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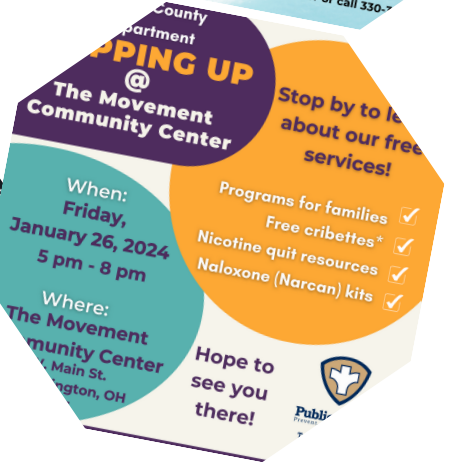
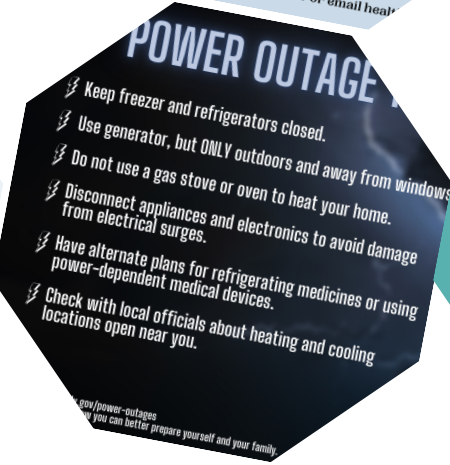
MONTHLY BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

for the month of January 2024



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Health Department**



MEET THE BUREAU OF PREVENTION SERVICES



DIRECTOR

NATASHA YONLEY, MPH, CPH, CHES

Natasha holds her Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Akron and became Certified in Public Health (CPH) in 2018. She attended the Ohio State University and graduated with a bachelor's in Biology in 2012. Natasha worked at Carroll County from 2015-2019, and joined the Tuscarawas County Health Department team in 2019. In December 2019, Natasha was a co-author on an article published in the Ohio Journal of Public Health. In October 2021, Natasha obtained her Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) credential. In 2023, Natasha completed the certification in health literacy specialist.



**PUBLIC HEALTH
EDUCATOR II**

ABIGALE ROGERS, MPH

Abigale joined the TCHD team in December 2020. In 2021, she became a Certified Passenger Safety Technician (CPST), and in 2022, she completed her Master of Public Health (MPH) at Kent State University as a member of the Delta Omega Honorary Society. She has 3 years of experience as a public health educator at the Tuscarawas County Health Department. Abigale is currently the child injury prevention coordinator. She has previously worked on various grants including safe sleep, traffic safety and child passenger safety, emergency preparedness, overdose prevention, tobacco prevention.



**PUBLIC HEALTH
EDUCATOR I**

ABBIGAIL (ABBIE) SHANKLAND, CPST

Abbie Shankland joined the TCHD health education team in June 2022. Abbie has her Bachelor's in Public Health with a concentration in Health Education and Promotion from Kent State University. Abbie previously worked at Holmes Count as a health educator and public information officer. Abbie has over two years of experience as a public health educator. Abbie became a certified child passenger safety technician in 2021. Abbie is the coordinator for programs for families and is assisting with the Integrated Harm reduction program. Abbie is also the communication liaison for the health education team. This allows her to work with the PIO and Public affairs coordinator the most and she is able to work with each grant offered.



**PUBLIC HEALTH
EDUCATOR II**

KATELYN GORIUS, M.ED

Katelyn Gorius joined the TCHD health education team in July 2022. Katelyn has her Bachelor's in Health Services and her Master of Education in Health Education and Promotion both from Kent State University. Katelyn has previous experience as the tobacco coordinator while working for Licking County. Katelyn is currently the coordinator of the Older Adult Falls Prevention grant here at TCHD. She previously was the tobacco grant coordinator and assisted with the harm reduction program.

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EMMA CLARK

Emma Clark joined the TCHD health education team in August 2022. Emma has her Bachelor's in Exercise Science from Walsh University. Emma is currently working on her Master of Public Health (Epi Concentration) from Kent State University. Ms. Clark worked for Holmes County as the public health emergency preparedness coordinator. Emma is the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and will assume the accreditation coordinator role after re-accreditation. Emma is also able to assist with the older adult falls prevention grant.



