



2013 ANNUAL REPORT



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1644 Tiffin Ave., Suite A
Findlay OH 45840

Fitness is a journey that must be continued for the rest of your life *You don't die of old age, you die of inactivity*



FOCUS ON THE ABC's

- A**spirin when appropriate
- B**lood pressure control
- C**holesterol management
- S**moking cessation

1 of every 3 deaths is caused by heart disease and stroke; the leading causes of death in the United States.



Findlay City Health Department
Serving our community at:
1644 Tiffin Avenue

The Findlay City Health Department is in motion. We have said our goodbye to wiry veterans and welcomed new faces.

We challenge our community to commit to a healthier lifestyle by, visiting our parks, walking on the Emory Adams Fitness trail, and choosing health.

Jack Lalanne, Fitness Educator, once said "you don't die of old age, you die of inactivity." I attended a lecture many years ago, and heard Dr. Ken Cooper talk about exercise as medicine. Dr. Cooper coined the term "aerobics" in 1968 and boy was he ever ahead of his time.

The new Medical Home model is helping us get back to the basics and center our care around the entire person and the community. I'll never forget the words of Dr. Cooper when he said "fitness is a journey that must be continued for the rest of your life". Dr. Cooper challenges everyone to follow these 8 Healthy Steps;

Dr. Mills ...in motion at a local run



8 Healthy Steps to live better both sooner & later:

Get a regular, comprehensive physical exam.

Take the right supplements for you.

Exercise most days of the week.

Eat healthy most of the time.

Maintain a healthy weight.

Control alcohol.

Manage stress.

Stop smoking.

Thank you again to our Board and to our talented staff, for choosing to work in public health. The future of wellness in a population needs to be a blend of clinical medicine and public health.

We will continue to encourage our staff to bold new ideas, in keeping with our mission to prevent, promote, and protect health.

We will get this community in motion!

Dr. Stephen Mills
Health Commissioner

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8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Special Thanks

For Emory Adams park's 2 new fitness trail signs placed in 2013; (at right). These signs are marked with the walking distance of the different trails at this Findlay park.

We would like to thank;

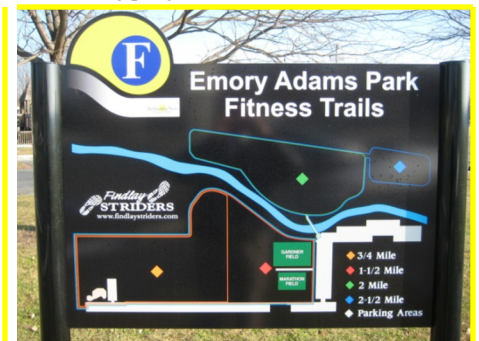
Findlay Striders

And also

Dr. Robert McEvoy

for their donations that made this healthy project possible.

2013 walking program *Get Your Tail On The Trail*



1827 S. Blanchard St new signs



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2013 Health Board & Staff

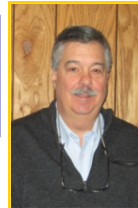
FINDLAY CITY BOARD OF HEALTH

As established by Ohio law, the five member Board of Health is our policy-making body with authority to adopt regulations and establish programs to promote public health in Findlay. The Board meets monthly at 7:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Health Board meetings are open to the public.

Mayor Lydia L. Mihalik,
President Ex Officio
- Served: 2012 - current



Gregory W. Cline, R PH,
President Pro Tempore
- Appointed 01/01/1993



William S. Alge, Jr,
Health Board Member
- Appointed 02/02/1999



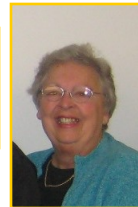
Robert E. McEvoy, MD,
Health Board Member
- Appointed 04/16/1996



James Niemeyer,
Health Board Member,
Licensing Council Representative
- Appointed 11/18/2009



B. Joan Work, RN,
Health Board Member
- Appointed 01/01/1984



Staff Changes: In March of 2013 the health department lost a 10 year employee when Taya Hyde left her position as Nursing Director to accompany her husband as he was transferred to Illinois. We will miss her energy and positive attitude. The vacancy in the Nursing Director position was filled by Public Health Nurse Becky Bern and Missy Jack was hired to fill the position opened with Becky's promotion.



