



**HSP Administration**

Under Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) leadership, the Franklin County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) committee is comprised of representatives from ADAMH, law enforcement agencies, first responders, public health, the coroner’s office, recovery agencies, hospitals, the justice system, and other county agencies. The mission of the OFR is “to decrease the incidence of preventable overdose deaths, and to conduct a thorough review of overdose deaths in Franklin County in order to better understand how and why our residents die by overdose and to take action to prevent other such deaths.” (Ohio HB 110 Section 307.634)

On Friday, March 31, 2023, FCPH submitted its first Franklin County 2022 OFR Annual Report to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). The report summarizes cases reviewed by the OFR Committee from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. OFR data and findings; unintentional overdose trend data; aggregate case information, identified trends, recommendations and next steps are outlined. The full report is available [here](#).

**Epidemiology**

**Data Assessment, Planning, & Evaluation Activity:**

- o Number of Data Requests Completed.....10
- o Number of Surveys Created & Evaluated.....01
- o Number of Projects Served as Data Liaisons.....03

- An abstract submitted by Alex Woroncow was accepted for a breakout session presentation at the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CST) 2023 Annual Conference, within the session Topics on Drug Overdose and Health Equity. This presentation will focus on the work done to build and operationalize the Franklin County Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Evaluation System (CARES) and the ways in which CARES emphasizes equity concerns and positions FCPH as a leader for Public Health 3.0.
- In collaboration with Columbus Public Health epidemiologists, Sierra MacEachron completed a Kitagawa analysis to continue Phase II of the Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR) analysis for investigating infant mortality (IM) in Franklin County (FC). The analysis indicated that a higher proportion of very low birth weight babies was a larger contributor to disparities in IM in FC than higher birthweight-specific-mortality.
- Sierra MacEachron completed a spatial analysis of tobacco retailers and schools in Franklin County. Some key conclusions include:
  - o 15% of schools are located within 1,000 feet of a tobacco retailer.
  - o 86% of schools are located within 2.0 miles of a tobacco retailer.
  - o On average, schools with higher proportions of Black students, Hispanic/Latino students, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English learner students had more tobacco retailers in proximity.
- Sierra MacEachron completed a data request from the City of Gahanna City Council President summarizing tobacco use and tobacco's impact in the city of Gahanna, Franklin County, and Ohio.

**FCPH GIS Utilization (follow-up from March BOH Meeting)**

- The HSP Epidemiology Team manages the agency’s utilization of ArcGIS through a working partnership with the FC Auditor’s Office. The FC Auditor’s office renews a software contract agreement with ESRI every 3 years at no cost to FCPH. ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Pro licensing and associated free trainings are available to FCPH staff at no cost. The FC Auditor’s Office and ESRI are currently developing a data governance plan that will be applicable to FCPH users. Examples of ArcGIS use among FCPH programs include:
  - o Mapping septic system locations to inform water quality
  - o Mapping FCPH service area geographies and associated health outcomes to inform target area locations for programmatic intervention

- Mapping COVID-19 cases by zip code of residence
- Comparing vaccine uptake trends and social vulnerability by census tract to inform vaccine outreach efforts
- Mapping incomplete childhood immunization rates to investigate trends
- Mapping tobacco retailer locations to investigate equity concerns

