

## WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING?

Public Health Nursing is a special practice, first standardized in the late 19th century, aimed at providing critical preventive health and medical social services to the entire community. It of course involves immunization and other forms of direct care, but what truly distinguishes Public Health Nursing is the casefinding, referral, advocacy, health teaching, counseling, reinforcement, community assessment and involvement in community planning that continually (and quietly) works to prevent health problems or help correct them before they become dangerous, expensive or disruptive to the individual or to the community. It is a fundamental public service, largely delivered at the local level.

## NURSING SERVICES SCHEDULE

### Immunization Clinics:

Auburn Town Hall 1st Monday of the month  
 Russell Town Hall 1st Thursday of the month  
 Middlefield VFW 2nd & Last Monday of mo. & 3rd Monday a.m. May-Sept

Chardon: County Human Services Building Last Friday of the month

### Senior Clinics:

Middlefield 1st Wednesday of the mo.  
 First Methodist Church  
 Bainbridge 2nd Tuesday of the month  
 Burns-Ludlow Building  
 Chester 2nd Thursday of the month  
 Town Hall  
 Burton 3rd Monday of the month  
 Public Library  
 Chardon 3rd Thursday of the month  
 Senior Center  
 Thompson 4th Thursday of the month  
 Grace Lutheran Church

**Orthopedic Clinic** Four (4) times a year  
 by appointment only

**Scoliosis Clinic** Two (2) times a year  
 by appointment only

**Tuberculosis Skin Testing** Every Friday, 8 - 11 a.m.  
 Health Dept. main office

**Tests for Strep Throat** Every Morning 8 - 9 a.m.  
 Main office, when nurse available

For appointments call the Nursing Division 8 am - 4:30 pm M - F.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES

Residents of Geauga County have received services from the Nursing Division since 1920. The services have changed over the years to meet the needs of a growing community. Sixteen programs are offered by the staff of six Public Health Nurses and one clerk.

In 1990, 12,188 persons were given hands-on care during 14,479 visits.

Program	Persons Served	Visits
Streptococcal Detection (19% positive results)	569	569
Maternal & Infant Visits	398	446
Genetic Screenings	399	
240		
Immunization Clinics	4,041	5,243
Immunizations given - 9,471		
Pediatric Otolgic Diagnostic Clinic	39	42
Scoliosis Clinic	59	61
Orthopedic Clinic	144	171
Home Visits	53	54
Office Clinic	76	175
Influenza Vaccine	2,178	2,178
Pneumonia Vaccine	171	171
Industrial Health Program	144	144
Tuberculosis Skin Testing (6 referred)	405	817
Senior Clinics (30 referred)	561	1,638
Handicapped Children Visits	144	194
Cholesterol Screenings	326	326
Schools:		178
Vision Screenings (126 referred)	842	
Scoliosis Screenings (67 referred)	1,337	
Head Start & Day Care	29	29
Early Intervention	34	42



The nursing staff is available as consultants, and to provide health education to individuals or to groups.

*"Choose health; choose not to smoke."*

All programs operated in accordance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

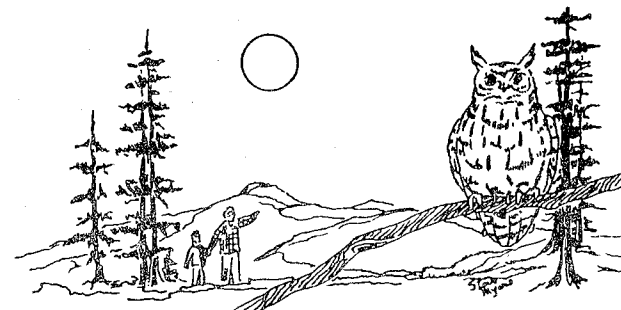
### MAKE IT PERSONAL I

Geauga is a beautiful county with a pleasing and restful, rural character, and that's a major reason why it attracts new residents each year. The best way to **keep it beautiful** is for each of us to resolve to take a **personal responsibility** for protecting our environment... land, air and water... and then act on it. The steps are awareness, education... then action.

The fact that Geauga is developing largely on a private-wells-and-home-sewage-system basis, means that no governmental agency of reasonable size and powers can alone prevent all the problems that arise due to owner indifference and neglect of these private systems. Mr. & Mrs. well-and-septic owner, here's where you come in!

First, resolve that you won't just take our precious groundwater supplies for granted. They are vulnerable to abuse, and it's possible for a single source of groundwater contamination to affect an entire community. Have your well installed and serviced only by a well driller registered in Ohio. Avoid spreading pesticides near your well casing, and never dispose of motor oils, solvents, antifreeze, gasolines or fuel oils by dumping them on the ground or in your home sewage system. Check all fuel tanks regularly to make sure they aren't leaking. Report any old, unused wells that appear improperly sealed to your health department. Periodically, have your water tested by a reliable source. And, use the water you need; but don't waste it... drought or no drought.