May of 2013 saw the retirement of long time Vital Statistics Registrar Sheryl Yoder. Sheryl began her career at the health department in February of 1987 and received numerous commendations during her tenure. We wish Sheryl well in her retirement after 26 years of loyal service to the community.

In June Christine Carrigan joined the health department staff to fill the clerical position vacated as Cheryl Klakamp stepped up to fill the Vital Statistics Registrar position. Christine will serve as Deputy Registrar as well as provide clerical support to the Environmental Health Division.

Sheryl Yoder retired in May.

Staffing changes were not over yet as Health Educator Jenn Rathburn announced her decision to return to her former position with the Educational Service Center in November. We appreciate the work done by Jenn to help us

launch our first ever health educator position and in December Noah Stuby was brought on board to continue the valuable work in health education.

We are grateful for the service of those who have left our employment and are confident in the skills of those who have joined our staff or taken on new responsibilities. We place a high value on our employees and appreciate the level of commitment they demonstrate to their community.

Mission Statement:

To improve individual and community health through comprehensive programs and activities which monitor, prevent, and track disease and injury, promote healthy lifestyles, and reduce environmental risks for people of all ages who visit, live or work in Findlay.

Our Staff:

Health Commissioner:

Dr. Stephen D. Mills

Deputy Health Commissioner:

Barbara Wilhelm, R.N.

Nursing Division

Taya Hyde, R.N., Director
(resigned March 2013)
Becky Bern, R.N., Director
Missy Jack, R.N.
(new hire Feb 2013)
Cassie Van Horn, R.N.
Dawn Laberde, Clerk

Health Educator

Jennifer Rathburn
(resigned Nov 2013)
Noah Stuby
(new hire Dec 2013)

Vital Statistics

Sheryl Yoder, Registrar
(retired May 2013)
Cheryl Klakamp, Registrar

Environmental Health Division

Craig Niese, R.S., Director
Kurtis Schroeder, R.S.
Don Pierson, R.S.
Tom Davis, Compliance Officer
Christine Carrigan, Clerk
(new hire June 2013)

Emergency Response/ Epidemiology

Chad Masters, R.S.

Plumbing Division

Eric D. Helms, Inspector
Roxane Shaath, Admin. Assistant



Findlay Achieves Gold

On October 24, 2013 Deputy Health Commissioner Barb Wilhelm and Health Educator Jennifer Rathburn traveled to the Ohio Society for Public Health Education Health Educator's Conference held at Salt Fork State Park in Cambridge to receive a Gold Level Healthy Communities award. Findlay was one of only 7 communities to meet the gold level standard.



Barb Wilhelm and Jennifer Rathburn receive award.



Healthy Ohio-Healthy Community awards are presented by the Ohio Department of Health in recognition of communities' outstanding achievements in developing and implementing health-related policies, and providing healthy community environments.

This award recognizes communities' efforts in enabling employees, residents and visitors to make healthy choices including participating in physical activity, eating good, nutritious foods and avoiding tobacco.

While attending the conference Jennifer Rathburn participated in a panel discussion of award winners as they shared information regarding the activities being held in their communities. In addition, Jennifer and Barb partnered with O.S.U. Extension educator Barb Brahm to present another session to conference attendees on Community Collaboration.



Precia Stuby
2013 Champion

Public Health Champion 2013

Once again the Findlay City Board of Health sought to recognize contributions to public health made by our community partners during 2013. In doing so the Board of Health hopes to encourage strong partnerships and a vibrant public health system within our community. This past year the Board chose to recognize Precia Stuby as 2013 Public Health Champion of the Year. Mrs. Stuby serves as the Executive Director of the Hancock County Alcohol Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board. Under her leadership the Opiate/Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force has implemented extensive strategies to curb the drug abuse problem in our community. She has served as an important member of the Be Healthy Now Hancock County Coalition and has lead the charge in implementing strategies aimed at substance abuse and youth violence that were identified in our community health improvement plan. She continues to work not only on a local level but has pushed for expansion of Medicaid coverage at the state level as well.

The Findlay City Health Department and its Board are proud to work with Precia and salute her tireless efforts in helping to make Findlay and Hancock County a great place to live.