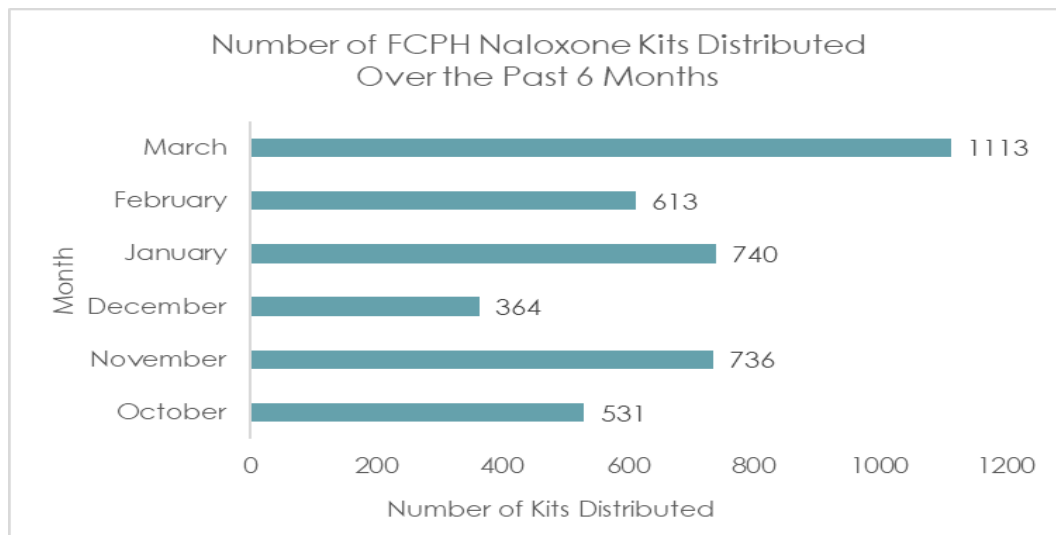
**Behavioral Health & Addiction Services (BHAS)**

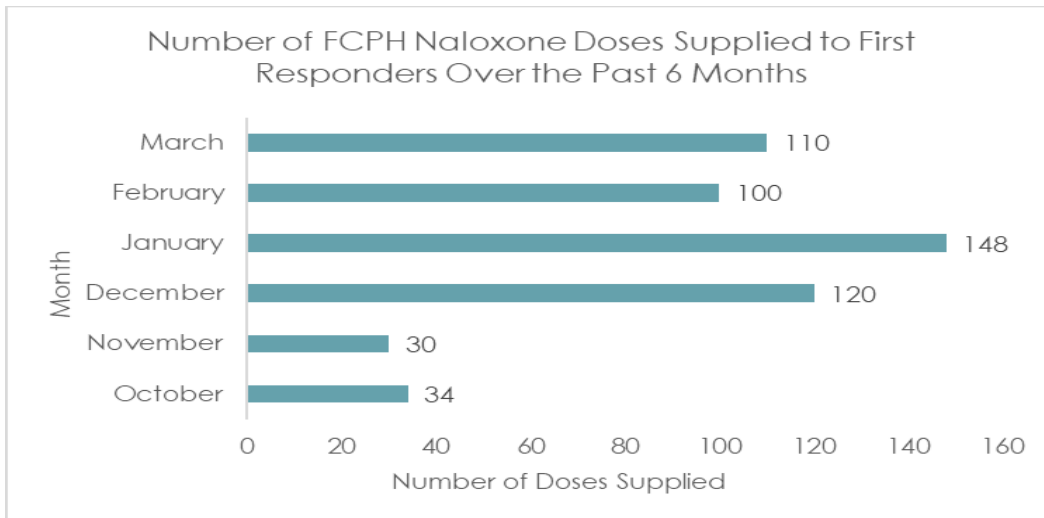
**Community Naloxone Distribution Activities:**

In March, Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) naloxone distribution efforts continued to run at full capacity through the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Subrecipient Agreement funding.

