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Wayne County, NY

Promoting and protecting the health of our community

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Mission Statement

The mission of Wayne County Public Health is to provide disease prevention services, health promotion programs and health care services to those in need in order to maintain and enhance the longevity and quality of life of Wayne County residents.

Our Vision

To encourage and promote optimal health outcomes for our residents.

Our Values

Collaboration, Compassion, Integrity, Professionalism and Respect.

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Prevention Agenda Team

In 2010, local health departments and hospitals were encouraged by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to work on health priorities together to better the health of our residents. In 2011, the Wayne County Prevention Agenda Team (WCPAT) was created by several health and human service agencies that were willing to take on this task.

Today the WCPAT is comprised of the following members: Wayne County Public Health, Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, Wayne County Rural Health Network, S2AY Rural Health Network, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County, Finger Lakes Community Health Center, Wayne CAP, Wayne ARC, Head Start, Department of Social Services, representatives of the Board of Supervisors, Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes, Wayne County Mental Health, Wayne County Aging & Youth, and representatives from the schools. Any health and human service agency that provides services to Wayne County residents are welcome to join the WCPAT.

The members of WCPAT meet on a bi-monthly basis to work on the 2014 – 2017 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP outlines activities that are intended to decrease the prevalence of obesity and heart disease / hypertension in Wayne County residents. WCPAT members worked in subcommittees in areas according to their expertise. The sub-committees are: breastfeeding, worksite wellness, EBT / SNAP benefits usage at farmers markets, community gardens, living healthy and motivational interviewing and sodium reduction in hospital, senior meal sites and nursing home meals.

Great strides have been made in 2015 in all areas of the CHIP. A few of the activities include: thirteen (13) community gardens, the Wayne County Breastfeeding Task Force held a Breastfeeding Summit, a Baby Café was established at the Park Presbyterian Church in Newark, several people have been trained and received certification in lactation consultation, Newark Wayne Community Hospital has become Baby Friendly and only promotes breastfeeding, a referral prescription pad has been developed and distributed for the Living Health programs (Chronic Disease Self-Management and the National Diabetes Prevention Programs) to all physician practices in Wayne County, Paton's Grocery Store in Sodus has agreed to participate in a Healthy Retail initiative, joint use agreements continue to be utilized at most of the school districts to allow the community to use the school facilities to increase physical activity, and a No Smoking on Owned or Leased Wayne County Property Law was passed.

In the fall of 2015, all local health departments (LHD) were notified by the NYSDOH that the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the CHIP would need to be updated by the end of 2016. Prior to this, new documents were not due until the end of 2017. This update would not require the LHDs to perform a full MAPP process for the CHA or the CHIP, only update the existing documents. LHDs will now be on the same three (3) year cycle along with the hospitals for completing future CHA and CHIP.

Copies of the current CHA and CHIP are available on the Public Health page of the Wayne County website www.co.wayne.ny.us. WCPH would like to thank all members of

the WCPAT for their dedication and willingness to collaborate and share resources to achieve better health outcomes for the residents of Wayne County.

Accreditation

The three main components of Accreditation are: complete a periodic Community Health Assessment (CHA), complete a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and establish a 5 year Strategic Plan. Each of these components have been completed and do not expire until the end of 2017. Accreditation also requires completing twelve (12) domains which are comprised of several standards/measures and requires policy and procedures along with proof of documentation to be in place to justify the privilege of having this heightened status. The process of becoming accredited is lengthy and time consuming and has expensive initial application and annual fees and requires recertification every five (5) years.

On October 23, 2013, the Wayne County Health Services Advisory Board voted unanimously for WCPH to proceed with preparations for seeking Accreditation within the next couple of years. Currently, WCPH has decided to enter into a regional application with five (5) other S2AY Rural Health Network member counties. These counties are: Yates, Seneca, Ontario, Schuyler and Steuben. By filing a regional application the cost of Accreditation is split amongst all six applicants. Thus Wayne County's share is \$5,300. However, if one (1) county cannot demonstrate this high status, then all six (6) counties fail and do not become accredited.

When filing a regional application, proof of collaborative work throughout all six (6) counties must be documented in six (6) out of the twelve (12) domains. Through the extensive collaborative work that all member counties of the S2AY Rural Health Network conducts, the ability to select six (6) regionally performed domains was easily accomplished.