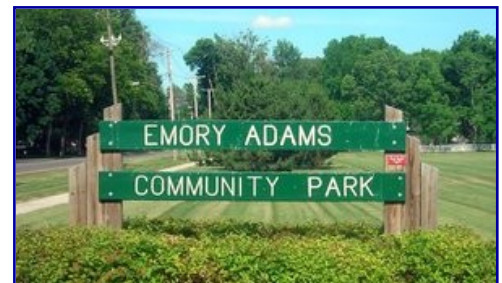
New signage outlining distance paths was placed in Emory Adams Park in August to encourage walkers. Health Commissioner Dr. Stephen Mills promoted this low cost low impact form of exercise by forming the *Get Your Tail On The Trail* walking program in summer and fall 2013.

Get Your Tail On The Trail

Each Tuesday afternoon from August 13 through November 12, Dr. Mills led a group of dedicated walkers down the Emory Adams paths.

Visit the City of Findlay website for a listing of City parks: www.findlayohio.com

At 1827 South Blanchard Street



Dr. Mills "Get Your Tail on the Trail Walking Program" in action at Emory Adams Park.

Thanks to the Findlay Striders & Dr. Robert McEvoy for donating the new signage !



2nd path sign by bridge unveiled at Park in August





Be Healthy Now Hancock County A well-developed community health improvement plan serves as a tool for guiding community action toward improving community health and can help us monitor and measure progress toward our goals. In 2013 the Health Department took advantage of a grant opportunity offered by the Ohio Public Health Partnership to examine and improve upon the strategic plan that had been developed after our last community health assessment. Britney Ward from the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio helped us take a closer look at the state of public health in Hancock County as well as identify forces of change unique to our community. The community coalition involved in this process was renamed the **Be Healthy Now Hancock County Coalition** and we refocused ourselves by developing a mission and vision for our group.

- √ Our mission is to nurture a culture of wellness in our community
- √ Our vision is to be the healthiest county in Ohio.

One of the top priorities for Hancock County is to lower the rate of childhood and adult obesity and this has become a primary focus of our health department.

Recess based activity Program: During 2013 we were able to expand our recess based activity program to all elementary schools in Findlay. This successful collaboration between the Findlay YMCA, Findlay City Schools and the Findlay City Health Department was the impetus behind reworking job descriptions for recess monitors for the Findlay City School System and for bringing in trainers from the evidence based Playworks program to help provide a more active play time during school recess. We are also working with the schools and the Hancock County O.S.U. Extension to bring a standardized nutrition curriculum to each 2nd grade.



Healthy Kids Day: In April 2013 we were part of a very successful Healthy Kids Day held at the University of Findlay's Koehler Center. Over 500 children participated in the event that included a fun run, games and physical activity and healthy snacks. The health department was able to provide health screenings and physician consultations to 118 children.



The positive response from this successful partnership between the University of Findlay College of Health Professionals, The Findlay YMCA, the Hancock County Medical Reserve Corps and the Findlay City Health Department has convinced us to repeat the event for 2014.



Mayor Mihalik presents award to Whittier Primary; the winning school in the activity challenge that preceded Healthy Kids Day.



Fun run begins Healthy Kids Day at UF Koehler Center April 2013.

New Health Educator welcomed

In December of 2013 the health department welcomed Noah Stuby as our new health educator and his enthusiasm and energy for fitness ensures that 2014 will see additional progress toward making Hancock County the healthiest county in Ohio! Noah received his undergraduate degree in education from the Ohio State University. In June 2013 he completed his MBA with a focus in health care administration from the University of Findlay.

We are glad to have Noah join our health department team !



Noah Stuby, Health Educator



Medical Reserve Corps - Volunteers in Action

The Hancock County Medical Reserve Corps is in its 5th year of serving the community and was one of the units selected to receive a Capacity Building Award of \$4,000 for 2013. This funding was used to further the preparedness of the medical volunteers and the community prior to disasters occurring and to also purchase supplies that would be utilized during a mass clinic or other emergency situation.



Healthy Kids Day Through the presence of the MRC, the Findlay City Health Department was also able to pursue, and ultimately received, one of the 100 available Competitive MRC Awards offered across the country for \$7,000. Jennifer Rathburn, health educator, partnered with the University of Findlay and YMCA to bring "Healthy Kids Day" to the community in April to expose children to activities that would improve their health. Additionally, MRC volunteers assisted at several diagnostic stations to measure a child's blood pressure, pulse, and BMI - all in an effort to identify those children at risk for diabetes or high cholesterol. Physicians then reviewed their results and educated the children and their parents on what can be done to reduce the likelihood of developing chronic medical issues in the future. It was a great success!