- The FCPH Naloxone Program was awarded the ODH Integrated Harm Reduction (IH) grant for 2023 and 2024 to sustain and expand FCPH Naloxone Program operations and harm reduction efforts. IH23 is a \$30,000 award and will be in effect from 4/1/23 to 9/29/23. The IH24 award will be \$157,000 and will be in effect from 9/30/23, to 9/29/24. FCPH will not need to re-apply for IH24.
- FCPH's Naloxone Program mailed 177 naloxone kits and distributed the remaining kits through community outreach strategies and partner organizations. Jordan's Crossing distributed 119 kits; the Office of Justice Policy and Programs distributed 146 kits; and FCPH distributed 671 to agencies and through community naloxone trainings and outreach events. The Naloxone Program distributed a higher number of naloxone kits in the community this month than average due to additional distribution efforts surrounding St. Patrick's Day, including distributing naloxone to bars/restaurants ahead of events, offering walk-in naloxone, and outreach events.
- FCPH's Naloxone Program also provided 938 Naloxone kits to community distribution partners, which will be distributed by these partners in the future.
- FCPH provided First Responders with 110 doses of naloxone through the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) First Responder naloxone funding and through the Project Deaths Avoided with Naloxone (DAWN) funding. Naloxone for first responders is only used during an opioid overdose event and is not distributed to the community for opioid overdose prevention and education efforts.

<b>Naloxone Program Activities During March 2023</b>	
Number of Naloxone Kits Distributed	1113
Number of Naloxone Kits Supplied to Partners	938
Number of Individuals Trained in Naloxone Administration	451
Number of Doses Supplied to First Responders	110





**CDC Linkage to Care Activities:**

During the month of March, the Linkage to Care team have been rigorously creating the various components of the Peer Support Program.

- Beginning the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Peers will be providing direct Peer Navigation services at Safer Station weekly. Peers will be onsite on Tuesdays from 10:00am – 7:00pm and Fridays from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The Peers will assess the needs of the clients and coordinate any social or clinical support services.
- Peers will begin onsite services at Equitas Health’s Safe Point and Hilliard Recovery Court in April.

**Tobacco & Smoking Cessation Activity:**

Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Activities – March 2023	
New Tobacco Partners Engaged	5
Tobacco Trainings Provided	4
Scheduled Trainings	6

- The Tobacco Retail License Team is working to finalize program materials, training materials, and procedures ahead of the launch of the Tobacco Retail License Program (“TRL Program”). The TRL Program will first be launched in the City of Hilliard, with other jurisdictions to follow.
  - Recruitment is taking place for young adults to act as Underage Purchasers as part of the TRL Program Compliance Checks. Six young adults have been recruited so far, with the Underage Purchaser Training to be scheduled in April.
- The Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Coordinator will be co-hosting the Art Advocacy Senior Showcase at Reynoldsburg High School- Summit Campus on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
  - 21 senior students will display the art pieces they created to advocate for tobacco policy change.
  - 3 students will introduce the documentary created about this project on the Auditorium stage before the event.
  - A co-branded press release from FCPH and Reynoldsburg City Schools will go out to the community on April 4<sup>th</sup> with the goal of media representation of this event.
  - Cessation materials will be provided on-site by the Tobacco Cessation and Harm Reduction Liaison and Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Interns.