PUBLIC HEALTH
EDUCATOR I

LAKYN CRAIG, MPH

Lakyn joined the TCHD health education team in October 2022. Lakyn has her Bachelor's in Health and Fitness from Muskingum University and her Master's in Public Health from The Ohio State University. Ms. Craig worked in Muskingum County as a Community Health Planner. Lakyn is the Project DAWN Coordinator for the Integrated Harm Reduction grant. Lakyn also works on the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation grant and is Bingocize certified for the Falls Prevention grant.



PUBLIC HEALTH
EDUCATOR II

SHANNON FOX, MPH

Shannon joined the TCHD health education team in November 2023. Shannon has her Bachelor's in Psychology from Trinity Western University and her Master's in Public Health with an emphasis in Health Promotion from Liberty University. Ms. Fox previously worked in Muskingum County as a health educator. Shannon is the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Coordinator.



PUBLIC HEALTH
EDUCATOR II

ERICA SCHRECKENGOST, BS

Erica joined the TCHD prevention team in January 2024. Erica has her Bachelor's in Public Health from Slippery Rock University and is pursuing her Master's of Public Health with a concentration of Health Promotion and Wellness through Slippery Rock University. Ms. Schreckengost worked with the ECOESC as a community based prevention specialist overseeing three grants. Ms. Schreckengost was chairperson over 2 coalitions and secretary with the third coalition. Erica is the new Epidemiologist 1 for TCHD.

