



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

A New Era of Public Health

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A New Era of Public Health

The world is a far different place than it was in January 2020. Covid-19 changed conditions, perceptions and regulations, all the while creating new realities. As a result, we are entering a new era for public health, both worldwide and right here in Cuyahoga County.

The Road to Change

Over the past three years, our agency has changed after being impacted by numerous internal and external factors. Change brings about new ideas from new people, opening the door to a broader, more diverse way of thinking. Our intent is to look ahead and embrace those changes, continuing to seek positive outcomes for those who live, work and play in our county.

Agency Priorities

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Community Engagement
Operational Efficiency
Staff Development

Agency Goals

Increased Community Representation
Enhanced Service Delivery
Improved Health Outcomes

What we know about ourselves

- Cuyahoga County ranks in the bottom-third of Ohio's 88 counties for residents' health outcomes.
- Even though Cuyahoga County ranks consistently in the top 10 statewide for clinical care, as measured by access to and quality of care, this has not made our residents healthier.
- The conditions that shape health are not equitably spread across the county.
- There are significant differences in life expectancy depending on location, race and ethnicity.

A Message from the Health Commissioner

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2022 edition of our agency's annual report.

As we look back at 2022, our world continued to be greatly affected by the impact of communicable disease. The twin pandemics of covid and mpox brought local health departments to the forefront, making them the focus of their respective communities in ways that we had never seen before. While public health had made great strides since covid first appeared, staff were still reacting and adjusting to the unknown every day.

2022 was also a time of great transition for us internally at CCBH. New leadership and revised operational strategies were introduced. Capacity was increased so that we could improve upon our service delivery. We began to develop plans that would bring our organization to new places.

In response to this collection of challenges and changes, our staff embraced new priorities and new processes in order to deliver improved health outcomes. Their dedication and willingness to adapt were key as we focused on improving organizational efficiency, increasing collaboration with community partners and building capacity in non-traditional areas.

Looking ahead, areas of personal interest to me include gun violence, structural racism, infant mortality and health equity. Too many of our communities are affected every day by these long-standing issues. We know that the collective impact of these conditions and other related stressors can have catastrophic effects.



Going forward, it is critical for us to dedicate a significant portion of our available resources and services to those in greatest need. It is with this sensible and equitable approach in mind that I invite you to be a part of the solution.

We want to hear from our residents, businesses, stakeholders and communities. Our goal is to be representative and responsive, so please reach out to us. We are committed to equitable access and appropriate care for all.

Roderick Harris, DrPH
Health Commissioner

Board Members



**Sherrie Dixon
Williams, MD**



Gregory Hall, MD



Debbie Moss, Esq.



**Thomas O'Donnell,
Esq.**



Doug Wang

Learn about our board members at www.ccbh.net/board-members.

CCBH Leadership Team



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Communications Officer



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Director, Organizational
Development



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Director, Nursing



Takisha Fuller, MPH
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Surveillance & Informatics



Prakash Ganesh, MD, MPH
Medical Director



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Deputy Director, Nursing



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Director, Population Health



Erik Hamilton, MBA
Operations Administrator



Roderick Harris, DrPH
Health Commissioner



Zachary Levar, MPH
Deputy Director,
Population Health

CCBH Leadership Team



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Chief Financial Officer

Welcoming New Leaders



Roderick Harris, DrPH **Health Commissioner**

Joined CCBH in 2022

Dr. Harris came to CCBH from the Allegheny County Health Department in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where his responsibilities as a Deputy Director included management of the Community Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Bureau. Prior to that, Dr. Harris demonstrated his commitment to equity, inclusion and access as foundational health improvement strategies while serving as Director of the Center for Health Equity at the Sedgwick County Health Department in Wichita, Kansas. His leadership and vision will be the catalysts for positive change as public health in Cuyahoga County enters a new era.



Andre Brown, PhD, MPH **Director, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion**

Joined CCBH in 2022

Dr. Brown is the first person to serve in his role at CCBH. He comes to us from the University of Pittsburgh, where he was the Assistant Professor in Behavioral and Community Health Sciences. Dr. Brown will oversee the design and execution of strategies that promote community engagement and advance health equity across a range of public health settings.



Rebecca Burke, BA, PHR

Director, Organizational Development

Joined CCBH in 2002

Assumed current role in 2022

Ms. Burke has worked with CCBH in a variety of roles across all service areas. Her extensive background provides her with unique insight about our daily operations and programmatic activities. As a Director, Ms. Burke leads the efforts to properly align our strategies, structures and personnel in such a way that we are able to effectively serve customers both internally and externally.



Brandy Eaton, BSN, RN

Director, Nursing & Clinical Health

Joined CCBH in 2005

Assumed current role in 2022

Ms. Eaton is a passionate Public Health Nurse whose professional focus is serving diverse populations. Her direct experience includes Maternal Child Health, Youth/Adolescent Health and HIV/STI Prevention. Ms. Eaton has also been an advocate for community and stakeholder input when developing programming and services for hard-to-reach populations.



Takisha Fuller, MPH

Deputy Director, Epidemiology, Surveillance & Informatics

Joined CCBH in 2020

Assumed current role in 2022

Ms. Fuller's background includes time spent as a prevention specialist, a health educator and a supervisor in emergency preparedness. She is skilled in the areas of program development and implementation as well as mental health and recovery, providing her with unique perspectives about our agency's data collection and surveillance efforts.



Prakash Ganesh, MD, MPH

Medical Director

Joined CCBH in 2020

Assumed current role in 2022

Dr. Ganesh has a long history with CCBH, first as a member of the Preventive Medicine Residency collaborative with Case Western Reserve University, then as a leader on our covid pandemic response team. As Medical Director, he provides guidance and support for our clinic staff, our programs and our administrative team. Externally, Dr. Ganesh represents CCBH in a variety of settings including academia, local government, media and training opportunities.



