so that it could be used for agricultural purposes, as well as for distances.

The Board approved 7 policies and procedures pertaining to human resources and operations.

The Board approved 8 comprehensive plans pertaining to emergency preparedness and accreditation efforts.

The Board adopted revised Mission, Vision & Values Statements for the agency.

The Board supported the agency's efforts to engage in the strategic planning process, and voted to have 3 members participate in it.

The Board approved the renewal of the Lordstown Construction Recovery construction & demolition debris site with 3 additional conditions to provide for additional environmental protection.

The Board approved the appointment of an employee to serve as the county's wellness chair, which collaborates in the implementation of health activities for county employees.

The Board supported, by resolution, the celebration of the 100 year anniversary of public health in Ohio and Trumbull County.

2019 Board of Health Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Dr. Harold Firster	March 2024
John "Jack" Simon, Jr.	March 2020
Kathy Salapata, R.N.	March 2020
Thomas Borocz	March 2021
Gregory Dubos	March 2021
Robert Biery, Jr.	March 2022
John Messersmith	March 2023

Local health districts are funded through local funding sources (fees & inside millage), state funding sources (competitive & pass through federal grants, and per capita subsidy from the Ohio Department of Health) and through federal sources (targeted federal grant monies).

FUNDING

The Trumbull County Combined Health District's funding is 75% local funding and 25% state funding. In 2019, we received nearly \$900,000.00 in grant funding. In 2016, our health district was receiving approximately half of that. In four years, we have been able to double the amount of grant funding received in our health district. This grant funding aids in our delivery of quality preventative health care services to our community. Through this funding, and our other local funding, our health district provides the following services:

- ◆ Environmental health services, such as water safety, institution inspections (schools & jails), nuisance abatement, food safety (restaurant & grocery store inspections), park/campground inspections, public swimming pool & spa inspections, tattoo & body piercing registration, plumbing inspections and sewage system inspections.
- ◆ Immunization Clinics.
- ◆ Epidemiology services for communicable disease outbreaks and trending and disease prevalence and morbidity/mortality reporting.
- ◆ Tuberculosis Prevention & Investigation Services.
- ◆ Child Fatality Review.
- ◆ Animal bite investigation and rabies prevention.
- ◆ Car Seat Program.
- ◆ Project DAWN (Narcans Distribution & Education)
- ◆ Help Me Grow Home Visiting Program Services.

- ◆ Health promotion and prevention (health education and policy, systems, and environmental change)
 - Chronic disease prevention (including tobacco, physical activity, nutrition)
 - Injury prevention/preterm birth prevention
 - Infant mortality/preterm birth prevention
- ◆ Emergency preparedness, response, and ensuring safety of an area after a disaster.
- ◆ Linking people to health services to make sure they receive needed medical care.
- ◆ Community engagement, community health assessment and improvement planning, and partnerships.
- ◆ Accreditation Efforts.

The mission of public health professionals in Ohio is to promote health, prevent disease and maintain and improve a healthy environment for the protection of the citizens in our communities.

We accomplish this mission through our programs, some of which are outlined in this report, but also in collaboration with our community stakeholders.

<u>2019 Funding Sources</u>	
2018 Carry Over Balance	\$1,623,362.54
Inside Millage/Taxes	\$443,991.74
Immunizations	\$12,173.13
TB Contract w/ County Commissioners	\$60,000.00
Environmental Health Fees.....	\$2,941,836.47
Locally Funded Proj. (DAWN & Swanston)	\$10,022.40
Car Seat Donations	\$5,385.00
Help Me Grow Home Visiting & MAC	\$515,675.27
Misc. Reimb. (BWC, Telephone, Etc.)	\$12,026.02
State Subsidy.....	\$31,720.43
ODH State Funded Projects/Grants	\$893,537.96
Total	\$6,549,730.96