Our first: "Healthy Kids Day" April 12, 2013 held at University of Findlay

550 Kids registered includes
118 Health screening participants



Victoria Allison-Patrick and Marla Moses take blood pressures.



Karen Jones and Heather Powell assist participants in completing their BMI paperwork.



**&
MRC
Volunteers
in
Action**



Sara Denning checks the pulse of a child participant.



Paul Beidelschies conducts a height check to determine BMI for these children.

Judy Cloud Craft Show

The Hancock County MRC also provided first aid coverage at the spring Judy Cloud Craft Show at the fairgrounds. This event draws thousands of people from around Ohio and surrounding states and the potential for a medical emergency is ever-present.

Hancock County Fair

Medical volunteers were also at the Hancock County Fair for the health day in August, where a 1-mile walk was held and participants stopped at different points throughout the fairgrounds to receive health tips and information. The MRC had a hydration station at the halfway point in which the volunteers provided the walkers with a free bottle of water and a handout on the importance of exercise and staying hydrated.

MRC Recruiting

Chad Masters, MRC Coordinator, was contacted in November by Ohio Northern University pharmacy professor, Natalie DiPietro, and asked to speak to her students on the utilization of pharmacists and pharmacy students during emergencies. Chad spoke to approximately 180 students on December 6th about the MRC membership, and how the Findlay City Health Department has partnered with the University of Findlay's pharmacy program to provide vaccines during exercises and real-world events (H1N1 pandemic in 2009). Ms. DiPietro stated that it is her intention to include the component of emergency response in the curriculum for incoming students and again for those students ready to graduate from the program. This was a great opportunity to expose more health-minded students to the opportunities they have while in school, as well as, those available once they graduate.





Center for Domestic Preparedness:

Emergency Response Training in Anniston, Alabama

The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) provides federally-funded, interdisciplinary training for emergency responders in Mobile Training Teams (MTTs) across the United States and the U.S. Territories, for 10 response disciplines: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Hazardous Materials, Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety Communications, and Public Works.



Resident training at the CDP's campus in Anniston, Alabama, includes healthcare and Public Health training at the CDP's Noble Training Facility, the nation's only hospital facility dedicated to training hospital and healthcare professionals in disaster preparedness and response.



Chad Masters and other participants use various technology and field kits to identify the agent in this "restaurant" scenario at the COBRA facility.
(COBRA; Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and Radiological Training Facility)

A number of resident training courses culminate at the CDP's Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and Radiological Training Facility (COBRA), the nation's only facility featuring civilian training exercises in a true toxic environment, using chemical agents. The advanced hands-on training enables responders to effectively prevent, respond to, and recover from real-world incidents involving acts of terrorism and other hazardous materials.

Chad Masters, Epidemiologist and Emergency Response Coordinator, attended the courses Hazard Assessment Response Management (HARM) and the Crime Scene Management (CSM) for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive Incidents in March. This training allowed him to gain hands-on awareness of identifying potential hazards and to have a better understanding of the necessary procedures when collecting evidence for an investigation. Additionally, he had the opportunity to go through the process of dressing in different levels of biohazard protection and conducted field testing of the live biological agents anthrax, VX, and ricin. The training culminated with an Integrated Capstone Exercise (ICE), where all of the various discipline classes came together for a full-scale exercise. Chad was a member of the decontamination team who assisted with neutralizing the agent from the other team members, victims, and perpetrators of the incident. It was an excellent opportunity to learn from those who have been on the front lines of some of the country's most prolific emergency situations.



Team members dressed in protective suits go through the decontamination process with "mock suspects."



Chad Masters after going through the decontamination process and removing his protective suit.



Ohio Department of Health Billable Project:

The Nursing Division has had a busy and productive 2013. One of the biggest undertakings is participating in the Ohio Billable Project. The Ohio Billable Project was started in 2010



Department of Health

and continued throughout 2013. With the undertaking of our Immunization Clerk, Dawn Laberde, the Health Department has made great strides in contracting and credentialing with most local insurance providers and the new Medicaid providers. We currently have contracts in place with 19 private and Medicaid insurers. Our participation has resulted in a large increase in billable and collected revenue with over \$245,000 worth of insurance and Medicaid revenue collected in 2013. Our successful implementation of the Billable Project garnered an invitation from the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners to Immunization Clerk Dawn Laberde to be a part of a panel presentation of the Project at their yearly fall conference. The Ohio Billable Project is proposed to continue through July of 2014.