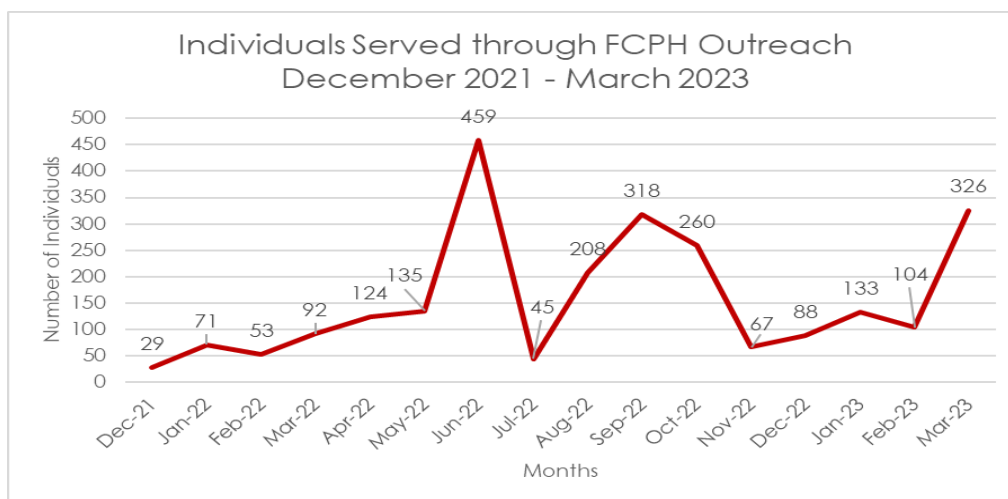
**Harm Reduction Program Activities:**

- On March 15, 2023, Harm Reduction Specialists tabled at the On-Site Pantry during their program hours from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Mid-Ohio Food Collective’s On-Site Pantry is located at 3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, OH 43123. Harm Reduction Specialists went car-to-car offering naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and Recover for Life palm cards to pantry clients. Overall, 300 naloxone kits and 12 bags of fentanyl test strips were distributed to community members at this event.
- During the month of March, the Harm Reduction Specialists and Linkage to Care team conducted a total of 10 outreach events where 326 individuals were served. Through these outreach events, the Harm

Reduction Team distributed 89 fentanyl test strip kits (used to test an individual's drug supply for fentanyl before use in order to prevent overdose), 421 Narcan medication-only kits, 69 Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team (RREACT) wristbands (these are bracelets that have the RREACT phone number printed on them so that individuals seeking recovery can call and be taken to treatment by first responders), 85 Recover For Life Go Kits (includes socks, a mask, a flashlight, a water bottle, recovery information, and a hand sanitizer), 75 Harm Reduction Kits (includes a pair of socks, condoms, feminine hygiene products, etc.), and 16 bus passes. The team was also able to refer a total of 11 individuals to the Care Coordination Program during outreach in March (see table below).

<b>Harm Reduction Program Activities During March 2023</b>	
Number of Harm Reduction Outreach Events Conducted	10
Number of Recover for Life Go Kits	85
Number of Fentanyl Test Strip Kits (3 test strips per kit) Distributed	89
Number of Narcan Kits Distributed	421
Number of RREACT Wristbands Distributed	69
Number of Bus Passes Distributed	16
Number of Linkages to the Care Coordination Program	11
Number of Harm Reduction Kits	75

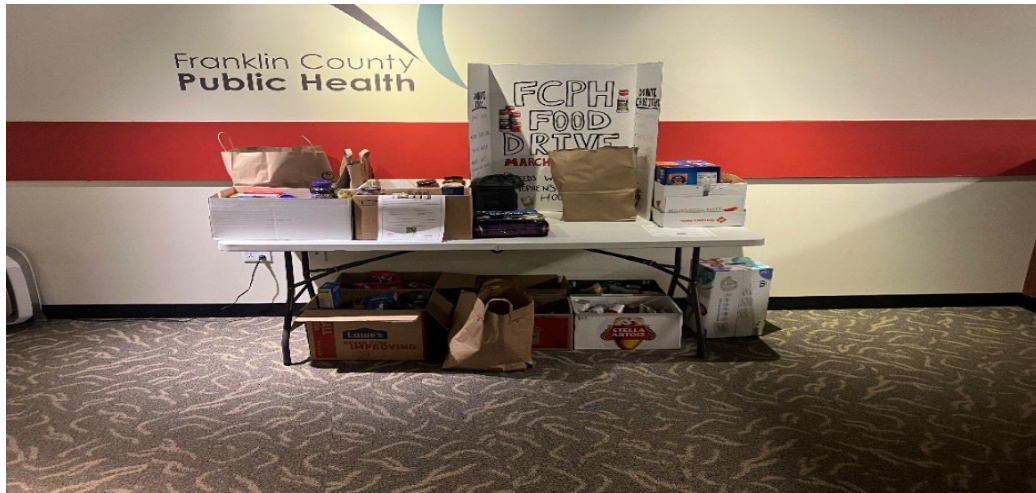
The graph below shows the number of individuals served per month through FCPH's Harm Reduction outreach events to date. The increase in the number of individuals served in March 2023 is due to the Harm Reduction Specialists conducting a pop-up outreach event at Mid-Ohio Food Collective for the week of Saint Patrick's Day.