Amy Geiss, BSN, RN

Deputy Director, Nursing

Joined CCBH in 2000

Assumed current role in 2022

Ms. Geiss initially worked as an onsite nurse in the School Health program. While supervising both the Children with Medical Handicaps and Newborn Home Visiting programs, she also played a key role in developing and sustaining the agency's community-based covid vaccination activities.



Zachary Levar, MPH

Deputy Director, Population Health

Joined CCBH in 2017

Assumed current role in 2022

Mr. Levar began his CCBH career as a grant coordinator, eventually becoming instrumental in supporting the Ryan White Part A program. He is currently at the forefront of the agency's work to End the HIV Epidemic.



Joseph McRae, MPA

Chief Administrative Officer

Joined CCBH in 2022

Mr. McRae works in concert with staff at all levels to ensure the proper administration, consistency and integrity of our daily operations. His fourteen years of experience in community health, administration and municipal operations include time spent as the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Cleveland Heights and as Deputy City Manager/Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services for the City of Evanston, Illinois.



John Mills, JD

Legal Counsel

Joined CCBH in 2022

Mr. Mills has been in the practice of law for more than 12 years and brings experience from the City of Cleveland Law Department, the Cleveland Housing Court and the private sector. His diverse municipal and environmental law background make him an ideal fit for our leadership team. Both our staff and partners will benefit from his knowledge of the ways in which public health impacts the needs of our communities.

A New Era of Public Health: Insights from our Leaders

Our Workforce

“The foundation that we are building is designed to ensure the consistent delivery of education and training opportunities at both the programmatic and agency wide levels. We want our staff to be engaged and learning about the social determinants of health that impact all people within Cuyahoga County and the services that we provide. As the county’s trusted source for public health information, we are responsible for providing our staff with the necessary tools and resources in order to best meet the needs of our community.”

Rebecca Burke, BA, PHR
Director, Organizational Development

“In the process of becoming an accredited public health agency in 2019, we learned a great deal about working smarter, improving processes, and following best practices in order to achieve better health outcomes. In 2023, we know that we must continue to embrace change as a path to progress. As we move towards reaccreditation in 2024, we strive to uphold our commitment to continuous quality improvement through further examination of our everyday operations.”

Renee Raffalli, MPA
Performance Management/Quality Improvement Administrator

By the Numbers: CCBH Employees

Employees

180 Employees

42 New Employees

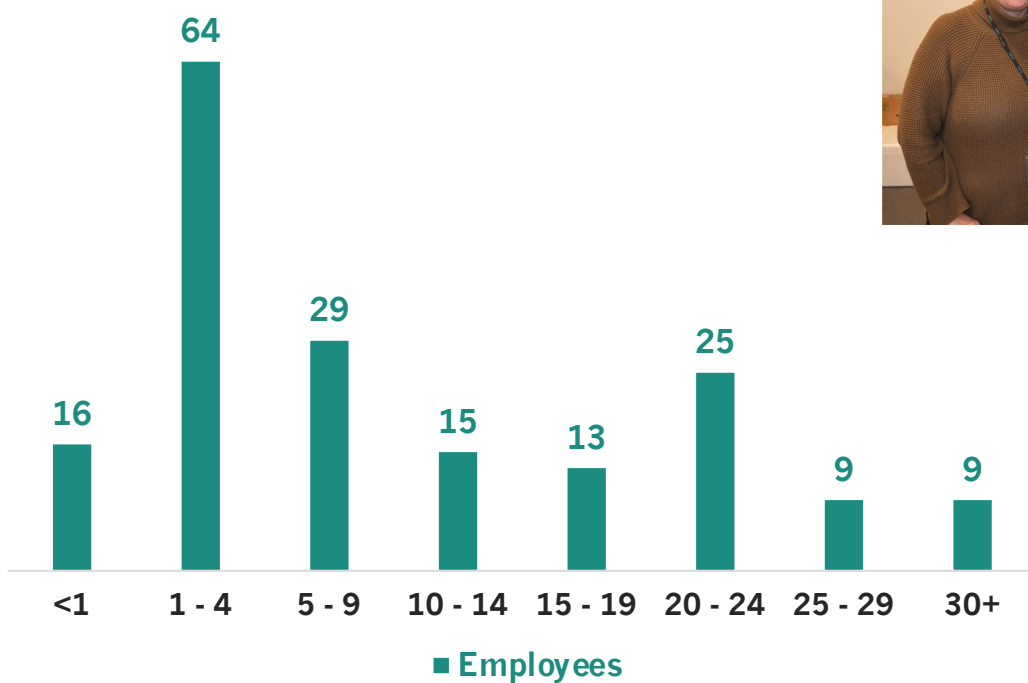


Academic Credentials of Employees

JD **1**
PhD **4**
Masters **58**
Bachelors **85**
Associates **10**



Years of Tenure at CCBH



A New Era of Public Health: Insights from our Leaders

New Challenges

“The social marginalization of vulnerable populations before and during health crises is a major public health problem. As an influential source of public health information and action, we must ensure that we have a competent workforce and strong community-based partnerships to supply our partners and community residents with reliable information and access to the necessary care needed to reduce health disparities. Equitable and inclusive approaches are critical at all time, but particularly during times of great need.”