The FCHD will continue to supply immunization for the uninsured and underinsured. No one will be denied vaccines due to the inability to pay.



BCM: Another viable program at the FCHD is Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCM). BCM links families of children with special needs to a network of qualified providers. It also helps families obtain payment for the services their child needs. Our registered nurses help support medical homes for accessible, continuous coordinated care. In 2013, 264 families were served through BCM, a 30% increase from the 202 families served in 2012. This increase in BCM activity accounted for over a 200% rise in BCM revenue.

Community Education Efforts

Safe Kids Programs were continued this year at multiple public events. These events include Bikes Books and Badges, Bike Rodeo, 4th of July Danger Zone, multiple car seat events located at schools, daycares and at fire station #4. Bicycle helmets were distributed at events such as, Findlay City School's lunch programs, the Bikes Books and Badges Event, Healthy Kids Day, Hancock County Fair, Marathon Petroleum Health Fair and at the Senior Towers Health Fair.

We continue to screen for cardiovascular disease by offering cholesterol screenings and blood pressure checks. Healthy Kids Day and The Hancock County Fair are 2 such events where we were able to connect with a variety of Findlay and Hancock residents.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming

In order to recapture revenue we participate in a program called Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC). MAC provides local health departments with reimbursement for administrative activities that directly identify and enroll eligible clients into Medicaid. This program helps to reduce gaps in Medicaid services. The past year was our first full year of Medicaid Claiming resulting in \$34,380 in new funding for the health department. We have also participated in educational opportunities to help with understanding the new Ohio Benefits Online Eligibility System @ www.benefits.ohio.gov and www.healthcare.gov.



Communicable Disease

We saw a drastic rise in communicable disease investigations in 2013. Our overall disease investigations were up 92.39% from 2012, with a 2160% increase in active Hepatitis C cases. This increase has resulted in a relative increase in our Hepatitis C screenings and education done by our communicable disease nurse, Missy Jack. Due to this huge increase we are currently pursuing further plans to expand our education to the public. We continue to offer free Hepatitis C screenings at the Health Department. We also offer free HIV testing. As a community outreach we provided education to Caughman Clinic, Findlay High School, Donnell and Glenwood Middle Schools, Bio Life Plasma, The City Mission, Hancock County Fair, Findlay City Health Department and Hope House.

FREE at FCHD
HIV testing
Hepatitis C Screening
Tel # 419.424.7441

The influenza clinics were a success in 2013. The FCHD tried to make flu vaccination as convenient as possible with multiple off site clinics. Clinic locations included The Municipal Building, Fire Station #4 and multiple area businesses throughout Findlay. Multiple flu clinics were also scheduled at The Findlay City Health Department with many in the evening to increase accessibility. The FCHD was also able to bill private insurances for the vaccine which helped increase our revenue.

Help Me Grow

A new program being offered at the Findlay City Health Department is Help Me Grow Home Visiting. Help Me Grow Home Visiting provides information about health, parenting skills and how your child grows and develops to qualified families with a child between the ages of birth to 3 years. Qualifications include: being a first time parent with a child less than 6 month of age, a first time pregnant mother, or having a child under the age of 3 with one parent in active military duty. This program empowers the parents to be their child's first teacher through the evidenced based Parents As Teachers Curriculum and connects families with other helpful services. The FCHD has seen great success with this program. We have serviced 15 families and have seen an increase in revenue due to Help Me Grow Home Visiting.

Help Me Grow is a program of the Ohio Department of Health and has four central goals:

- Increase healthy pregnancies
- Improve parenting confidence & competence
- Increase family connectedness to community & social supports
- Improve child health, development and readiness



Safe Kids activity



Vital Statistics	2013	2008	2003
Births In Findlay:			
Male	743	576	526
Female	680	541	455
Total Births:	1,423	1,117	981
Deaths In Findlay:			
Male	310	275	208
Female	320	314	247
Total Deaths:	630	589	455
Certificates Issued:			
Birth	3,020	3,429	3,860
Death	2,769	2,648	2,133
Total Issued:	5,789	6,077	5,993

2013 Births:

1,423



Beginning in December of 2010, statewide electronic issuance of birth certificates has made it much more convenient for customers to obtain their records.