**Care Coordination (CC)**

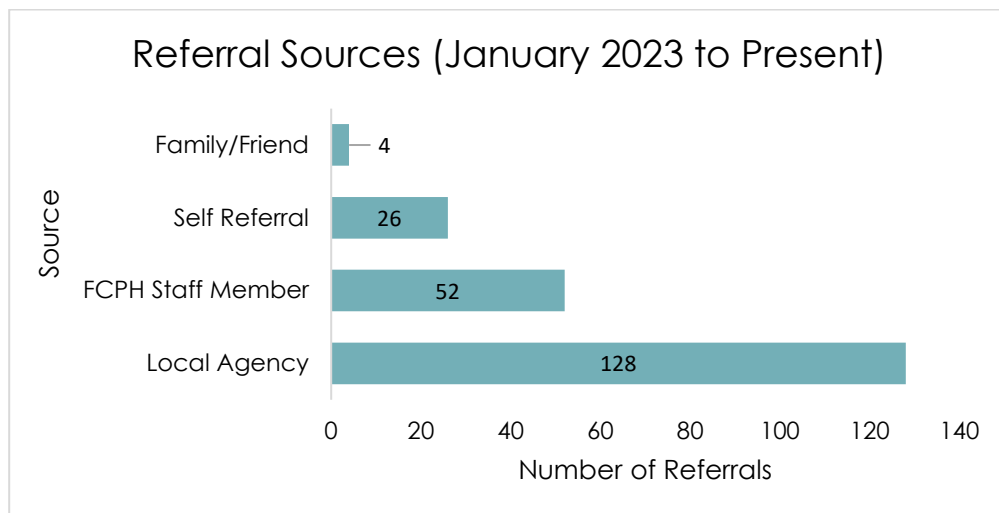
o Active Clients Enrolled.....254

- On March 1, 2023, Covid-era Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefits (SNAP) ended for all recipient households. This caused monthly allotment amounts to be significantly reduced and community food pantries started to see increased need. To aid community-based organization efforts, CC team members Kathy Weatherby, CHW, Cassandra Baker, CHW Program Coordinator, and Patricia Nicholas, CC Administrative Assistant, organized a food drive for St. Stephen's Community House. FCPH staff came together from across all Divisions and Sections to make the food drive a success.



- Since 2019, the work of the FCPH CHWs and CC program has generated \$378,867.84 in total revenue from Ohio Medicaid Managed Care Plan and Health Impact Ohio reimbursement. The total revenue has grown each year as the CC team nearly doubled its total revenue from 2021 to 2022. (Please see table below)

Year	Revenue
2019	\$5,301.00
2020	\$81,906.68
2021	\$91,319.84
2022	\$179,810.52
2023	\$20,529.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$378,867.84</b>



## Community Engagement & Health Promotion (CEHP)

- Number of CEHP events.....2

### Active Living Activity:

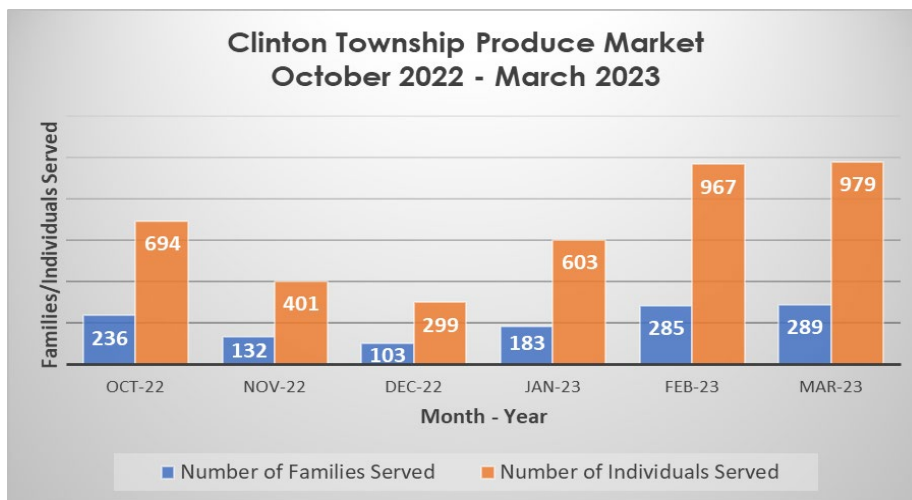
- In March, the CEHP team worked with external partners to forward planning for the development of a Hilliard Gratitude Mile.

