

Frequently Asked Questions

- **WIC services.** 641 pregnant women received these services from 10/1/06 through 9/30/07. Call (330) 926-5726 for information.
- **Adult clinics, including tuberculosis tests and vaccinations.**
- **Prenatal services for qualifying clients.** In 2007, 1,457 patient visits were done at SCHD.
- **Communicable disease monitoring and follow-up, including salmonella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, encephalitis, smallpox, chlamydia, and tuberculosis.** Call (330) 926-5787 for information and support.
- **Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) assists low-income families or families with special needs children whose benefits have been exhausted.** In 2007, case management services were provided to 437 children. Contact the Nursing division at (330) 926-5700 to speak with a public health nurse.

HOW IS SCHD FUNDED?

SCHD's current annual budget is approximately \$9.4 million. 35% of this money is derived from grant revenue. Contracts and reimbursements for services contribute greatly to the bottom line. Finally, the district is supported with tax dollars, which have a minimal impact on county residents.

WHERE DOES THE GRANT MONEY COME FROM?

SCHD has received 15 mid-sized grants totaling nearly \$3.3 million from agencies such as the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, SCHD administers several million dollars in grant monies for the Summit County Family & Children First Council (SCFCFC).

WHAT DO THE GRANT DOLLARS DO?

SCHD's grant monies address areas such as childhood immunizations, cardiovascular health, obesity, prenatal services, tobacco use and prevention, breast and cervical cancer monitoring and prevention, dental services, and women's health services.

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WHAT IS THE SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT?

The Summit County Health District (SCHD) is an official tax-supported agency that is responsible for the protection and promotion of the community's health. Created in 1919, SCHD is today made up of nine villages, 10 townships, and 10 cities, and serves a total population of nearly 296,000 in Summit County.

WHO WORKS AT SCHD?

SCHD employs a total of 115 people.

- 21 registered sanitarians with bachelor's degrees in a related field, 5 of these 21 are masters prepared
- 30 registered nurses, all bachelor's prepared, 11 of these 30 are masters prepared, including 1 Adult Nurse Practitioner.
- 2 epidemiologists
- 5 dieticians
- 3 dental hygienists
- 2 health educators
- 15 health aides

The Health District is governed by the Board of Health. The Board of Health is made up of 15 members representing each of the cities, townships and general district, including a representative for licensed commercial establishments.

WHAT DOES SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT DO FOR RESIDENTS?

- **SCHD works collaboratively with local, regional, state and federal partners to plan for all phases of emergency preparedness and response.** An all hazard approach is utilized during plan development as well as the implementation of trainings, exercises and drills.
- **Epidemiologists and data support staff provide information and data analysis to the residents of Summit County in order to protect residents and prevent disease.** This information is used by communities to determine health programs and services that assist residents in improving the quality of their lives.
- **The Vital Statistics staff certify copies of birth and death records that occur in areas of service.** In 2007, we registered 2,475 death certificates and 449 births.
- **The Environmental Health (EH) Department provides license and follow-up inspections of commercial restaurants, grocery stores, mobile food wagons, temporary food sales, and vending locations. Reviews, approvals, and monitoring of new food service construction plans are also done.** In 2007, 5,023 inspections were completed. 77 new construction plans were approved.
- **Inspection and regulation of schools, public swimming pools, mobile home parks, motels, public bathing beaches, RV parks, residence camps, jails, family daycare homes, massage, tattoo and body piercing establishments, and aviaries.** In 2007, 394 inspections were completed by EH staff.

- **Inspection of and permits for installation & repair of home sewage (septic) systems and small commercial (semi-public) sewage treatment plants and water wells; registering and inspection of water samples to ensure safe drinking water.** In 2007, 2,820 systems were inspected by EH staff.
- **Inspection of composting facilities, infectious waste generators, the storage facilities and demolition landfills; annual inspection and licensing of garbage trucks.** In 2007, 840 inspections were completed by EH staff.
- **Investigation of community-health related complaints, including garbage/refuse, animal bites, second-hand smoke, radon, and lead poisoning.** In 2007, 766 complaints were investigated by EH staff.
- **Mosquito control program including surveillance, daytime larvaciding, and regular evening spraying of residential streets during spring and summer months.** In 2007, 3,243 sites were inspected and 3,559 miles sprayed.
- **Speakers, literature, and resources provided for health education, promotion and prevention.** Call (330) 926-5654 for information.
- **Nursing provides school health services, including vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings. Annual bus driver physicals are also performed.**
- **Regular child health clinics provide physical examinations, immunizations, developmental assessments, and vision/hearing screenings.** In 2007, 8,345 children received 13,544 immunizations.