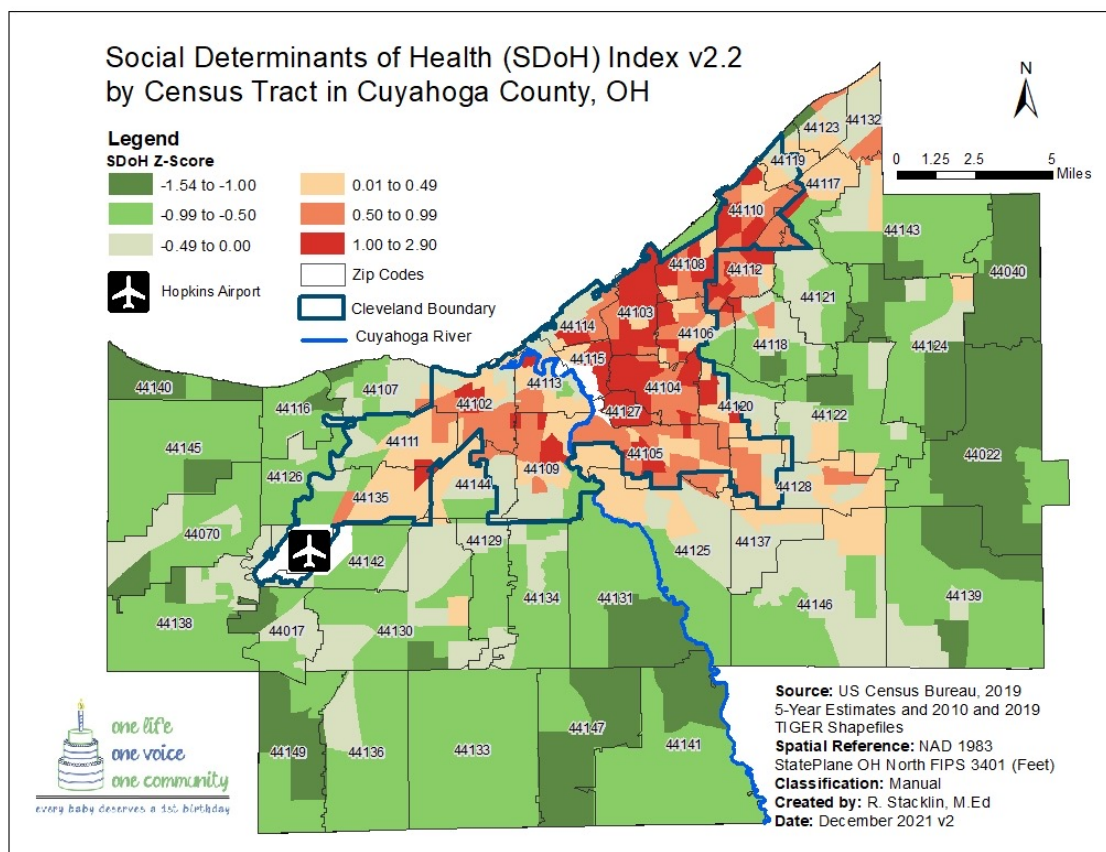
Andre Brown, PhD, MPH
Director, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

“As an agency, now is the time for us to review, refresh and represent ourselves in the wake of the pandemic. The challenges that we have faced over the past three years, both internal and external, have been significant. It is incumbent upon us to adapt to the new environment and improve the ways in which we inform and engage our communities.”

Roderick Harris, DrPH
Health Commissioner

Social Determinants of Health

Social determinants of health (SDOH) are conditions that people are born into and live in which ultimately shape their health. SDOH greatly impact birth and health outcomes, including the availability of access to basic needs such as healthy food, quality housing, steady transportation and safe places to be active. Our local populations of color are disproportionately burdened by SDOH.



The red areas shown on the map are most affected by SDOH. These areas had an aggregated infant mortality rate that was **9x higher** than the dark green zones.

Nearly **90%** of all census tracts with the highest SDOH burden are located in the city of Cleveland. The tracts with the second-highest SDOH burden are in East Cleveland and Euclid.

These community-based inequities limit the opportunities for families of color to achieve their fullest health potential. They also negatively impact opportunities for women to maintain a healthy pregnancy and deliver a healthy baby.

Infant Mortality

CCBH is a partner in the [Ohio Equity Initiative \(OEI\)](#), a statewide initiative involving nine counties with similar racial inequities related to birth outcomes. OEI 2.0 works collaboratively in targeted Cuyahoga County zip codes to put policy and system changes in place that address SDOH.

Despite an abundance of healthcare resources in Cuyahoga County, there are significant inequities between Black and White birth outcomes. Black women are **3.5** times more likely than White women to lose their babies before their first birthday.

If we would have achieved local equity in infant mortality over the last decade, **569** Black infants would have survived. That translates to one black baby surviving every week for the last 10 years plus an additional 50 black infants.

Local rates as of 2020 (most recent data available) are shown below:

County: Cuyahoga 👤

7.7

deaths / 1,000 live births

Source: [Ohio Department of Health, Vital Statistics](#) [🔗](#)

Measurement period: 2020

Maintained by: Conduent Healthy Communities Institute

Last update: January 2023

Filter(s) for this location: State: [Ohio](#), Substate Region: [Healthy Northeast Ohio](#)

COMPARED TO



OH Value
(6.7)



US Value
(5.4)



Prior Value
(8.6)



Trend

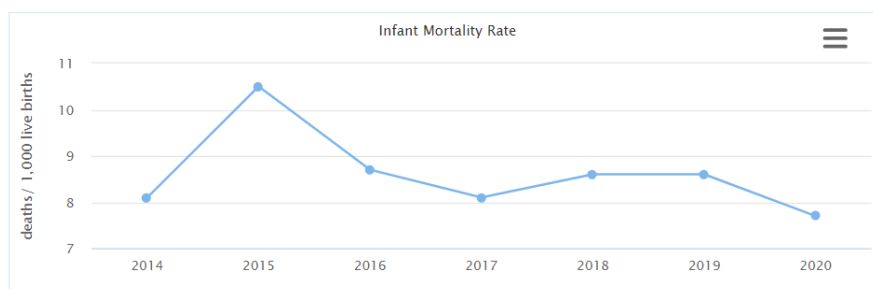


HP 2030 Target
(5.0)

Graph Selections

INDICATOR VALUES

☒ Change over Time



Program objectives

- Identify unserved pregnant clients using neighborhood navigation services
- Connect clients to appropriate support services
- Increase access to services

Program highlights

- In collaboration with [Neighborhood Leadership Institute](#), we served **1,215** pregnant people using navigation services to mobilize connections with smaller organizations and community residents
- Continued expansion of [Baby on Board](#), an initiative in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. Transportation needs for mothers, fathers, and families living in Cuyahoga County are addressed in part by connecting these groups to family neighborhood services. More than **500** weekly bus passes were provided to households that included a pregnant woman or a child under the age of two years old.
- Partnered with the Ohio Department of Health and Neighborhood Leadership Institute to implement the [Ohio Health Improvement Zones project \(OHIZ\)](#). Residents living in OHIZ communities, along with local stakeholders, are encouraged to provide information about health and resources while also leading their own community-based, life-enhancing efforts.