### Healthy Food Access Activity:

- In March, the CEHP team developed a new partnership with the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM) which has begun providing weekly donations to FCPH's free food shed located at the Clinton Township Fire Department (3820 Cleveland Ave). WARM's generous donations have already made a positive impact on those that utilize this resource. The Healthy Food Access Coordinator is actively seeking additional donors to the food shed to ensure that the shed is regularly stocked, as this resource is used often by the community.

### Clinton Township Produce Markets:

- Clinton Township served a total of 289 families (consisting of 979 individuals) at the two markets in March with 51 new families utilizing the market for the first time.
- March 2023 marked the third month in a row of increased families and individuals served.
- Additionally, March 2023 saw a 32% increase in families served when compared to March 2022, mirroring trends in increased food insecurity across the county.



### Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) Activity:

- Minority Health Month Events: planning for the Clinton Township CHAT's Minority Health Month Events. The *Clinton Township Cares* events are sponsored by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and will take place on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 4pm at the Clinton Township Fire Station (3820 Cleveland Avenue).

### ODH HEAL Capacity Building Activity:

- Food Service Guidelines (FSG) updates: In March, the Healthy Food Access Coordinator and the CEHP team worked with internal stakeholders and engaged county commissioners to advance food service guidelines and increase healthy food options within the vending machines at Memorial Hall. The CEHP Supervisor, the Director of Health Systems and Planning, and Health Commissioner Mazzola attended a meeting with stakeholders from Franklin County Public Facilities Management to discuss the HEAL FSG activities and future commitments.
- Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) Change updates: In March, the Healthy Food Access Coordinator and the Active Living Coordinator met with the Franklin Township Administrator and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to complete a PSE assessment of the food system and

active living environments in the township. During the assessment meeting, additional stakeholders were identified to support the assessment, which will be completed in April with their guidance.

- **Active Transportation Planning (ATP) updates:** In March, the CEHP team submitted its first deliverable for the ATP activities under the ODH HEAL grant. Additionally, MORPC, in partnership with the CEHP team, advanced the ATP activities by scheduling and planning for our first Steering Committee meeting with representatives from Franklin Township and other local stakeholders. This meeting was rescheduled from late-March and will now take place mid-April and will allow for stakeholders to convene and discuss the ATP landscape in the township and plan for an upcoming walk audit as part of the HEAL grant community engagement activities.
- **Complete Streets Policy updates:** In March, the CEHP team worked with the City of Reynoldsburg and MORPC to begin the process of developing a Complete Streets Policy. The CEHP team drafted a stakeholder list and finalized and shared the Board approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Reynoldsburg. Additionally, with the support of TooleDesign and MORPC, the Active Living Coordinator began planning for an upcoming Steering Committee meeting and policy drafting session with Reynoldsburg stakeholders in the month of April.

#### **NACCHO Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map Strategist Activity:**

- The CEHP Supervisor worked with the Alzheimer's Association to connect with local stakeholders to continue the stakeholder interviews that have been ongoing the past several months as part of the landscaping activities of the HBI project. In March, the CEHP supervisor conducted interviews with representatives from the African American Alzheimer's and Wellness Association and the Franklin County Office on Aging.
- Additionally, in March the CEHP Supervisor developed and conducted a training with all staff in the Health Systems and Planning division to introduce FCPH staff to the HBI Road Map and discuss and identify next steps for implementing road map activities related to Alzheimer's Disease and dementia risk reduction and education into FCPH's future work.