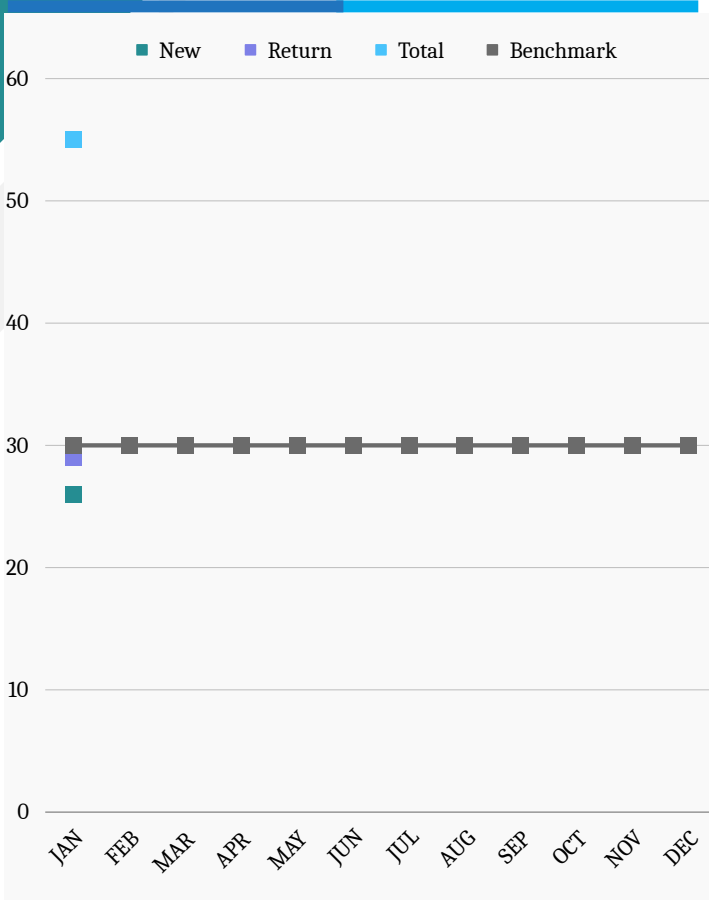


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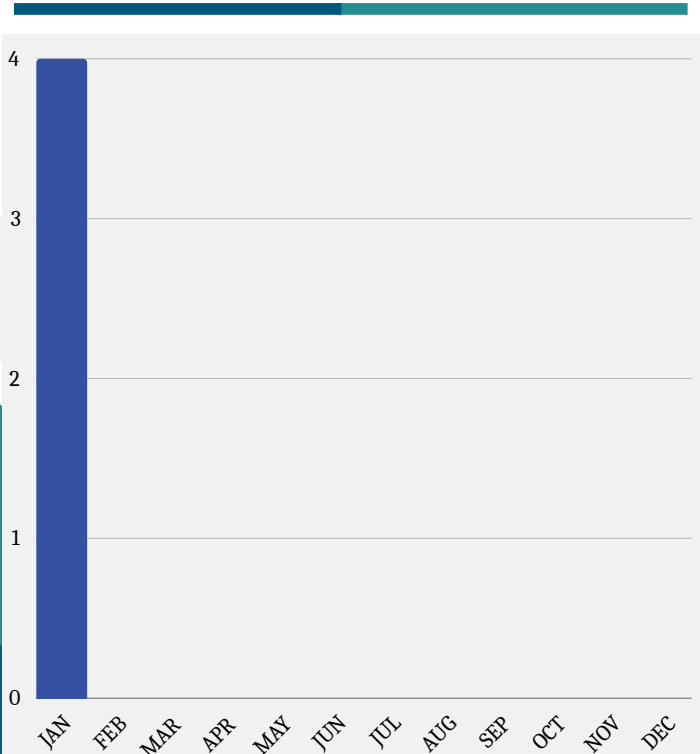
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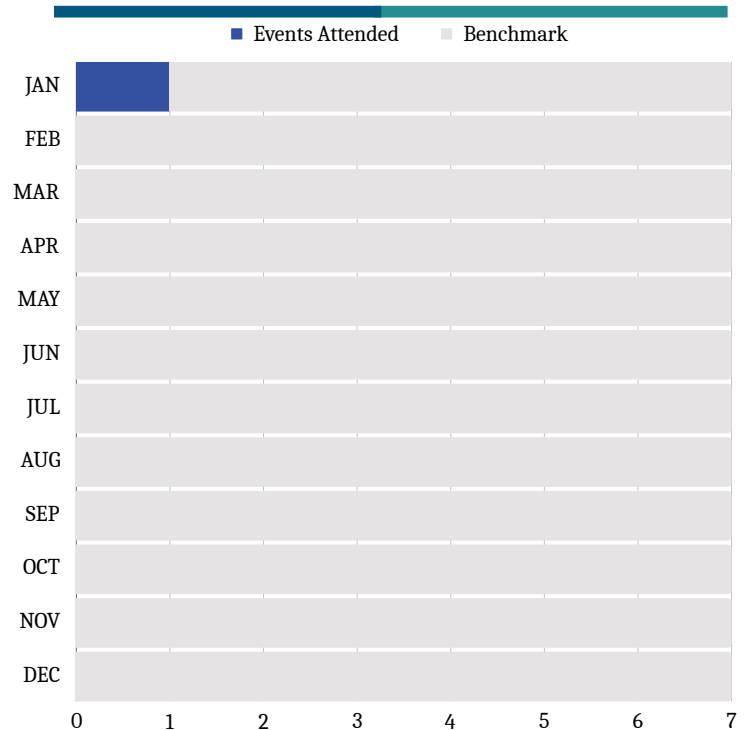
CARSEAT CORRECT USE RATE



COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS BY PREVENTION SERVICES



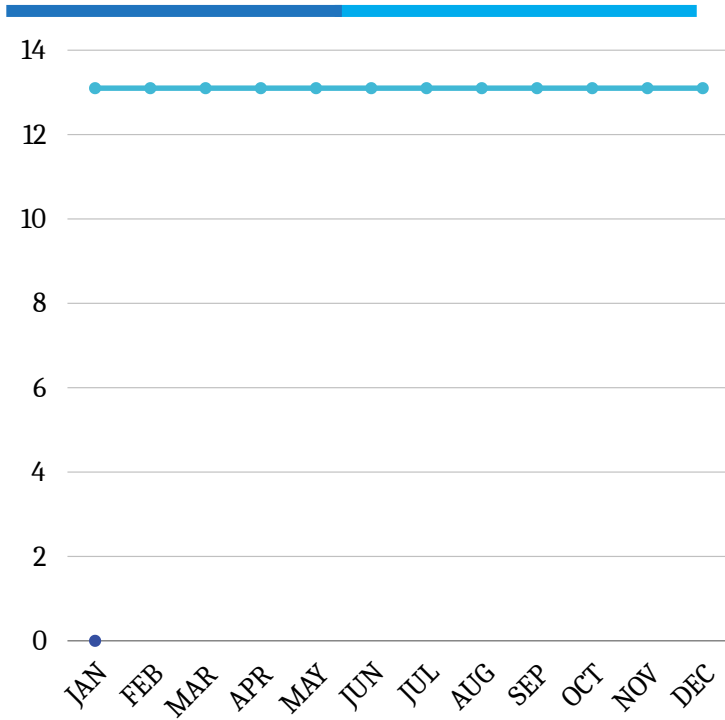
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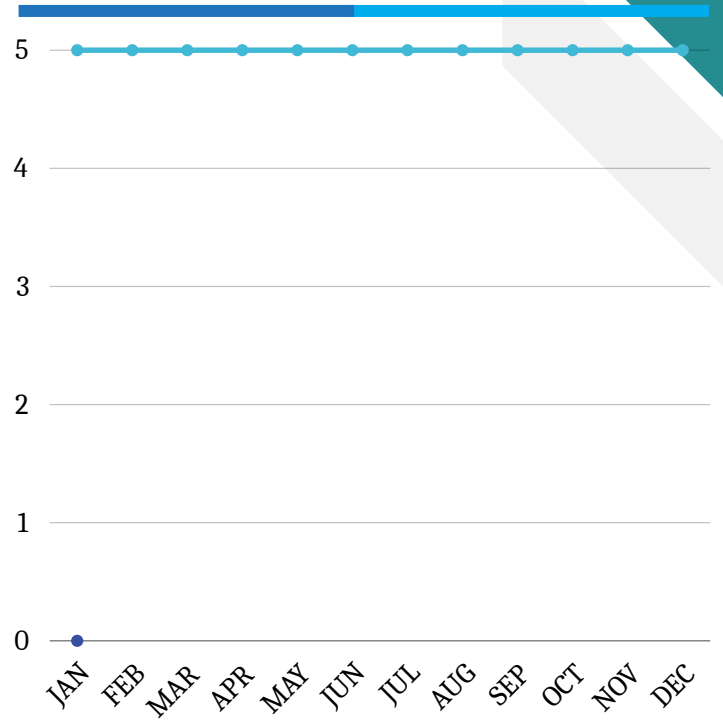