Partners

[Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority](#)
[Healthy Northeast Ohio](#)

More information

[Biocultural approach to health inequities](#)
[Ohio Department of Health – infant mortality reports](#)

A New Era of Public Health: Insights from our Leaders

Our Medical Impact

“Vaccines are one of the most successful public health interventions we have available. They are proven to reduce the spread of disease while also preventing complications and death. Illnesses that once routinely harmed or killed babies, children and adults are now preventable with vaccine. As an agency, we need to better understand the factors that cause people to reject vaccines. It is disappointing to see the amount of misinformation that is spread through social media and other channels. We have to dispel those myths and provide accurate and trusted information.”

“The cycle of communicable diseases in 2022 were somewhat predictable, yet unprecedented. We saw new COVID-19 waves, the rise of a record breaking influenza season and Mpox, which struck some of our most vulnerable and marginalized communities, such as the LGBTQ+, MSM, and HIV-infected populations, the hardest. As an agency, we must be proactive and focus on long term outcomes that are built on equity and trust. We must meet people where they are to improve the health and safety of our community.”

Prakash Ganesh, MD, MPH
Medical Director

Epidemiology, Surveillance, & Informatics

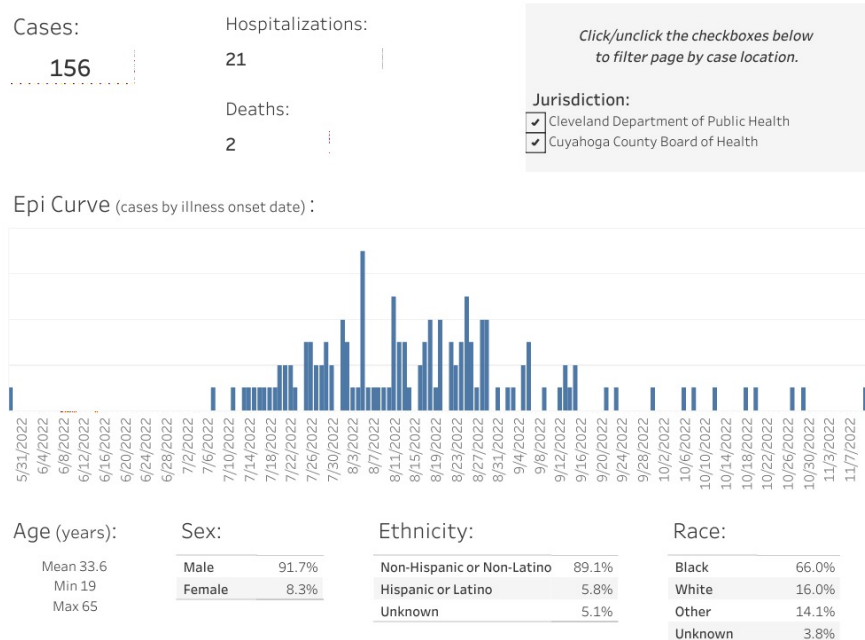
“Over the past year, our service area has demonstrated remarkable perseverance as we continued to lead our county through the COVID-19 pandemic. We’ve learned the value of community partnerships and the need for sustained investments in public health infrastructure. We are committed to proactively doing our part to continue strengthening our epidemiology workforce, data modernization initiatives and emergency response protocols. We must stand ready, as what affects public health affects all of us.”

Jana Rush, MA, MPH, Director

Program objectives

- Monitor the community presence of infectious and chronic disease
- Provide technical support through data analysis and informatics activities
- Issue accurate and timely reporting
- Direct regional emergency preparedness and response planning efforts

Mpox Summary | Cuyahoga County, Ohio



All data are preliminary and subject to change as more information is reported to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Dashboard updated biweekly on Mondays (or Tuesday if a holiday). Best viewed on desktop or laptop. Data displayed are pulled from the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) and include probable and confirmed cases.

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Program highlights

- Served as the central planning agency in Northeast Ohio for terrorist threats and activity
- Received the first grant in the agency's history to address cybersecurity threats in preparedness planning and training activities
- Created new disease toolkits for norovirus and RSV in order to provide quick and consistent guidance to our local childcare and long-term care facilities and providers
- Developed and enhanced partnerships through the COVID-19 response, including those with behavioral and mental health organizations and faith-based partners

Partners

[Cleveland Department of Public Health](#)

[Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management](#)

More information

[Data dashboard – Covid-19](#)

[Data dashboard - Mpox](#)

[Disease toolkits collection – CCBH website](#)

COVID-19 & Mpox Pandemic Responses

Surveillance

Our team of investigators, analysts, informaticians and epidemiologists entered their third year of covid-related duties while also working on the new Mpox pandemic. Along with their regular tasks, they continued to maintain our respective data dashboards, monitor local, state and national activity for outbreaks and clusters of illness, and analyze data to identify trends and indicators.

Covid-19 Community Clinics

As the covid pandemic carried on through 2022, we continued to bring vaccines to those in need. By engaging with community advocates, faith-based partners and social support networks, we were able to help seniors, homebound residents and neighborhoods gain access to care.

