



**Tuscarawas County
GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

1985 Annual Report

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Tuscarawas and Carroll County Alcohol and Addiction Center

The Alcohol and Addiction Center has shown a high degree of effectiveness over the past years. In 1985, our local outpatient program demonstrated a 61% approved discharge rate, compared to recent statewide outpatient norms of under 30%. The 1985 figure is up from 1984's 56%. Our local program has again improved its service while maintaining a significantly higher approved discharge rate than many other Ohio alcohol treatment programs. Admissions in 1985 were up 41% over 1984.

The Alcohol and Addiction Center views alcoholism and chemical dependency as major health problems. As with any disease, chemical dependency affects not only the individual, but the whole family. The Alcohol and Addiction Center's services include individual and group counseling, family counseling, information and referral, and Antabuse therapy. Since the agency is housed in a public health setting, medical as well as behavioral needs are met.

The mission of the Alcohol and Addiction Center is to safely detoxify the individual via outpatient supervision or by referral to inpatient detoxification/rehabilitation services. It must be remembered that chemical dependency is a primary disorder that must be treated first in order to apply other treatments for additional problems. The dependency must be placed in remission and then underlying psychological problems can be treated.

Chemical Dependency Education

Another service of the Alcohol and Addiction Center is the educational program. This includes distributing information and presenting programs for area organizations and schools. The Alcohol and Addiction Center also conducts a DWI Counterattack School and Remedial Driving Course.

Alcohol and Addiction Center Data 1985

	SESSIONS	CLIENTS
Individual & Family Counseling	1,018	258
Problem Drinker's Clinic, Womens's Group, Legal Group	681	110
D.W.I. School	258	78
2-Pt. Reduction School	66	45
Week-long Camp with Children	1	12

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

We believe the environment of Tuscarawas County is in pretty good condition for now. The question is, can we keep it that way? Can we cope with illegal dumping, ground water contamination, stream pollution, waste disposal and an ever increasing number of "people" problems. The answer lies with all of us.

Your Environmental Health Staff spends many hours designing sewage disposal systems, locating and testing water wells, investigating nuisance conditions and making sure that food operations, camps, schools, swimming pools and other public places are providing clean, safe environmental conditions for you and your family.

The Environmental Health Division of your Health Department is dedicated to maintaining a quality environment because the quality of the environment we leave will dictate the life style of our future generations.

It has long been known that environmental awareness is a matter of public education. It is also known that people have to be concerned or they will not be receptive to environmental maintenance education programs.

Typical examples of the lack of concern are reflected in our rabies and mosquito control problems, indiscriminate roadside dumping, and housing problems. Unfortunately, there are those who just don't care until a particular situation involves them; their child is bitten by a dog, they can't enjoy the outdoors because of the mosquitoes, someone dumps trash on their property or they get mad at their landlord because of his rental maintenance. Only when the problem becomes personal do they get concerned, it would be better if all of us adopted more of a preventative approach to environmental health matters.

Education, cooperation of officials and a respect for our environment and for other people will assure the legacy we want our children to have. As our population increases, so must we increase the activities of the Environmental Health Division. We solicit your concern, your help and your cooperation. Help us to help you make Tuscarawas County a better place to live.



PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTER

The Tuscarawas County Health Care Clinic provides primary health care services to all residents of our county regardless of whether the resident does or does not have an entrance with the private sector for medical care. These health care services include:

1985 Clinic Visits

2,678 Well-child examinations
 1,299 Pre-natal
 4,290 Family Planning
 1,353 Dental Clinic care
 2,817 All adult care, gynecological
 1,299 Speech Therapy
 225 Cardiac, P.O.D. & Orthopedic Clinics
 2,242 Immunizations
 452 Tuberculin skin testing
 600 Pregnancy tests
 3,499 WIC
 6,470 Blood Pressure Screening

Dental Services

The Tuscarawas County General Health District Dental Clinic provides its patients with affordable and necessary dental care. The Dental Clinic staff provides patients with both preventative and restorative dental services.

Family Planning Services

The Family Planning staff provides physical examinations, education and counseling to those men and women desiring the choice of when to begin a family and the spacing of their family. Family Planning education is also presented to schools and other groups that desire information.

W.I.C.

The Women, Infants and Children's Program; a special health program funded by the U.S.D.A. and administered by the Ohio Department of Health and Tuscarawas County General Health District, helps correct nutrition related health problems pertaining to mothers and their children by providing nutritional assessments, supplemental foods and nutritional information.

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

As of March 1986, W.I.C. provides care for 1,646 participants.

1985 WIC Participants

January - 1,797
 April - 1,227
 August - 1,343
 December - 1,730

Prenatal and Post-Partum Services

Prenatal care encourages expectant mothers to begin care for their newborn child as soon as possible and post-partum care focuses on helping new mothers care for their newborn. Consultative and educational sessions are presented on nutrition, medical assessment, child development, exercise and child safety.

HOME HEALTH SERVICE

Your Tuscarawas County Home Health Care program serviced the health needs of 526 patients and rendered 10,836 visits to homebound residents of Tuscarawas County in 1985.

The services provided include skilled nursing, speech therapy, home health aide, physical therapy and homemaker services.

To be eligible for Home Health Care Services, one must be under the care of a physician, and in need of intermittent skilled nursing care. Referrals may come from a physician, hospital, family member or patient himself. The frequency and duration of visits depends on each individual patient. The Home Health Nurse assists the attending physician and other professionals to add to the quality of life and health in Tuscarawas County.

This program . . .

1. Shortens the patient's hospital stay.
2. Allows patients to stay in their own home if they choose.
3. Relieves the financial responsibility of the patient and family if the patient can be at home instead of being institutionalized.