Inside Millage

	*2010 <u>Population</u>	Value <u>Estimated</u>	2019 Proposed Dollars Generated From <u>.15 Inside Millage</u>	2019 Per Capita Expenditure From <u>.15 Inside Millage</u>
Bazetta	5,874	\$152,458,820	\$ 22,868.82	\$3.89
Bloomfield	1,322	21,498,480	3,224.77	\$2.44
Braceville	2,856	54,539,330	8,180.90	\$2.86
Bristol	2,919	53,242,370	7,986.36	\$2.74
Brookfield (Incl. Yankee Lake)	8,854	132,182,750	19,827.41	\$2.24
Champion	9,612	172,956,940	25,943.54	\$2.70
Farmington (Twp. & Village)	2,728	45,465,750	6,819.86	\$2.50
Fowler	2,595	48,863,230	7,329.48	\$2.82
Greene	1,015	18,257,610	2,738.64	\$2.70
Gustavus	829	19,869,440	2,980.42	\$3.60
Hartford	2,070	43,817,920	6,572.69	\$3.18
Howland	19,106	418,965,480	62,844.82	\$3.29
Hubbard	5,654	99,300,280	14,895.04	\$2.63
Johnston	1,952	37,159,630	5,573.94	\$2.86
Kinsman	1,876	35,082,400	5,262.36	\$2.81
Liberty	12,024	215,538,580	32,330.79	\$2.69
Mecca	2,674	45,356,530	6,803.48	\$2.54
Mesopotamia	3,387	43,116,080	6,467.41	\$1.91
Newton Falls (Twp. & Village)	8,875	184,515,580	27,677.34	\$3.12
Southington	3,717	66,445,400	9,966.81	\$2.68
Vernon	1,536	28,055,890	4,208.38	\$2.74
Vienna	3,997	95,961,910	14,394.29	\$3.60
Warren	5,551	67,733,770	10,160.07	\$1.83
Weathersfield	6,642	153,967,570	23,095.14	\$3.48
TOTAL TOWNSHIPS	117,665	\$2,254,351,740	\$ 338,152.76	\$2.87
Lordstown	3,417	\$126,474,600	\$ 18,971.19	\$5.55
McDonald	3,263	44,997,120	6,749.57	\$2.07
Orangeville	197	2,669,830	400.47	\$2.03
TOTAL VILLAGES	6,877	\$174,141,550	\$ 26,121.23	\$3.80
Cortland	7,104	\$140,290,270	21,043.54	\$2.96
Girard	9,958	112,294,930	16,844.24	\$1.69
Hubbard	7,874	115,526,290	17,328.94	\$2.20
Niles	19,266	258,937,660	38,840.65	\$1.94
TOTAL CITIES	44,202	\$627,049,150	\$ 94,057.37	\$2.13
TOTAL ALL SUBDIVISIONS	168,744	\$3,055,542,440	\$ 458,331.37	\$2.72

Population Numbers Taken from the Last Population Census, Which was Conducted in 2010

Estimated Value & Inside Millage Figures Obtained from the Trumbull County Auditor's Office.



Employees' Corner

Congratulations to Natalie Markusic for being named 2019 Employee of the Year for the Health District. Natalie was recognized and awarded Employee of the Year for her help with the sewage grants, which resulted in securing \$1,700,000.00 of funding for sewage system replacements for Trumbull County residents over the years, and her diligent work on behalf of the health district in our successful attainment of national accreditation.



At Kent State University's Annual Spring Celebration & Awards Ceremony, Frank Migliozi was one of two Kent State University College of Public Health Alumni honored with a "Distinguished Alumni" award. Frank obtained his Masters in Public Health in 2014 from the Kent State University College of Public Health, with a concentration in Health Policy & Management with Focus in Leadership & Organizational Changes, and served as an Adjunct Professor for the College of Public Health from 2015 to 2017.

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Special thanks to all of our valued employees!
Your dedication is greatly appreciated!!
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Kathy Parrilla was awarded the 2019 Sigma Theta Tau, Xi Xi Chapter Award for Excellence in Community Service. Kathy was nominated by an Eastern Ohio Area Health Education Center Scholar that came to a DAWN training. Kathy sits on the EOAHC Board of Health Directors and works with these scholars. The Award for Excellence is awarded to those people who demonstrate a leadership role in encouraging the use and promotion of professional standards through appointment or election to local/regional task forces, commissions, councils, or committees—Receives local, national and/or intentional recognition as a leader in education, practice, administration and/or research.—Serves as a mentor/role model in the development of community nurse leaders and/or the advancement of the nursing profession.



Kenya Franklin was named 2018-2019 Home Visiting Supervisor of the Year for Region 3. Kenya has worked within the home visiting programs for 19 years, and was one of only 12 individuals and 6 agencies in the state of Ohio honored at the 2019 Ohio Early Childhood Services Conference in Columbus. Kenya has since transferred to another agency, but we are thankful for the commitment to our agency and proud of her accomplishment.



2019 Employees of the Quarter

1st Quarter—Natalie Markusic

2nd Quarter—Dianne Simon

3rd Quarter—Steve Pop

4th Quarter/Employee of the Year—Natalie Markusic

In July 2019, the Early Intervention Program was awarded to the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) With that program, three of our employees, Kenya Franklin, Family Service Program Coordinator, and Elizabeth Shelar and Kristyn Bugnone, Family Service Coordinators, transitioned from our agency over to TCBDD. We were sorry to lose such valuable staff members, but we were happy that we were able to work out a transition agreement with TCBDD, and we wish them well!