2,742 total doses includes first and second doses and boosters

20 individual sites including churches, community centers, events, libraries, and neighborhood centers

Homebound and Incarcerated Populations

978 doses administered in cooperation with county agencies and care providers

CCBH Walk-in Clinics

4,914 doses of covid vaccine were provided through our main office and satellite clinic

Mpox

As vaccine became available, we played a primary role in operating a countywide vaccine distribution network that included hospital systems, neighborhood health centers and our colleagues at the Cleveland Department of Public Health.

Our Mpox outreach efforts spanned a variety of locations and audiences. We attended events and appeared at local gathering spots to provide vaccines and connect people to other essential health services. Our clinical staff worked continuously with academic partners and health providers to share knowledge, resources and services.

6,273 total doses given via countywide network – includes first, second and third doses

4,782 doses given to county residents

156 confirmed and probable cases investigated

2 confirmed fatality reviews conducted

Nursing

“Maternal and child health are critical components of the public health services we deliver. In collaboration with our local hospital systems, we provide a foundation for mothers so that they are aware of potential risks, can practice healthy behaviors, and are connected to essential services. Likewise, we want to assure that families whose children have special needs are afforded appropriate care and services.”

Brandy Eaton, BSN, RN, Director



Welcome Home Newborn Home Visiting Program

To help ease the uncertainty that can accompany becoming a parent, eligible families* can receive a home visit from a CCBH nurse within the first six weeks of the baby coming home.

During the home visit, the nurse will:

- Weigh the baby
- Do a health check
- Talk about baby care
- Bring a free diaper bag and resources
- Answer questions about baby and self-care

Common questions or concerns include:

- Feeding, including bottle and breast
- Safe sleep – how and where
- Weight loss
- Umbilical cord healing
- Maternal depression

*A home visiting representative will sign up eligible families during their stay in participating hospitals. Services are provided free of charge by funding through [Invest in Children](#).

Program objectives

- Improve the maternal and infant health and household safety
- Prevention of sleep-related infant deaths
- Connect families to other community resources
- Link families to a medical home

Program highlights

- **3,141** moms were enrolled in 2022
- **1,568** of those moms agreed to a home visit by a Registered Nurse
- **1,296** medical issues were identified in **724** moms
- **43%** of these moms had elevated blood pressure
- **452** medical issues were identified in **400** babies

Partners

[Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital](#)

[Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital](#)

[Invest in Children - Office of Early Childhood](#)

[March of Dimes](#)

[MetroHealth Main Campus](#)

[University Hospitals Main Campus](#)

More information

[Welcome Home Newborn Home Visiting Program](#)

Children with Medical Handicaps Program (CMH)



CMH helps to pay for medical costs associated with caring for children with special needs. It may cover costs not paid by Medicaid or private health insurance and may lower a family's out-of-pocket fees. Assistance is offered to any family, regardless of income level, to cover testing and diagnosis of a medical condition. Children with qualifying conditions may be eligible for treatment at reduced cost. The program is supported by the Ohio Department of Health and provides for children up to age 23.

Program objectives

- To assure that children and their families obtain comprehensive care and services that are family-centered, community-based and culturally sensitive
- Link families to a network of quality providers and help obtain payment for the services their children need
- Collaborate with public health nurses and local health departments to assist in increasing access to care

Program highlights

- **1,706** clients were served at CCBH
- **1,401** clients enrolled in Treatment program
- **641** clients enrolled in Diagnostic program

More information

[CCBH website](#)
[Cribs for Kids](#)
[Glossary of terms](#)

Partners

[Ohio Department of Health](#)

Population Health

“The emergence of Population Health as a public health priority reflects our current understanding that opportunities to be healthy are not the same for everyone in our county. Significant differences in health outcomes and life expectancy occur based on community conditions, income, and race and ethnicity, among other factors. The establishment in 2022 of a dedicated department of Population Health provided the opportunity to build and leverage a committed, passionate and focused workforce poised to address the complex systemic and structural issues that adversely impact the health of our communities.”

Martha Halko, MS, RS, LD, Director



Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE)

EHE prioritizes the communities in our county that are especially vulnerable to HIV-related disparities and unequal access to health. The focus is to provide programs and services that align with each of the core EHE pillars: Diagnose, Treat, Prevent & Respond. Ours is one of 57 areas nationwide that received additional resources to develop and implement locally-tailored EHE plans.