The Speech Therapist also serves the Home Health Section of the Health Department. Patients suffering from stroke-induced speech impairment are tested and therapy provided. Individuals suffering from brain damage incurred in auto accidents have also been treated.

Home Health Services Data

Number of Admissions:	1984	1985
Age 65 and over	273	315
Age under 65 (includes crippled children)	114	211
Total Home Care Admissions	387	526
Medicare Visits	2,851	4,018
Non-Medicare Visits	1,618	1,994
Total Home Care Visits	4,469	6,012
Crippled Children's Services & Newborn Visits	38	127
Special Homemaker program visits*	4,572	4,824
Grand Total All Visits	9,079	10,963

School Health Nursing

The County School Nursing Program is also provided by the Home Health and Outreach Services Division, providing services in seven (7) local school districts in 1985. A total of 275 school nursing visits were provided during the year. The nursing staff provides screening services such as hearing, vision and scoliosis (spinal curvature). Students needing treatment for hearing, vision or scoliosis related problems are referred to the proper health care professionals. The nursing staff also assists health education instructors with information on hygiene, sanitation, communicable diseases and reproduction.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm
(Extended clinic hours on certain days)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOCATION

897 E. Iron Ave., Dover, Ohio 44622
(between Union Hospital and Union Country Club)

FOR INFORMATION OR AN APPOINTMENT

Call 343-5555 or 254-9371 (toll free)

SATELLITE CLINIC LOCATIONS

Uhrichsville - 214 N. Main Street
Every Wednesday and fourth Thursday
Newcomerstown - Arrowhead Clinic, E. State Street
Fourth Wednesday of every month

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SERVICES SCHEDULE

All services are at the main health department
location unless otherwise indicated.

SERVICE	WHEN	ELIGIBILITY
Alcohol	Mon. - Fri. 8-4 Tues. & Fri. 9-5 Carrollton	ALL ALL
Cardiac Clinic	Quarterly	Birth - 21 yrs.
Hearing (POD) Clinic	Quarterly	Birth - 21 yrs.
Orthopedic Clinic	Every other month	Birth - 21 yrs.
Immunizations	Wed. 8-11, Fri. 12-3 Wed. 8-4, Uhrichsville	ALL ALL
OB/GYN	Mon., Tues., Thurs.	Women
Well-Child	Mon.-Fri. Wed. 8-4 - Uhrichsville 4th Wed. Newcomerstown	ALL ALL ALL
Family Planning Clinic	Mon.-Fri. 8-4	ALL
Family Planning Counseling	Mon. (by appt.)	ALL
Speech Therapy	Mon. - Fri. 8-4	ALL
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	Mon. - Fri. 8-4	ALL
Family Practitioner	Tues. - Fri. 8-10 Mon.& Wed. 12-4	ALL
Tuberculin Test	Wed. 8-11, Fri. 12-3	ALL
Pregnancy Tests	Mon.-Fri. 8-3	Suspected Preg.
Allergy Injections	Arranged	ALL
Env. Health Permits	Mon.-Fri. 8-4	ALL
Env. Health Complaints	Mon.-Fri. 8-4	ALL
Vital Statistics	Mon.-Fri. 8-4	ALL
Health Education	Mon.-Fri. 8-4	ALL
WIC	Mon.-Fri. 8-4 Wed. 8-4 Uhrichsville	Women & Children

"OUR CONCERN IS YOUR GOOD HEALTH"

Many people don't realize it, but if you live and breathe in Tuscarawas County you are a recipient of your Health District services.

Public Health consists of working through organized community effort to prevent disease, promote health and improve the quality of life for everyone. While a few aspects of public health deal with treatment of disease or infirmity, the main thrust of a community Health Department is toward disease prevention and health promotion through appropriate personal and environmental health services to people.

Good public health services are aimed at helping each individual achieve the level of health which allows him or her to reach his or her maximum potential. It is also clear that community health serves everyone - whether or not one ever personally visits the Health Department. Through preventative services which exert a restraining effect on the cost of health care generally, public health services help you save your money while you save your health.

This report is intended to inform you of your Health Department's many services and we hope that it will assist you in getting the most out of your Health Department. Feel free to call us about any of these services. After all, they are for everyone.



"Your Key to Better Health"

GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

VITAL STATISTICS

The Vital Statistics division of your Health Department maintains records of the births and deaths in Tuscarawas County since 1908. The attending physician or person in attendance at the time of 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 Fund. You may contact the Vital Statistics Registrar during regular Health Department hours. Your Health Department issued 5,279 birth and death certificates in 1985.

The following data has been compiled from the original certificates of death.

Leading Causes of Death	1984	1985
Heart & Circulatory	335	322
Respiratory	110	140
Cancer	94	79
Vascular, Central Nervous System	74	68
Accidents	17	18

HEALTH EDUCATION

The Tuscarawas County Health Department Health Educator promotes awareness of disease prevention methods, preventive medicine and wellness services within Tuscarawas County to individuals and groups of all ages. Public speaking engagements, media presentations and tours of the Health Department are available on a no-charge basis.

1985 Environmental Services Report

Total Water Installations Completed	132
Total Water Samples Secured	529
Sewage Systems Completed	117
Sewage Inspections Done	124
Sewage Consultations	304
Total Water Inspections Done	137
Total Water Consultations	83
Food Service Inspections	501
Food Service Consultations	134
Animal Bites Investigated	151
Animal Heads Sent to Lab	36
Positive Results	1
Food Service License Issued	375
Food Establishment Permits Issued	58
Water Permits Issued	148
Sewage Permits Issued	133