With the initial work performed on Accreditation, it was identified that a full-time position was needed. In September 2015, WCPH hired a full-time Quality Assurance Coordinator to oversee the Accreditation process, quality improvement projects and quality assurance chart reviews for WCPH. Since filling this position, the Accreditation work has been moving forward steadily and no longer is an overwhelming and daunting task.

All of the domains have been reviewed and approximately 65% of the required documentation has been identified. Where there is no documentation, projects are currently commencing to meet the measures that are outstanding.

It is our hope that the Accreditation preparation process will be complete and the application with supporting documentation will be submitted by no later than mid-2017.

STAR of Public Health

To recognize the efforts of WCPH employees, an Employee Recognition Program was developed. The goal of the program is to recognize an employee who is the "Star of Public Health" and exemplifies the following criteria:

- Consistently reflects the mission, vision and values of WCPH
 - *Mission: To provide disease prevention services, health promotion programs, and healthcare services to those in need in order to maintain and enhance the longevity and quality of life of our residents.*
 - *Vision: To encourage and promote optimal health outcomes for our residents*
 - *Values: Collaboration, Compassion, Integrity, Professionalism, and Respect*
- Goes "above and beyond"
- Advocates for those who cannot advocate for themselves
- Understands community or department issues and offers innovative solutions for the betterment of the team, the department, or the community
- Has a positive attitude
- Committed to applying skills and talents within their job duties

Each WCPH employee was asked to vote on who they thought best represented the above criteria. The 2015 STAR of Public Health was awarded to Carolyn Fontillas. Carolyn is the Receptionist for Public Health. She is the welcoming face or voice when residents seek out our services. Carolyn is the "hub" of WCPH and the agency truly would not run as smooth as it does without her.



Diane Devlin, Director, with Carolyn Fontillas, the 2015 STAR of Public Health recipient.

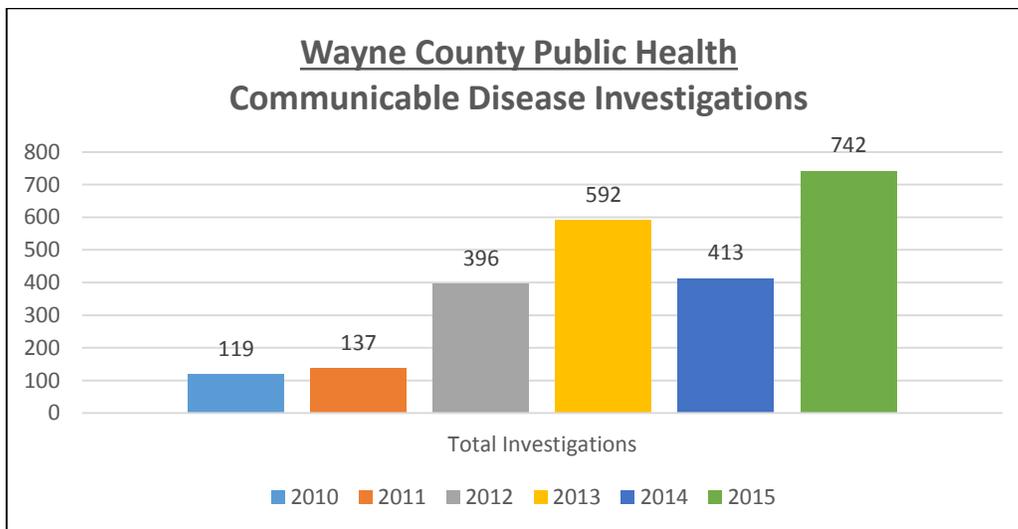
Disease Control

The Disease Control Program is responsible for the prevention, investigation, reporting, diagnosis, and treatment of reportable communicable diseases in Wayne County. Preventing epidemics and controlling communicable disease is one of the core functions of public health. Programs include Communicable Diseases, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), HIV Counseling and Testing, and Tuberculosis Control. Staff members monitor disease activity within the community and work closely to develop education, outreach, testing, and treatment strategies to minimize the impact of communicable disease in the community.