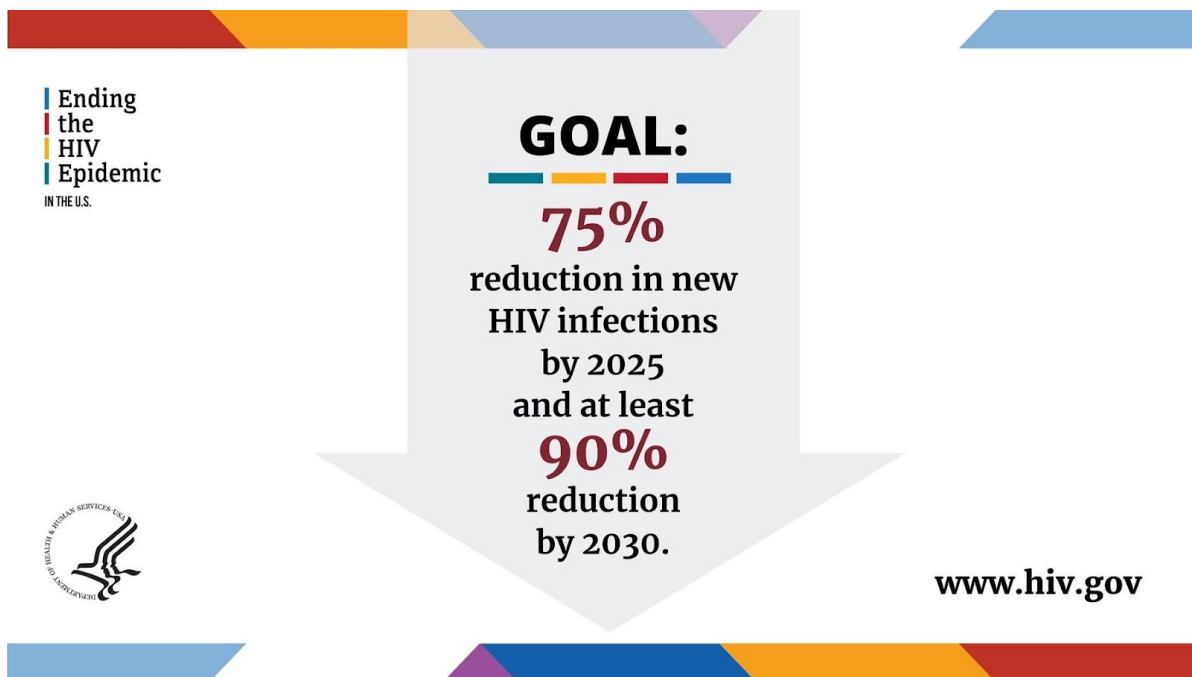
Program objectives

- Reduce new transmissions through prevention efforts
- Diagnose those with HIV
- Link people living with HIV (PLWH) to care
- Provide support for PLWH to remain in care
- Plan for potential outbreaks

Program highlights

- **9,565** HIV screenings were conducted
- New HIV cases in 2022* decreased by **24%** (n=125)
- Among PLWH who are enrolled in CCBH HIV treatment programs (EHE & Ryan White Part A), **97%** are using [antiretroviral treatment](#) and **84%** are [virally suppressed](#), meaning that they cannot sexually transmit HIV
- On World AIDS Day, December 1, 2022, CCBH released a [statement](#) regarding the outdated HIV criminalization laws that exist in Ohio. These laws are harmful to public health efforts to eliminate HIV and are major barriers to Ending the HIV Epidemic in Cuyahoga County & Ohio.

*2022 data as of 2.14.23 is preliminary and subject to change.



Partners

Community outreach services
County correctional facilities
Health clinics
Local emergency departments
Syringe exchange programs

More information

[HIV testing](#)

[LoveLeadsHere.org](#)

[PrEP use](#)

[U=U \(Undetectable=Untransmittable\)](#)

By the Numbers: CCBH Clinic



Immunization Clinic

1,762 Patients seen

2,529 Patient interactions

Reproductive Health Clinic (Title X)

718 Patients seen

1,045 Patient interactions

Total Clinic Numbers

2,480 Patients seen

3,574 Patient interactions

Mpox

37 Mpox clinics provided by CCBH staff

2,029 Doses administered through the end of 2022

New Partnership

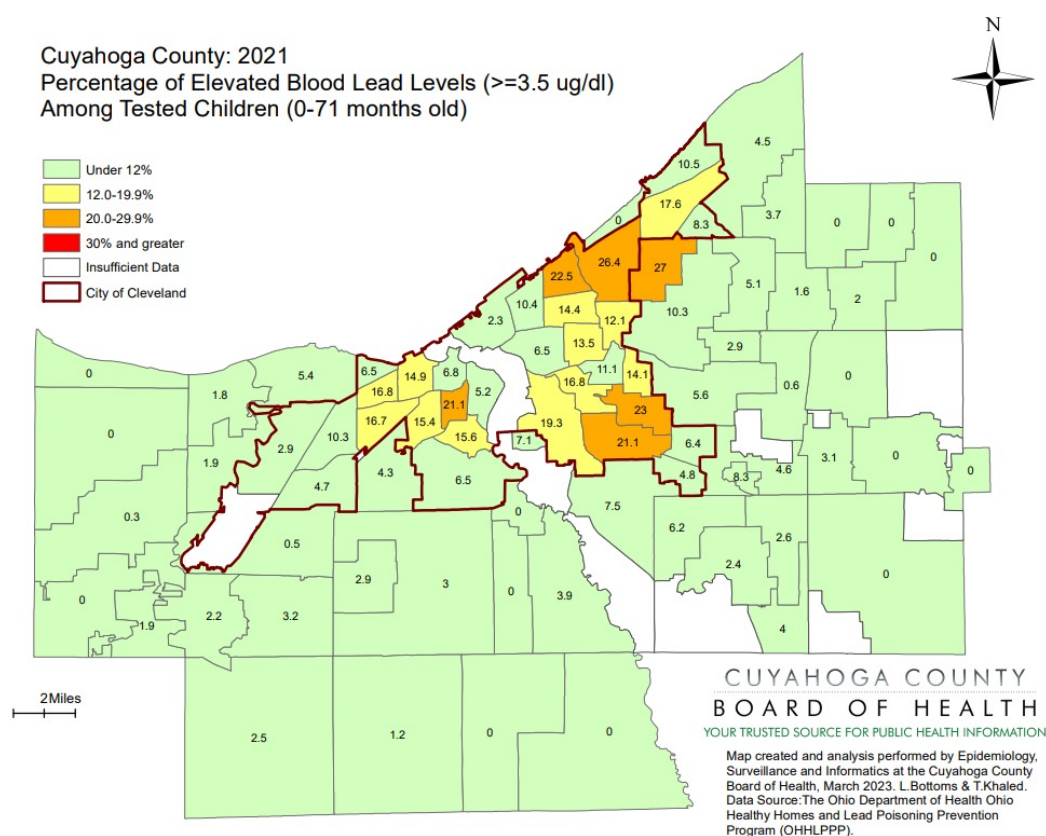
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center/Human Trafficking Drop-in Center

We are there monthly to provide immunizations, Naloxone, and sexual health services. We offer educational materials, take-home pregnancy tests and covid tests. All services are confidential and provided at no cost to the patient.