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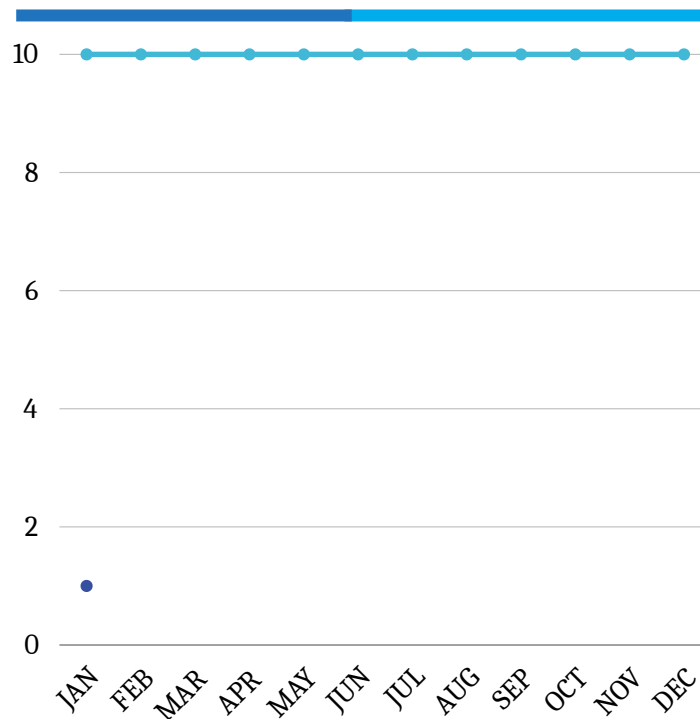
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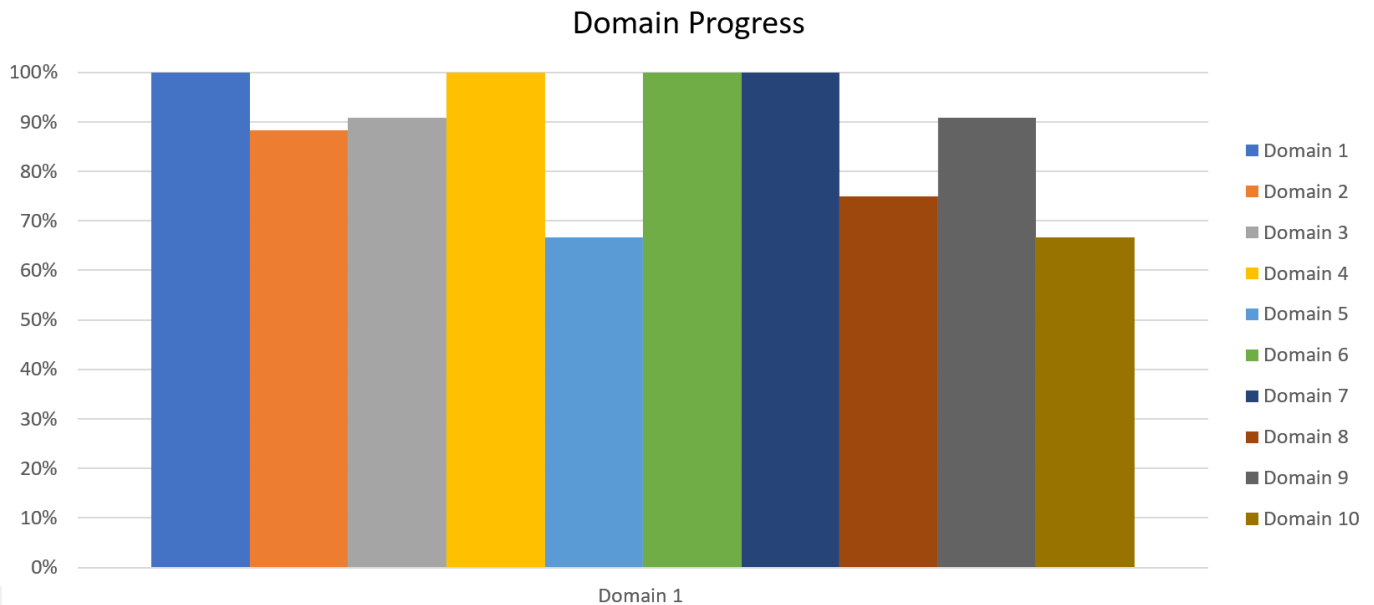