Health District Positions As of 12/31/19

Administrative Staff	5
Accreditation Coordinator	1
Health Educator	1
Sanitarians	9
Plumbing Inspector	1
Epidemiologist	1
Nurses	3
Family Service Educators	2
Clerical Staff	7
<i>Total</i>	30

2019 Health District Staff

Jenna Amerine, Health Educator	Steven Kramer, Public Health Sanitarian
Sharon Bednar, Secretary	Tara Lucente, Family Service Coordinator
Johnna Ben, Administrative Coordinator	Natalie Markusic, Accreditation Coordinator
Kristyn Bugnone, Family Service Coordinator (Transitioned to TCBDD 7/1/19)	Teresa Merrick, Public Health Nurse
Michael Burke, Public Health Sanitarian	Frank Migliozi, Health Commissioner
Janet Chickering, Secretary	Sharon O'Donnell, Secretary
Beverly Cope, Secretary	Julia Paolone, Secretary
Andrea Cramer, Secretary	Steve Pop, Plumbing Inspector
Richard Curl, Public Health Sanitarian	Kathy Parrilla, Public Health Nurse
Daniel Dean, IT Specialist/Fiscal Officer	Elizabeth Shelar, Family Service Coordinator (Transition to TCBDD 7/1/19)
Jennifer Francis, Family Service Coordinator	Randee Shoenberger, Epidemiologist
Kevin Francis, Public Health Sanitarian	Dianne Simon, Public Health Sanitarian
Kenya Franklin, Family Service Program Coordinator (Transition to TCBDD 7/1/19)	Rita Spahlinger, Public Health Nurse
William Gootee, Public Health Sanitarian	Lisa Spelich, Secretary
Gregory Hall, Public Health Sanitarian	Anthony Veitz, Public Health Sanitarian
Rodney Hedge, Public Health Sanitarian	Kristofer Wilster, Director of Environmental Health

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PROGRAM SURVEYS:

The Ohio Department of Health surveyed our public swimming pool & spa program and our campground program, and the Ohio EPA surveyed our solid waste program in 2019. I am happy to report that these programs are approved and the Trumbull County Combined Health District is under no limitations set forth by the State of Ohio.

PROGRAM FUNDING:

Cost methodology is used to calculate the actual costs of providing services in a specified program. In 2019, this office performed cost methodology on our food service program. The cost methodology resulted in the fees being unchanged, with the exception of vending, which increased slightly.

The Trumbull County Combined Health District assisted in obtaining approximately \$149,000.00 in grant funding for Trumbull County Citizens to replace their failing sewage treatment systems. That brings the total amount of funding secured for sewage system replacements at over \$1,849,000.00 since 2010.

For the summer of 2018, the Ohio EPA offered grant money for mosquito control. This office took a lead role in applying for the Ohio EPA grant funding, and we collaborated with Niles City, Cortland City, Champion Township and Howland Township on this application. We received a total of \$26,370.00 for 2018 & 2019.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE TRENDS:

Our job in the environmental division is to protect the public health, which sometimes requires enforcement action to be taken. Our enforcement actions take the form of issuance of notices of violation, in-house administrative hearings, Board of Health Findings & Orders, and if we cannot achieve compliance through those actions, we ultimately must file court actions. In this section, I have listed the enforcement action trends seen in our sewage, solid waste and private water system programs.

Overall, the programs analyzed, showed a trend of compliance after enforcement action had been taken. I have also listed the total number of inspections and violations in our food program.

Environmental Programs

- ◆ Nuisance Complaints
- ◆ Plumbing
- ◆ Food Protection
- ◆ Residential Sewage
- ◆ Commercial Sewage (H.B. 110)
- ◆ Private Water Systems
- ◆ Swimming Pools
- ◆ Tattoos/Body Art
- ◆ School Inspections
- ◆ Construction & Demolition Debris
- ◆ Smoke Free Ohio
- ◆ Parks/Camps
- ◆ Solid Waste

Program	Compliance Achieved	Non-Compliance	Extensions Granted (Pending/In Process)
Sewage	71%	11%	18%
Solid Waste	60%	0%	64%
Private Water System	61%	16%	13%

2019 Food Program Inspections

	Total Inspections	Total Violations	Total Critical Violations
1st Quarter	384	423	114
2nd Quarter	406	601	137
3rd Quarter	321	605	164
4th Quarter	412	280	65
Total	1523	1909	480

SANDRA SWANN, BSN, R.N.
DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Ohio Tobacco 21 Law



Tobacco use is the largest preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. Preventing tobacco product use among youth is critical to ending this tobacco epidemic.