#### **Emergency Preparedness (EP)**

- FCPH participated in the yearly Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) fair held on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Franklin Park Adventure Center. The SCI Network Resource Fair is for people with disabilities, of any age and any disability, to learn about resources and services they may be eligible for, learn about new adaptive medical equipment & technologies, explore adaptive sports & equipment, and learn about current advocacy efforts for people with disabilities ([disabilityempowerment.net](http://disabilityempowerment.net)). Staff from the Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Health and Immunization Nurses were present to give away swag, public health related flyers and materials, COVID-19 and flu vaccines and Stop the Bleed flyers to attendees. FCPH presence at this fair strengthens the agencies strive to work with our Access and Functional Needs (AFN) partners.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Director of Health Systems and Planning

# April 2023

## Health Systems and Planning Calendar of Events

- Orange indicates a Community Engagement & Health Promotion Event
- Green indicates an Emergency Preparedness Event
- Blue indicates events where another team member is required.
- Red indicates a Harm Reduction Outreach Team event.
- Purple indicates a naloxone related event (i.e., training or outreach)
- Black indicates a business closure or holiday.
- Dark Red indicates Care Coordination Activity
- Pink indicates Linkage to Care Activity



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Naloxone Community Trainings the Center of Disability Empowerment (virtual) 10-11am COTA South Terminal 2pm-4pm	4 Stop the Bleed Training @ Capital University	5 St. Stephens Community House 12pm-3pm	6 PEER Center East 2pm-4pm Art Advocacy Project Senior Showcase 5pm	7 SAFER Station 1pm-3pm	8
9	10 Community Naloxone Training at Simple Church (Virtual)	11 PEER Center West 2pm-4pm	12 Jordan's Crossing Resource Center 9:30am -12:00pm	13 Franklin County Tobacco-Free Collaborative Meeting (virtual)	14	15
16	17 COTA South Terminal 2pm-4pm "Clearing the Air: Vaping and Youth" by Start Talking Grandview 6:30pm	18 Hillard Food Pantry 10am-1pm SAFER Station 1-3pm Tobacco Health Equity Working Group Meeting 10:30 am (virtual)	19 Safe Point 4pm-8pm Maryhaven Cessation Group 11am FCCS Brownbag Training 1:30pm	20	21	22
23	24	25 Naloxone Outreach/Distribution at the Dublin ACT Coalition 9:30-10:30 am)	26 Mid-Ohio Food Collective 9:00am - 3:30pm	27	28 Clinton Township Cares 12-4pm Somali Health and Wellness Fair 2-7pm	29

- Safe Point: 1267 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43222
- Jordan's Crossing Resource Center: 342 North Hague Avenue, Columbus, OH 43204
- P.E.E.R. Center West: 860 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43222
- P.E.E.R. Center East: 205 North Hamilton Road, Columbus, OH 43213
- COTA South Terminal: 25 East Rich Street, Columbus, OH 43215 (Corner of Rich and High downtown)
- St. Stephen's Community House: 1500 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219
- SAFER Station: 368 West Park Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223
- Arnold Classic: 400 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215
- HART Event: 177 North High Street, New Albany, OH 43054
- Central Outreach Wellness Center: 2680 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43204
- Art Advocacy Project City Schools: 8579 Summit Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
- Clearing the Air: 1685 W. 1st Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212
- Mary Haven Cessation Group: 100 Noe Bixby Road, Columbus, OH 43213
- FCCS Brown Bag Training: 855 W. Mound Street, Columbus, OH 43223
- Stop the Bleed Training @ Capital University - 2199 E Main St, Bexley, OH 43209