Environmental Public Health

“Our staff worked tirelessly on many levels to help save lives during our organization’s response to COVID-19. As the pandemic has waned, we are glad to be able to return to our pre-pandemic work levels and protect the public’s health. Our staff is focused more than ever on providing and expanding the level of public health services the residents of Cuyahoga County expect and deserve.”

Rick Novickis, MPH, REHS, Director



Lead Poisoning Prevention

Lead poisoning is the most common chronic poisoning and environmental illness in the US. It can be defined as the elevation of lead levels in the body. Lead is a highly toxic metal which may cause a range of health problems, especially for children less than 6 years of age. Young children may be exposed to lead in and around their home through the unintentional consumption of lead-based paint chips, dust or soil by putting their hands or other lead-contaminated objects in their mouths.

Increased lead levels in children may cause damage to the brain and nervous system resulting in behavioral problems, delayed learning, lower IQ levels, and slowed growth.

Program objectives

- Identify and monitor children at increased risk for lead exposure through blood lead screening
- Provide families of lead-exposed children with a direct referral pathway for medical and environmental intervention
- Offer education about childhood lead poisoning prevention
- Provide access to home remediation through grant

Program highlights

- Cuyahoga County provided **\$1.8 million** to our agency in support of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, which provides assistance to family members and medical providers to reduce and prevent lead poisoning. Using both federal and local funding, **52** homes were made lead safe.
- The state of Ohio, in collaboration with our Board of Health and other community partners, recognized the need to drop the level of concern for lead exposure in children less than 6 years of age. The CDC published supportive evidence that demonstrated low levels of lead in a child's blood may cause neurological damage. This new law is effective July 1, 2023.
- We endorsed the City of Cleveland Heights in its passage of a Lead Safe Rental Registration ordinance. The city will start requiring all landlords to ensure their properties are lead safe in order to receive a rental registration.
- Building upon more than 30 years of foundational programming, we continued to assist homeowners through the Lead Hazard Reduction grant offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. County officials supported our request for \$2.9 million, including \$1.8 million in Lead Poisoning Prevention Subsidy funds. The money helped homeowners minimize or eliminate the out-of-pocket contributions required to make their homes lead safe.

Partners

[Cleveland Lead Hazard Control program](#)

[Ohio Department of Health – childhood lead poisoning](#)

[U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

More information

[CCBH website – program page](#)

[Healthy NEO – childhood lead poisoning indicators](#)

[Lead poisoning prevention FAQ](#)

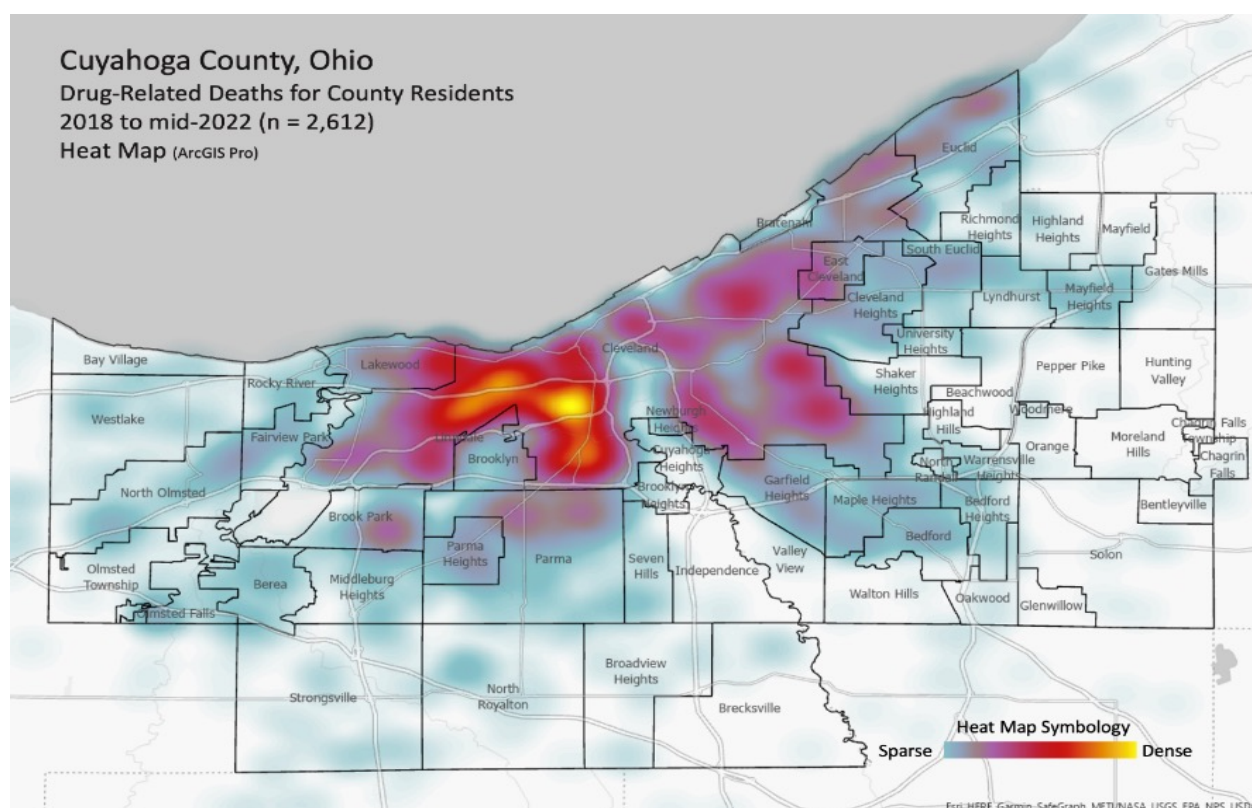
[Lead Safe Cuyahoga – free repairs for eligible homeowners](#)

Overdose Data to Action

We have completed the fourth year of the five-year **\$17.6 million** Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). OD2A supports program recipients in collecting data about opioid-related overdoses and deaths and using the information to inform prevention efforts and strategies. Our work requires a great deal of collaboration with several local agencies and institutions.