GRANT APPLICATIONS



Accreditation

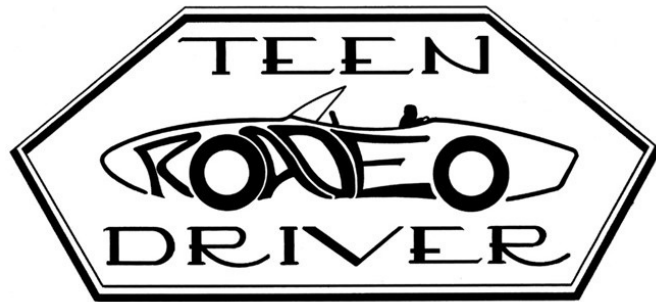
- Emma and Natasha have been continuing to work on completing cover sheets and doing final reviews of measures completed.
- Natasha has started the initial application process for TCHDs reaccreditation.
- On 1/31, Emma attended a PH-LIFT Engagement Session hosted by PHAB.
- As of January 31st, only 17% of documents remain as “Not Started”.
- Below is a screenshot of all of the domains and the progress towards 100% completion.



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WE ARE PHABULOUS!

Child Injury Prevention

- Abigale completed a two-day Facilitators training on January 17-18th to assist Tuscarawas County Jobs & Family Services in delivering the LifeSkills parenting program to court ordered families.
- Abigale continued working with co-chair and ODH consultants to prepare documents for upcoming CIAG Occupant Protection Subcommittee meeting in February.
- Abigale began a TA project with JFS to assist in updating their presentation slides for their current parenting curriculum.
- Abigale hosted the first Tuscarawas County Injury Prevention Coalition in conjunction with the Older Adult Falls grant on January 26th at the Sheriff's Office.
- Abigale continued to contact county schools and coordinate reservations for the 27th annual Teen ROADeo event scheduled in April. As of 01/31/2024, eight (8) schools have confirmed their anticipated attendance consisting of:
 - Dover,
 - New Philadelphia,
 - Tuscarawas Central Catholic,
 - Buckeye Career Center,
 - Newcomerstown,
 - Garaway,
 - Indian Valley,
 - and Tusky Valley.
- Abigale continues to correspond with Strasburg Elementary School regarding Safe Routes to School education planning for Summer 2024.
- Abigale is pending correspondence from Claymont regarding Student Handbook Planning for implementation of GDL Module (PSEC #1), and regarding their invitations to the ROADeo.



Emergency Preparedness

- Emma attended a PHEP 101 Training Series webinar that was held on January 8th, discussing Public Health engagement in local Healthcare Coalitions.
- On 1/9, Abigale R. completed the bi-annual MARCs Radio Check with ODH.
- On 1/10, Emma attended an Integrated Preparedness Plan refresher webinar hosted by ODH. The IPP is one of our PHEP deliverables to be completed each year of the grant cycle.
- Emma attended the Local Health District Radiological Emergency Preparedness Working Group Quarterly meeting hosted by ODH on January 18th.
- Emma virtually attended the monthly NECO PHEP meeting on January 25th.
- Natasha and Emma attended the Tuscarawas County LEPC Meeting held at the Tuscarawas County EMA on Friday, January 26.
- Emma created social media posts to be shared online throughout the month of January that were to focus on power outages and flooding.

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POWER OUTAGE TIPS

- ⚡ Keep freezer and refrigerators closed.
- ⚡ Use generator, but **ONLY** outdoors and away from windows.
- ⚡ Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- ⚡ Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- ⚡ Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.
- ⚡ Check with local officials about heating and cooling locations open near you.

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Visit <https://www.ready.gov/power-outages> for more information on how you can better prepare yourself and your family.

Tips on heating your home this winter season:

- * Heat your home safely. If you plan to use a wood stove, fireplace, or space heater, be careful. Read the manufacturer's instruction manual.
- * Light your home safely.
- * Use battery-powered flashlights or lanterns rather than candles, if possible. Candles can lead to house fires.
- * If you do use candles, never leave lit candles unattended.



Epidemiology

- Erica started working on the 2023 Communicable Disease Annual Summary.
- Erica created a community 2023 report that features communicable diseases, chronic diseases, top causes of death (male vs. female), mental health, and substance use.
- Below is an example of one of the graphs used on the community report.
- Erica is working with Lakyn to create a community partner report for Project DAWN to start comparing year to year progress.
- Erica is starting to compile the data received from 911 calls for Falls Prevention Grant.
- Natasha submitted a scholarship application to NACCHO to cover the fees and study materials for five (5) staff members to become certified in Infection Prevention (A-IPC). This was counted as a grant for performance measures.

Trending causes of death in 2023, between **male** and **female** residents of Tuscarawas County

*+ = Covid-19 Included; * = Covid-19 Excluded*



Events

January 26:

The Movement
Community Center in
Port Washington.



General Health Education

- Lakyn presented on TCHD services at the Indian Valley Professional Development Day. Natasha and Erica both attended the Professional Development as well,

Older Adult Falls Prevention

Grant Happenings

- Natasha and Abbie attended a meeting with Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital (CCUH) leadership to overview the grant and see what areas of the grant they would be interesting in collaborating with TCHD on.
- Katelyn completed the Bingocize facilitator training to become a program facilitator.
- Katelyn had a successful meeting with the Tuscarawas County YMCA about them being our host location for the Tai Chi for Arthritis program.
- Katelyn completed part 1 of the Adult Vision Screening training through Prevent Blindness Ohio.
- The Tuscarawas County Injury Prevention Coalition held their first coalition meeting on January 26th.
- Abbie attended the OOAFP Policy & Sustainability subcommittee meeting on January 31st.