Issuance of Ohio non-Findlay birth certificates:

2013: 554 2012: 466 2011: 295

The number of individuals born in Findlay but obtaining birth certificates elsewhere is not known but the overall total number of certified birth certificates issued from this office has risen slightly from last year's count 2012: 5,713 and for 2013: 5,789.

Non-Resident Births Although one may think of the Findlay City Health Department as serving just city residents of the **1,423** births filed by our office in 2013; 947 were for births to non-Findlay residents.

2013 Findlay Causes of Death

Cancer	162
Cardiovascular Disease	159
Lung/Respiratory Disease	58
Alzheimers/Dementia	51
Pneumonia	28
Renal Disease	24
Cerebral Vascular Disease	37
Cirrhosis	10
Hypertension	4
Diabetes	9
Prematurity	1
Other	65
* Accidental	13
Suicide	3
Homicide	1
Pending	5
TOTAL	630

Increases in the number of births that occurred within the city limits of Findlay.

1,423 in 2013 1,248 in 2012 1,088 in 2011

Of the 2013 births 9 births took place outside of the hospital, at homes, in vehicles, etc., some intended as home births, some not !

With the retirement of Sheryl Yoder in May of 2013 the responsibilities of Registrar were passed to the capable hands of Cheryl Klakamp. Cheryl had the opportunity to learn the ropes under the tutelage of Sheryl over the last two years as she served as Deputy Registrar.

The positions of Registrar and Deputy Registrar are described under state law (ORC 3705.05) and require a high attention to detail. In addition to verifying the accuracy and filing birth, death and fetal death records with the State of Ohio the Registrar provides acknowledgement of paternity affidavits, issues certified and government copies of birth and death records, issues burial permits, handles documentation of home births, files corrections and changes and assists with genealogy searches.

Ohio has open record law Anyone can come into the health department and purchase a certified copy of anyone's birth or death record by just submitting a written request along with the appropriate payment. At this time: No identification is required. This causes concern for many Ohio citizens considering the ever-increasing number of identity thefts, frauds and human trafficking incidents. This is a reality in our state since Ohio is one of 4 remaining states that have such open records law. Because of this, Ohio lags behind with respect to "closing" birth records and requiring proper identification to obtain records.

Unintentional overdose in our Community

- 4 in 2013
 - 5 in 2012
 - 8 in 2011
 - 5 in 2010
- Deaths due to unintentional drug overdose remain a problem for our community, even at the lowest number of deaths in the past 4 years it is too high. We remain committed to fighting the problem of drug abuse and remain active in the Hancock County Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force. Our Environmental Health Division actively participates in the twice yearly medication collection programs held at the Municipal Building.

* **Accidental deaths** can be further broken down to include:

- * 7 due to falls
- * 4 due to drug overdose
- * 1 motor vehicle accident
- * 1 other

630 Deaths In Findlay in 2013

436 Deaths over 70 years of age 69.2%
 123 Deaths over 90 years of age 19.5%
 5 Deaths over 100 years of age 0.7%
 4 Deaths under 20 years of age 0.6%

Did tobacco use contribute to death	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Yes	100	75	71	93	103	90
No	370	354	259	352	314	301
Unknown	140	184	260	109	131	169
Probably	20	19	25	39	27	29

Physicians have been required to complete this information on death certificates since 2008 regarding did tobacco use contribute to death.



In 2013 there were: - 365 Plumbing permits filed in Findlay or on City water / sewer services for; 110 commercial, 97 residential & 158 water heater replacement permits.
 - 10 Hancock County commercial plumbing permits filed.

On Demand Plumbing Inspections We strive to do requested plumbing inspections “on demand” to keep the contractors on schedule and within their time frame.

Hancock County Commercial Plumbing Inspections: Our plumbing office inspects commercial plumbing work done in Hancock County in addition to plumbing done in the City of Findlay and/or on city water/ sewer. There were 10 County Commercial permits filed in 2013 for plumbing inspections.



Picture on left: A construction site of a new hotel in Findlay where plumbing inspections will ensure compliance to Ohio’s state codes.