Since 2017, Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD) has been working with the youth in Trumbull County to reduce tobacco use in young people. TCCHD has partnered with different schools throughout the county to develop campaigns that promote tobacco prevention and cessation; and have worked with many schools to develop tobacco free policies. TCCHD has also worked with many communities throughout the county to develop policies that limit tobacco sales to minors and restrict the sale of tobacco near schools.

Raising the minimum age of sale for tobacco products to 21 years has emerged as a strategy for reducing the burden of tobacco use in youth. Ohio passed the Tobacco 21 Law (ORC 2927.02) and as of October 17, 2019 it is illegal to give, sell or otherwise distribute cigarettes, tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaping products to any person under the age of 21.

TCCHD is working with communities to educate them about the new law and assist with training and signage resources. Tobacco 21 will help keep tobacco products out of the hands of young people and will protect our youth from a life time of nicotine addiction.



Help Me Grow

In July 2019, Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD) did not receive the contract for Early Intervention Services. These services transitioned to the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) as well as the staff that provided these services. Early intervention is a statewide program that offers services to eligible children under the age of three with developmental delays. TCCHD continues to provide evidenced based Help Me Grow (HMG) home visiting services that encourages early prenatal and well baby care as well as parenting education. HMG is a voluntary family support program for eligible pregnant women and new parents. Families may be eligible for both programs. TCCHD and TCBDD work collaboratively to ensure that families receive the services they need.



**Reproductive Health
and Wellness Program**

Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD) received Title X funding from the Ohio Department of

Health (ODH) to provide comprehensive primary and preventative services in addition to family planning to low income females, males and adolescents. The purpose of this program is to improve the overall health and well being of women and men by promoting healthy lifestyles, reducing barriers, providing access, and encouraging the establishment of a reproductive life plan.

In collaboration with Meridian Healthcare, services will be provided to help plan for healthy pregnancies, screen for diseases and other health conditions, improve pregnancy outcomes, and improve the health of mothers and babies.

TCCHD has been working with Meridian Healthcare to develop an infrastructure that will support the sustainability of reproductive health and wellness services, and enhance current services already being provided by their site. These efforts also include the development outreach campaigns that target hard to reach and vulnerable populations as identified in Trumbull County's Community Health Assessment (CHA).

Once the sustainable activities have been implemented, Meridian Healthcare will begin providing reproductive health and wellness services by April 1, 2020 at their Howland location.

Reportable Condition (data collected on 1-8-2020)	# of Confirmed & Probable Cases for 2019	# of Confirmed & Probable Cases for 2018	# of Confirmed & Probable Cases for 2017	# of Confirmed & Probable Cases for 2016	# of Confirmed & Probable Cases for 2015
Brucellosis	0	1	0	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	20	13	17	15	15
Chlamydia infection	1216	1175	1088	943	885
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	0	1	0
CP-CRE	24	0	0	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	11	11	5	11	5
E. coli - enterohemorrhagic (shiga toxin producing) - Not O157:H7	5	5	0	0	0
E. coli - enterohemorrhagic (shiga toxin producing) - O157:H7	0	0	0	0	4
Encephalitis - primary	0	0	0	0	0
Ehrlichiosis / Anaplasmosis	0	0	0	0	0
Giardiasis	5	2	6	1	4
Gonococcal infection	362	303	304	392	233
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	10	2	5	3	6
Hemolytic uremic syndrome	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis A	8	24	0	0	1
Hepatitis B Perinatal	0	0	0	2	0
Hepatitis B (including delta) - acute	0	5	2	16	2
Hepatitis B (including delta) - chronic	24	23	49	46	50
Hepatitis C - acute	5	7	1	4	1
Hepatitis C - chronic	376	348	438	520	309
Hepatitis C –perinatal	1	0	0	0	0
Influenza A - novel virus	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza-associated hospitalization	229	360	298	84	74
LaCrosse virus disease (other California serogroup virus disease)	1	0	1	0	0
Legionellosis - Legionnaires' Disease	15	20	9	10	8
Listeriosis	0	0	1	0	0
Lyme Disease	9	6	6	0	3
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	9	7	6	6	3
Meningitis - bacterial (Not N. meningitidis)	1	0	2	2	1
Meningococcal disease - Neisseria meningitidis	0	0	1	2	0
Pertussis	3	8	8	1	8
Salmonellosis	19	19	17	23	18
Shigella	1	0	0	10	18
Staphylococcal aureus - intermediate resistance to vancomycin (VISA)	0	0	0	0	0
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	15	6	21	8	3
Streptococcal - Group B -Newborn	0	3	0	0	0
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance unknown or non-resistant	22	21	16	22	11
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistant/intermediate	2	4	7	5	10
Tuberculosis	0	0	1	1	1
Varicella	4	9	12	5	4
West Nile Virus	1	4	0	0	1
Yersiniosis	1	2	2	0	0
Zika virus infection	0	0	0	0	0

Health Promotion Division

The Health Promotion Department provides health education services & materials, manages the Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Coalition Projects, and distribution of health information on social media platforms.