Grant Activity Spotlight

- **Bingocize®** is a health promotion program that combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercises that can be done when seated or standing.
 - This program includes 20 thirty-minute classes that are held twice a week for 10 weeks.
 - Classes are FREE to attend and held at the Tuscarawas County Senior Center in Dover on Tuesdays and Thursday from 12:15-12:45PM.



Data Tracking for January 2024

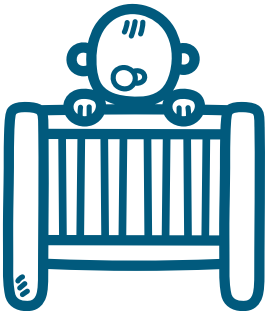
- 0 of home assessments started
- 0 of home assessments completed
- 0 of fall risk assessments completed
- 0 of STEADI toolkits distributed
- 0 of Bingocize sessions offered
- 0 of Matter of Balance sessions offered
- 0 of Tai Chi for Arthritis sessions offered

Programs for Families



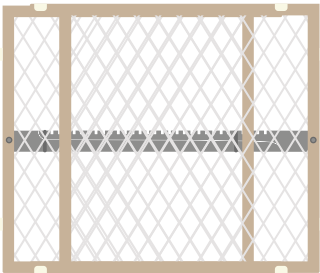
CARSEATS

- Abbie distributed 11 convertibles and 3 high back boosters in January.
- TCHD received a transfer of 6 convertibles from another county in the region.
- TCHD received a shipment of 16 convertibles in January.
- Abbie had the OBB annual site visit on January 12th.
- Abbie presented a car seat class to Harcatus at the New Philadelphia Library on January 29th.
- Abbie completed 2 car seat checks in January.
 - 1 was not installed when it arrived.



CRIBS FOR KIDS

- Abbie and Abigale distributed 9 cribettes in January.
- TCHD received a shipment of 10 cribettes.
- Abbie completed 4 - 30 day follow-ups and attempted 9.
- Abbie and Natasha attended the Cribs for Kids annual site visit on January 25th.



SAFE BEGINNINGS

- Abbie served one family in January totaling \$242.70 in safety items. Items included a crib, mattress, sheets, baby monitor, and a sleep sack.
- There are currently 6 families on the waitlist for the next order.



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- TCHD served 33 families in January, 9 were new families and 24 returning families.
- TCHD distributed 2,174 items in January.

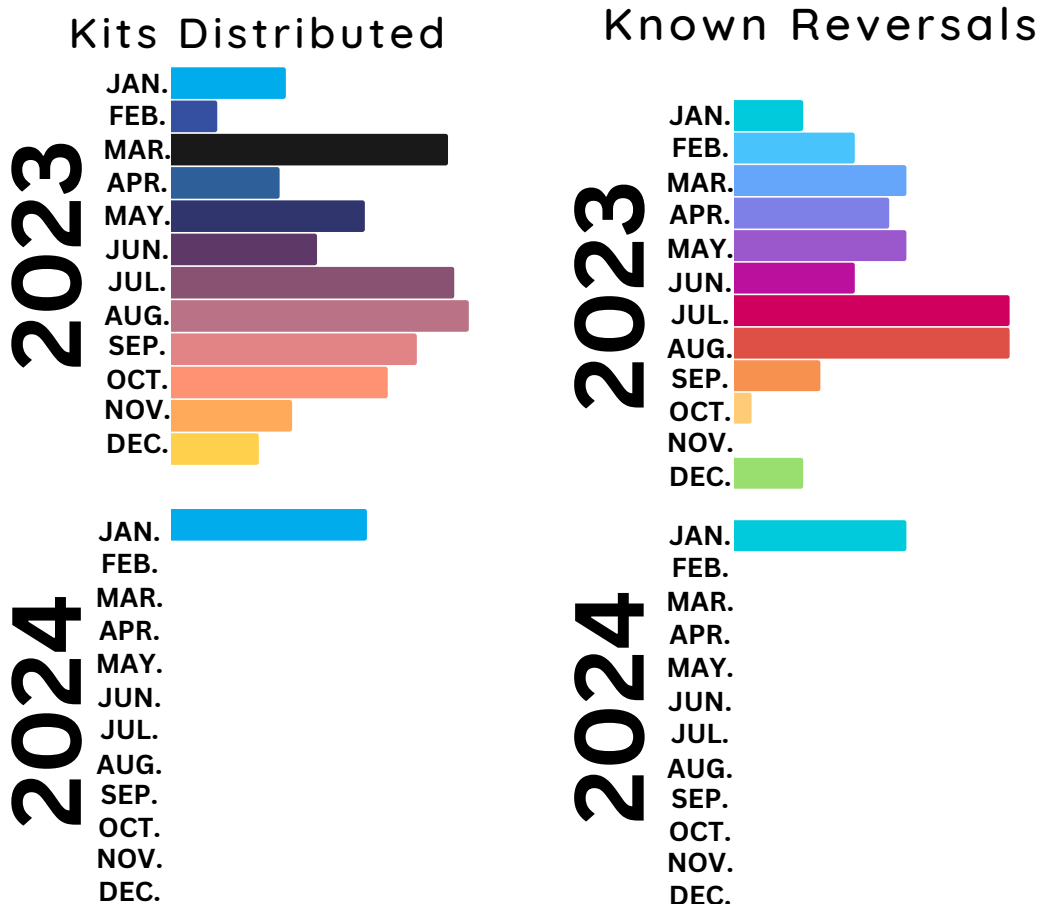
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- Served **55** total families in the month of January.
 - 26 families were new to TCHD programs.
 - 29 families were repeat to TCHD programs.