Program objectives

- Improved access to resources for patients
- Improved care for patients with opioid use disorder
- Increased availability of countywide drug-related surveillance information
- Increased collaboration among county agencies



Drug-related deaths in Cuyahoga County have remained high, as have suspected non-fatal overdose incidents. **656** fatal overdoses occurred in our county in 2022. Approximately **725** deaths are projected for 2023.

Program highlights

- Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) distributed approximately **19,200** naloxone kits in 2022, compared to 4,239 in 2019.
- St Vincent Charity Medical Center screened **3,989** patients to identify substance use disorder, anxiety, depression and trauma and then refer to appropriate treatment services.
- The Woodrow Project linked **86%** of individuals encountered in hospital emergency rooms to treatment and hired a patient navigator to assist clients in recovery.
- Cleveland State University registered **107** treatment agencies and **545** treatment services through its website.
- The local Hispanic population experienced a **32%** increase in the rate of unintentional drug overdose deaths in 2020 (41) compared to 2019 (31).
- The ADAMHS Board utilized the Simulated Scenario Village at Cuyahoga County Community College to enhance Crisis Intervention Training for law enforcement and first responders. The program provides trainees with real-time experience engaging people in overdose crisis scenarios.

Partners

[ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County](#)
[Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education](#)
[Center for Health Affairs](#)
[The Centers \(formerly Circle Health Services\)](#)
[Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office](#)
[MetroHealth – Project DAWN](#)
[Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center](#)
[Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland](#)
[St. Vincent Charity Medical Center](#)
[Thrive Peer Recovery Services](#)
[The Woodrow Project](#)

More information

[CCBH Overdose Data Dashboard](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – About OD2A](#)

A New Era of Public Health: Insights from our Leaders

Our Operations

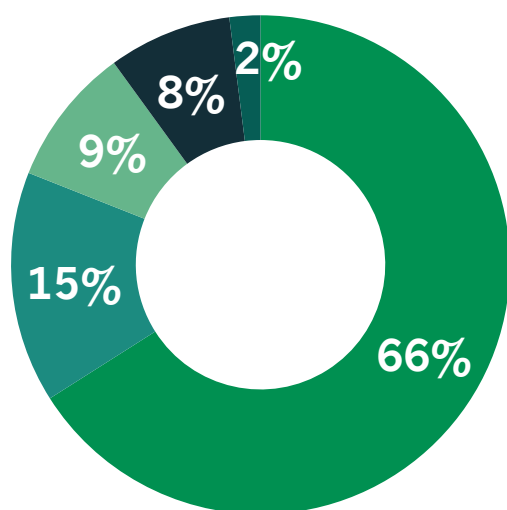
“The agency has significantly expanded over the past 24 months, offering a wider range of services and greater depth within our respective programs. As a result of the expansion, the administration has empowered the Fiscal staff to develop efficiencies through a comprehensive restructure of our finance operations. At the same time, the Organizational Development team have been intentional about streamlining the hiring process and engaging appropriate staff in extensive leadership and supervisory training. These steps will result in a more effective operation, which will benefit the community at large and the agency for years to come.”

“We want to be a resource for the leaders in our county. When they call, they know they can rely on our expertise. That reputation has been earned over many years and it is a credit to our staff that we are viewed in that light. More importantly, we want to assist them in providing equitable and inclusive access for their community members. When we can do that, it’s in everyone’s best interests.”

Joseph McRae, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer

Financial Overview

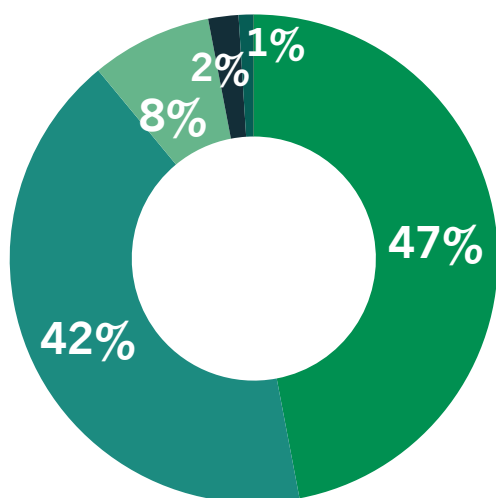
Revenue



Federal, State & Local Funds	\$23,399,105
City, Village, & Township	\$5,353,158
Charges For Services	\$3,323,766
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$2,871,254
Other Receipts	\$624,815

Total Revenue **\$35,572,098**

Expenditures



Grants & Subcontracts For Services	\$16,731,044
Personal Services	\$14,670,877
Services & Charges	\$2,914,895
Supplies & Materials	\$642,189
Debt Services	\$471,919
Capital Outlays	\$0

Total Expenditures **\$35,430,924**

Communities Served

Bay Village	Gates Mills	Olmsted Township
Beachwood	Glenwillow	Orange Village
Bedford	Highland Heights	Parma
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Bentleyville	Hunting Valley	Pepper Pike
Berea	Independence	Richmond Heights
Bratenahl	Lakewood	Rocky River
Brecksville	Linndale	Seven Hills
Broadview Heights	Lyndhurst	Shaker Heights
Brooklyn	Maple Heights	Solon
Brooklyn Heights	Mayfield Heights	South Euclid
Brook Park	Mayfield Village	Strongsville
Chagrin Falls Township	Middleburg Heights	University Heights
Chagrin Falls Village	Moreland Hills	Valley View
Cleveland Heights	Newburgh Heights	Walton Hills
Cuyahoga Heights	North Olmsted	Warrensville Heights
East Cleveland	North Randall	Westlake
Euclid	North Royalton	Woodmere
Fairview Park	Oakwood Village	
Garfield Heights	Olmsted Falls	

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