Jenna Amerine, MPH, CHES
Health Educator



The Trumbull County CHC coalition is committed to preventing and reducing chronic disease statewide. Through cross-sector collaboration, we are activating communities to improve access to and affordability of healthy food, increase opportunities for physical activity, and assure tobacco-free living where Ohioans live, work and play. By implementing sustainable evidence-based strategies, CHC is creating a culture of health.

Improved Parks Rejuvenates the Community

At a Glance...

The Trumbull County Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Coalition & Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD) partnered with Community Concerned Citizens II (CCCII), Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership (TNP) and the City of Warren to improve Quinby Park's playground. The playground renovations included removing broken equipment, adding new equipment, adding a safe border and surface, and making the playground area inclusive of all abilities to play and interact. By improving Quinby Park, roughly 2,750 children and residents will benefit from the new playground equipment and have the opportunity to be physically active.

Chronic disease is one of three major health concerns for Trumbull County residents identified by 2019 Trumbull County Community Health Assessment (CHA). Participating in regular physical activity plays an important role in preventing obesity and chronic disease. According to the Trumbull County CHA, residents reported a challenge in Warren is the lack of physical activity infrastructure, which includes safe, accessible parks and recreational spaces for their children. 40% of adults in Warren reported having more available parks would encourage their families to be more physically active. Additionally, three total public meetings were held with residents and children to receive input on park improvements. The majority of children asked for fixed or new playground equipment to play on, while parents and residents asked for a nice, safe place for their children to play and be physically active. Looking for a way to provide more opportunities for children and families to be physically active. Looking for a way to provide more opportunities for children and families to be physically active, community partners set out to improve and repair Quinby Park over a two year span.

Public Health Challenge...

Approach... Over the past decade, Quinby Park went from a beautiful park to an abandoned one with broken equipment. CCCII, a group of residents, became the shepherds of the park and managed small projects over the years to improve the park and make it a better place for everyone in the community to enjoy. The Trumbull County CHC Coalition began partnering with CCII hosting pop-up farmers' markets in 2017 to provide access to healthy foods on the southwest side of Warren. By collaborating with the group of residents, it became apparent that the park needed repaired and improved to provide an opportunity for children to be physically active. The CHC Coalition decided to apply for funding 2018 and 2019 while looking for leveraged funding to complete the repairs in a phased in approach. Through leveraged funding from the William Swanston Charitable Foundation partners were able to come together and improve the playground equipment in the park drastically.

Results... Many organizations, including the City of Warren, and neighborhood residents stepped up to help fund and promote the improved playground area. The improved Quinby Park brought the attention of the community back to the park. The ribbon cutting ceremony was a success with many stakeholders, elected officials, and residents in attendance to celebrate the future of Quinby Park. New improvements included new playground equipment, such as a climbing apparatus, shade covers, slides, rope to climb, monkey bars, a merry-go-round, and boards with gadgets and puzzles for the children. The rejuvenated Quinby Park is becoming the beautiful park it use to be, as well as the center of the neighborhood again.



What's Next...

Through the park improvements, many partners and the city have strengthened the relationship with neighborhood residents. Future programming will be implemented to encourage children to play at the park with the new equipment. Additionally, park improvements have led to other grant opportunities to renovate the shelter house that now has new restrooms and a kitchen, as well as improve the green space and pond. The improvements in the park confirms to the community that the City of Warren and organizations are investing in the neighborhood.

Find Out More...

You can help increase access to opportunities for physical activity in your community by volunteering in local parks and planning committees. By donating your time, you are helping improve your community. Through your input and work with local parks and trail groups, you can help create an environment that supports and encourages regular physical activity. Contact the Trumbull County Creating Healthy Communities Coordinator at the Trumbull County Combined Health District to learn more!

Quote...

"CCCII is very appreciative of the collaboration with CHC for contributions to Quinby Park and efforts to improve and beautify the park in 2019 for our children and continue to work together in the future."

-Danny Houston, Community Resident