Plumbing permits filed for the City of Findlay

In 2013:	365
In 2012:	354
In 2011:	356
In 2010:	313
In 2009:	263



Backflow Prevention: This program helps protect the environment and safeguards the potable water system for all the citizens of Findlay. Backflow refers to the unintentional reversal of flow in a potable water system that may result in contamination or pollution to the system. Annual tests are required on any backflow devices on Findlay City water as mandated by the EPA’s Clean Water Act. These devices offer protection against back-siphoning and back-pressure to the city water supply.

Annual Testing: Commercial water accounts and lawn sprinkler accounts all need annual backflow testing. Tests and information letters are mailed out to the water customers and given 30 days to have these tests completed once a year. To ensure that services are provided by qualified professionals, persons who test or repair backflow prevention assemblies or perform cross connection survey inspections are certified by the Division of Industrial Compliance. Certificates are issued only after an applicant has completed the required training course and successfully passed a written examination as well as a practical exam through the State of Ohio.

Cutting Costs for City of Findlay: Eric Helms, Plumbing Inspector is certified as a backflow instructor / tester. During 2013, Eric saved the City approximately \$2,300 by testing 71 devices, rebuilding 8 of these backflow devices for the City of Findlay at Fire Stations, Water Distribution, Water Treatment Plant, Water Pollution Control, City Parks, The Cube, Street Dept., Airport, Cemetery and the Municipal Building. Spending over 90+ hours through the year to provide this service to other City Departments.

Our Plumbing Office Inspects:

Commercial Plumbing work done in Hancock County.

Plumbing done in the City of Findlay and / or on city water or sewer services.

Hancock



Replacement Hot Water Heater Installation Inspections: The Plumbing Inspector visits local retail stores that sell water heaters, checking to see that they are providing homeowners with a water heater permit application upon purchasing a water heater in their store. This is done to help homeowners with questions about installation and to get an inspection upon completion to ensure compliance with State safety codes. These permit forms also list approved installation guidelines. Signs indicating the need for permits and inspections are posted at local stores selling water heaters. Permit forms are also available on our web site at: www.findlayohio.com

The Plumbing office of the City Health Department: is available for any questions, concerns at telephone: **419.424.7420** or email us at: plumbing@findlayohio.com. Updated copies of permits, our fee schedule, blank backflow test forms and registration forms & information are maintained on our City website found at: www.findlayohio.com, select health, forms.

Visit the Ohio Dept. of Commerce web-site to become a State licensed contractor at: www.com.ohio.gov or call the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board at: 614 . 644 . 3493



School Environmental Health

In 2013 Findlay celebrated the opening of two new middle schools, Donnell and Glenwood Middle school. Both schools were newly built using the latest in construction techniques and technology. According to the US EPA, school environments play an important role in the health and academic success of children. Children spend up to 90% of their time indoors and much of that time is spent in school. Unhealthy school environments can affect children's health, attendance, concentration, and performance. Environmental Health sanitarians conduct bi-annual inspections of all public and private schools located within the city limits of Findlay. Sanitarians work with administrators and maintenance staff to help identify safety hazards inside the school such as chemical storage practices and general classroom hazards and also inspect the outside facilities of schools to identify such things as playground safety issues. Environmental Health staff also conduct regular inspections of food service operations inside the schools and ensure that schools are overall a healthy and safe place for the children of Findlay.

In 2013, more than 280 public health nuisance complaints within the city limits of Findlay were investigated by the Environmental Health staff.

Public health nuisance investigations are one of the largest programs handled by Environmental Health staff. It is one of the many unfunded, yet mandated programs that sanitarians conduct on a daily basis. Complaints such as housing issues, sewage problems, solid waste nuisances, standing water issues, and insect and rodent problems are reported to the Environmental Health staff on a regular basis. Sanitarians investigate these complaints and ensure they are properly abated to protect the public health of Findlay residents.

Picture below; typical nuisance complaint



Community Outreach In 2013 the Environmental Health Division provided many educational opportunities for the residents of Findlay. At the City Mission presentations were made by environmental health staff on important public health issues such as the risks of tattoos and body piercing, dealing with bedbugs and lice, and proper food safety. Members of the environmental staff continued to participate with the Prescription Drug and Mercury Collections and these collections have provided the public with a safe way to properly dispose of expired medications and mercury. Environmental health staff also continued to perform several poison safety presentations for kids attending Safety Town at Jacobs Elementary to provide kids with a fun and interactive way of learning about poison safety.