Home sewage disposal systems (septic tanks, aeration systems, etc.) are another feature of rural life. These can work very well, but neglect will surely lead to problems. You are the operator of this system. Learn what kind of system you have, where the leaching field or filter bed or discharge lines are located and how to observe for early detection of problems. Have your system installed and periodically serviced only by an installer or service agent registered in Geauga County. Avoid overloading your system, and don't subject it to harmful chemicals. And don't operate motor vehicles over your leaching field, especially in wet weather. The often advertised additives do not remove the need for periodic pumping of your tanks; none are proven effective and some are actually harmful and have been banned in some states. If you're in doubt about any of these things, call your installer or your health department for advice. Finally, remember this... a home sewage system is a private system, but if not properly cared for, it can become a social problem. You and your neighbors are relying on one another to take that personal responsibility for keeping Geauga beautiful!



## 1990 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Lot Evaluations, Sewage	861
Sewage System Permits Issued	464
Sewage Inspections performed	2,116
Sewage Consultations	5,445
Water Well Permits Issued	468
Water Well Inspections	879
Water System Consultations	1,530
Water Samples Secured	1,442
Food Service Licenses Issued	514
Food Service Inspections	704
Food Service Consultations	768
Food Establishment Permits Issued	173
Food Establishment Inspections	223
Animal Bites Investigated (rabies)	185
Animal Heads Sent to Lab (rabies)	8
Positive Results (rabies)	0
Plumbing Permits Issued	682
Plumbing Inspections	1,795
Plumbing Consultations	3,458
School Inspections	59
Swimming Pool Inspections	58
Mobile Home Park Inspections	17
Camp Inspections	32
Total Nuisances Reported	163
Total Nuisances Abated	(77%)-- 125
Sewage Nuisances Reported	72
Sewage Nuisances Abated	(76%)-- 55

## W. I. C.

(Women, Infants & Children Food Supplement Program)

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is funded by the U.S.D.A. and administered by the Ohio Department of Health and the Geauga County Health Department. WIC helps correct and prevent nutrition related health and development problems in mothers and their children by providing nutritional assessments, nutrition education, highly nutritious food supplements, and health care referral, as needed, through local agencies.

Women must be pregnant, less than 6 months post partum, or breastfeeding an infant less than one year old to be eligible. Children must be less than 5 years old. Eligibility is also based on medical/nutritional evaluation, economic needs and area of residence.

## 1990 WIC Participants

January - 612  
 April - 604

August - 593  
 December - 637

# GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

(Appoints & Advises Board of Health)

Twenty-three members representing townships, villages & Co. Commissioners -- Robert K. Schlutzer, Ph.D., Chairman

## BOARD OF HEALTH

	Term Expires
Joseph E. Usher, President, Middlefield	1995
Darwin English, Bainbridge	1993
Albert S. Evans, D.O., Middlefield	1994
Robert Provost, Chardon	1991
Gary Stilke, Bainbridge	1992

## ADMINISTRATION

HEALTH COMMISSIONER.....	Herbert J. Shubick, M.S.
MEDICAL DIRECTOR.....	George Dandalides, M.D.
NURSING DIRECTOR.....	Sarah Y. Eiermann, RN, CNA
ENVIRON. HEALTH ADM.....	Robert K. Weisdack, R.S., M.A., MPH
ADMIN. ASSIST./REGISTRAR OF VITAL STAT.....	Norma Piras
PRINCIPAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR.....	William Alderfer, C.P.I
W.I.C. PROJECT DIRECTOR.....	Linda Nolan, BSN, RN
CFHS PROJECT DIRECTOR.....	Gabrielle Smith, BSN, RN

## VITAL STATISTICS

The Vital Statistics Division of your Health Department maintains records of the births and deaths in Geauga County since 1909. The attending physician or person in attendance at birth files a certificate with the local registrar for each live birth occurring in the County. The funeral director is responsible for filing a certificate for each death occurring in the County.

Certified copies of birth and death certificates are available at the State-mandated charge of \$7.00 each. Two dollars of this fee goes to the State Child Abuse and Child Neglect Fund. You may contact the Registrar of Vital Statistics during regular Health Department hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm weekdays.

There were 325 boys and 313 girls born in Geauga County in 1990, totalling 638 births.