Project Dawn

- During January 2024, TCHD distributed 84 community naloxone kits and 10 first responder naloxone kits, for a total of 94 kits distributed.
- TCHD trained 82 individuals and had 10 known reversals.
- Lakyn facilitated a Project DAWN Training at the Bluffs on January 8th.
- Lakyn added 1 Service Entity Protocol with a local school district.
- Lakyn distributed naloxone to interested community members at the Port Washington Family Night event.
- Lakyn presented on Project DAWN at the Indian Valley Professional Development Day.

Data Tracking



Tobacco

- On January 24th the Ohio Senate chose to override the Governor's Veto on a tobacco preemption law. This measure has drastically impacted the home rule in Ohio, as no local laws cannot be more strict than state laws when it comes to tobacco.
 - Potential Impacts:
 - Cannot have local tobacco retail licenses.
 - Cannot have local tobacco-free policies with public entities.
 - This legislation may affect our compliance checks and ability to have the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office enforce retailers' sales to underage purchasers.
 - Two tobacco-related health behavior CHIP strategies will need to be removed and replaced.
 - One strategy in the Strategic Plan with Empower Tusc will need to be removed and replaced.
 - However, the tobacco-free workplace law is still in place as it is a state level policy.
- Lakyn Craig presented tobacco and substance prevention to teachers and staff at Indian Valley for their professional development day. Teachers who attended the session were excited to learn about resources for their students.
- Shannon Fox brought tobacco quit materials and infection prevention kits to T4C to help share resources with the community. As they largely serve a low-income population without reliable transportation, T4C will be a wonderful hub to share our services out with the community.
- Fox also began Ask-Advise-Refer (AAR) trainings with nursing students who rotate through the department. Student nurses will continue to learn about tobacco products, dangers of use, the AAR strategy for addressing quitting, and quit resources.
- Craig attended the Port Washington Winter Resource Fair. She shared quit resources with the community and gathered pledges from children to be tobacco-free, and pledges from adults who wanted to support efforts to keep tobacco away from children.
- Craig and Fox visited two schools to follow up on the youth anti-vaping video projects. Due to weather delays and other extenuating circumstances, students were given a two-week extension to submit their projects for judging. Projects will now be submitted by Friday, February 9th.

Ohio Tobacco Program

Quit Line: 1-800-QUIT-NOW

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Traffic Safety

- In January, there were a total of 153 accidents.
- In January, the most crashes occur during the 6-6:59pm hour and the most crashes occur on Fridays.
- As of January 31st, there have been zero (0) fatal crashes in Tuscarawas County in 2024.
- The image below illustrates all crashes in January 2024 in Tuscarawas County.