Environmental Division Inspection Totals for 2013	
Food Service Operations	791
Retail Food Establishments	148
Vending	58
School inspections	32
Public Pool	80
Public Spa	34
Tattoo & Body Piercing	11
Temporary Camp	5
Jail	1
Total Inspections	1160

Environmental Division Investigations for 2013	
Nuisance	284
Animal Bites	94
Total Investigations	378



Retail Tobacco Enforcement

104 compliance checks of tobacco sales to minors were conducted in 2013 and vendors had a failure rate of 4.8%.

The City Health Commissioner; Dr. Stephen Mills held 5 hearings for the vendors that had tobacco sales to minors.

Smoking cessation
information may be found at:
Tobacco Quit Line
Web-site: smokefree.gov



HEALTH DEPT

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RECEIPTS

Environmental Health	\$	107,437.85
Retail Tobacco		5,800.00
Clinic		411,854.73
Plumbing		164,495.00
Vital Statistics		150,439.77
State Subsidies		7,696.53
Miscellaneous		578.46
Grant reimbursements		<u>136,080.19</u>
Total Receipts		984,382.53
Total General Fund		349,848.56
CITY HEALTH DEPT	\$	<u>1,334,231.09</u>

CITY OF FINDLAY

population: 41,202

**2013 Cost of Public Health
to the City's General
Revenue Fund**

\$ 349,848.56

12 full time employees &
4 part time staff

**Providing Public
Health Services**

2013 cost = **16 ¢**
per City resident per week

2013 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$	997,935.30
State Fees; Vital Statistics		77,618.54
Vaccines / EH chemicals		132,842.13
State Fees; Environ Health		11,903.00
Computer Services		17,379.03
Operating Costs		22,949.91
Miscellaneous, R&M, supplies		15,636.64
Insurance; car, liability		6,967.26
Vaccine supplies		2,992.00
Education Programs		1,870.17
Personal Development		4,137.11
Leases - Land & Bldg		<u>42,000.00</u>
EXPENSES	\$	<u>1,334,231.09</u>

GRANT ACTIVITIES

2013 Grant Receipts

ODH Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funds: (PHEP)	\$ 78,472.34
Medical Reserve Corps	11,000.00
Safe Kids	515.00
Health Accreditation Grant	7,850.00
ODH Child and Family Health Services Grant	<u>40,751.00</u>
* Total Grant Receipts:	\$ 138,588.34

2013 Grant Expenses

ODH PHEP	\$ 104,980.39
Medical Reserve Corps	7,539.32
Safe Kids	3,212.60
Health Accreditation Grant	7,850.00
ODH Child and Family Health Services Grant	<u>47,711.04</u>
* Total Grant Expense:	\$ 171,293.35

*Grant revenue and grant expense may not equal as fiscal grant years do not necessarily match calendar year.

ODH PHEP grant funds were used to offset employee wages and mileage when working on grant related activities, office and medical supplies, MARCS Radio service and pager service.

Medical Reserve Corps grant dollars were used to continue development of a volunteer medical corps. Monies were used for educational and office supplies, first aid supplies, training costs, recruitment and insurance for the MRC supply trailer. A second competitive MRC grant was used to fund advertising, medical supplies and promotional items for the Healthy Kids Day event.

Safe Kids, which is a continuing project with the Findlay City Health Department acting as lead agency, utilized dollars for specific educational activities to promote safety for children, including providing scholarships for swimming lessons at the YMCA, purchase of child safety seats, training for three new car seat technicians and a media campaign against texting and driving.

A new grant for 2013 was the **Health Accreditation Grant**. This money enabled the health department to hire a consultant to help us complete a Community Health Improvement Plan which meets the requirements set by the Public Health Accreditation Board

The ODH Child and Family Health Services Grant was received for the third year and this award allowed us to offset the cost of our health educator to expand the recess based activity program to all city elementary schools and to work on targeted childhood obesity prevention. We were able to bring a trainer to Findlay to educate recess monitors in the evidence based program *Playworks* as well as provide supplies for the program. Some money was also used to support a social needs assessment conducted in Hancock County. The data collected will help us better understand the social needs of our families which may be preventing them from obtaining optimum health.