Deaths by Cause	1989	1990
Heart & Circulatory	170	167
Cancer	83	94
Respiratory	55	67
Stroke	29	21
Accidents	20	7
Suicide	9	10
Diabetes Mellitus	3	7
Liver Disease	2	4
Homicide	0	0
Other	26	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>419</b>

## 1990 FINANCIAL REPORT

### BOARD OF HEALTH & STATUTORY FUNDS

RECEIPTS:	1990
Cash Carryover	\$ 180,437.13
Subdivision Assessments	240,913.00
State Subsidy	26,235.87
Health Levy	189,619.93
Nursing Fees	23,982.50
Vital Statistics	26,084.30
Sewage, Plumbing & Misc. Fees	177,993.24
Food Service	31,122.25
Trailer Parks/Camps	2,400.00
Private Water Systems	56,914.00
Swimming Pools	4,075.00
Solid Waste	-0-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 779,340.09</b>
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$ 959,777.22</b>

EXPENDITURES:	1990
Salaries	\$ 504,103.90
Medicare	3,036.72
Supplies	22,305.41
Equipment	3,522.32
Equip. Maintenance/Contracts	9,665.68
Travel & Expenses	36,026.34
Advertising & Printing	1,172.33
PERS (Retirement) & Worker's Comp	74,586.28
Remittances to State	18,900.90
Other Expenses	102,698.29
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 781,018.17</b>

### GRANT FUNDS

#### Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Grant Fund

RECEIPTS:	
Cash Carryover	\$ 8,031.66
WIC Grant	61,879.03
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$ 69,910.69</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$ 66,213.78</b>
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#### Child & Family Health Services, Children's Trust & Dental

RECEIPTS:	
Cash Carryover	\$ 18,583.34
Receipts (Grants, Fees, Donations, etc.)	83,656.21
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$ 102,239.55</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$ 89,559.04</b>
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#### Early Intervention Fund

RECEIPTS:	
Cash Carryover	\$ -0-
Grant Receipts	6,299.00
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,299.00</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$ 967.74</b>
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## CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

1990 CLINIC VISITS:		
Well Child Clinic	391	(214 clients)
Prenatal Clinic	285	( 81 clients)

### CLINIC SCHEDULE (by appointment):

Service	When	Where	Eligibility
Prenatal	Tues. 8:30-4:30	Geauga Hospital	Suspected Pregnancy
Well Child	Fri. 8:30-11:30 & Last Thurs./mo. 5:30-8:30 pm	Geauga Hospital	Birth-21 Yrs.

Child and Family Health Services is a program authorized by the Ohio Department of Health to provide preventive health care for mothers and children. All services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on family size and income. Medicaid is accepted.

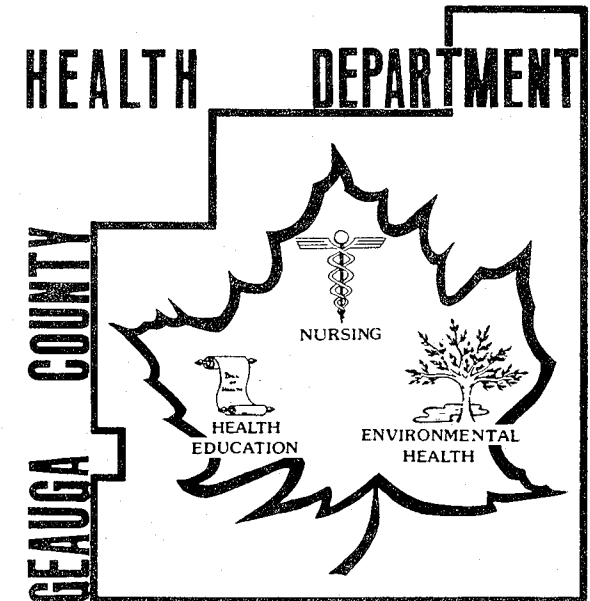
The Well Child Clinic is held weekly at Geauga Hospital with monthly evening hours. It is staffed by a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner under supervision of a Clinic Pediatrician. Other professionals assist with medical screenings, health education and immunizations. A speech pathologist attends monthly to screen and refer children with speech therapy needs. Local dentist, Dr. Anne Clouser volunteers her time monthly to examine children's teeth and educate parents on proper dental care. Through her assistance, a children's dental clinic has been developed to offer cleaning, dental sealants and referrals. Fluoride supplements are also available to families lacking fluoridated water. The Child Car Safety Project offers approved, size-adjustable child car seats on a sliding scale fee basis.

The Prenatal Clinic is held weekly at Geauga Hospital. Prenatal services are provided by a clinic obstetrician and local delivering physicians. A licensed Social Worker attends clinic twice a month and assists in pregnancy and parenting adjustment. Referral is made to local physicians for emergency services and delivery.

HEALTH DEPT. HOURS: Mon. thru Fri. 8am - 4:30 pm

This report is intended to inform you of your Geauga County Health Department's many services. Feel free to call us about any of these services.

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