Communicable Disease

Surveillance, Reporting and Control

In NYS, all physicians, licensed clinical laboratories, and health care facilities are required to report persons who are suspected or diagnosed with reportable diseases to the Local Health Department. Communicable Disease staff responds to outbreaks and single cases of communicable disease in order to prevent spread in the community. The Communicable Disease Nurse is responsible for the investigation, follow-up, surveillance and reporting of almost 70 diseases. Staff works closely with Healthcare Providers, School Nurses, and the NYSDOH to control and prevent the spread of Communicable Diseases within the community. All confirmed reportable disease cases are reported electronically to the NYSDOH.



In 2015 there were 742 total communicable disease investigations. WCPH only tracks the number of positive influenza reports, no investigations are conducted. This program reports all communicable diseases to the NYSDOH and follows trends in morbidity.

Disease	2015
Amebiasis	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0
Campylobacter	11
Cryptosporidium	6
Dengue Fever	0
E. Coli	5
Ehrlichiosis	0
Giardia	5
H. Flu	2
Hepatitis A	0
Hepatitis B –newly reported/chronic	7
Hepatitis B Acute	0
Hepatitis C – newly reported/chronic	68
Influenza	569
Legionellosis	2
Listeria	0
Lyme	17
Meningococcal Infection	1
Pertussis	2
Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever	1
Salmonella	14
Shigella	0
Strep Group A	6
Strep Group B	15
Strep Pneumoniae	10
Toxic Shock	0
Yersiniosis	1
Total Investigations	742

Outbreak Investigations

An outbreak is a sudden increase in incidence of a communicable disease. In 2015, WCPH did not have any outbreaks of Communicable Disease.

Ebola Virus

WCPH continues to work with NYSDOH on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) protocols to ensure the health and safety of the general public. In 2014, during the peak of the EVD, the NYSDOH Commissioner of Health issued an Order for the Prevention and Control of the Ebola Virus requiring specified entities to conduct activities to protect the public from the threat of an EVD outbreak in New York State.

From October 2014 through December 2015, WCPH as a Diagnostic and Treatment Center was required to follow monthly Ebola drilling and registration protocols. As of December 18th, 2015, related to the declining numbers of EVD cases in Africa, the Commissioner of Health has updated the original order to now conduct Ebola drills every 12 months.

WCPH continues to be on the alert and monitor for NYSDOH/CDC Advisories and Alerts for heightened awareness of possible EVD cases.

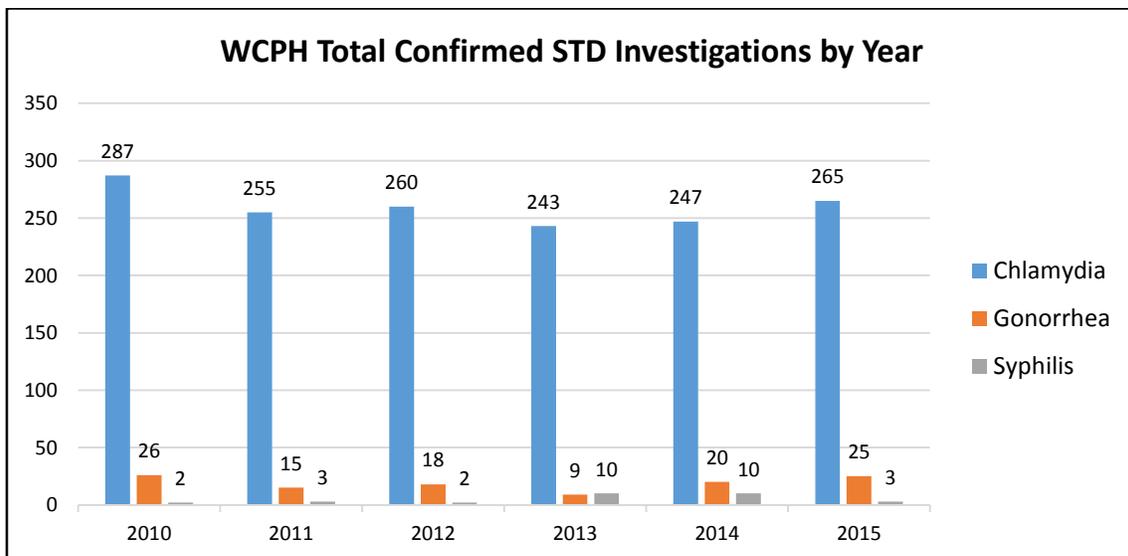
Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) & HIV

New York State relies on local health departments to control, investigate, test, treat, and report sexually transmitted diseases (STD). This includes but is not limited to Syphilis, Gonorrhea, and Chlamydia.

As of January 1, 2015, STD services have been contracted out to Finger Lakes Community Health (FLCH). Wayne County residents are now able to choose from six (6) different clinic locations in and around the county. A comprehensive list of diagnostic and treatment services are provided at these clinics that align with requirements in 10NYCRR 23.4. Treatment services may be billed to the patient's private or public health insurance payer, Wayne County is the payer of last resort. A Public Health Nurse sits on the FLCH Quality Improvement Committee.

WCPH is a member of the AIDS Task Force and participates in monthly meetings and also attends the Finger Lakes HIV/STD Coalition on a quarterly basis. This assists to provide updates on the status of the epidemic and State programs, and to identify new and emerging issues that would benefit from interagency collaborations.

NYS Public Health Law mandates all cases of STDs be reported to the local health department for investigation, assurance of appropriate treatment, and follow-up with possible contacts. WCPH will continue to maintain this surveillance. WCPH STD Program works to educate providers and the public about STDs in our population. Follow-up on contact notification, screening, and treatment is also part of the program's activities. Sexually Transmitted Infections that are reportable to the health department are Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Syphilis.



Immunization Programs

In the U.S., vaccines have greatly reduced or eliminated many infectious diseases that once routinely killed or harmed many infants, children, and adults. However, the viruses and bacteria that cause vaccine-preventable disease and death still exist and can be passed on to people who are not protected by vaccines (CDC). WCPH works with different program areas to accomplish higher vaccine rates in Wayne County.

Immunization Action Plan

WCPH partners with the NYSDOH to implement an Immunization Action Plan (IAP). The goals of this plan are to;

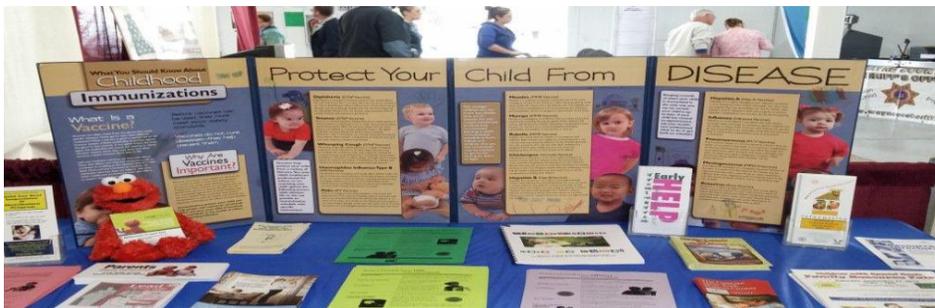
- Increase childhood immunization rates
- Increase adult immunization rates
- Increase HPV Vaccine 3 dose series completion
- Ensure that all vaccination records are completely and accurately entered in to the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).
- Increase immunization focused education to staff, public and health care providers
- Reduce Perinatal Hepatitis B transmission

In keeping with program goals, Wayne County's IAP accomplished the following activities in 2015;

- Continued to increase childhood immunization rates by using AFIX audits of providers and daycares
- Continued to eliminate identified barriers for children to receive immunizations
- Provided education opportunities to medical providers, childcare providers and school nurses by hosting webinars/teleconferences
- Discussion and distribution of HPV educational packets
- Identified areas of need in Wayne County and assisted providers to achieve optimal immunization of preschool and school age children
- Continued to support and assist with the NYSIIS application
- Continued collaboration with Healthcare Providers and schools regarding NYSIIS record keeping, and vaccine storage and handling
- Participation and collaboration in the Finger Lakes Area Immunization Coalition

Children's Immunization Clinic

WCPH provides monthly Children's Immunization Clinics for children less than 19 years of age. Vaccine is obtained through the NYS Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program and administered by the public health nursing staff.



In 2015, the clinic provided ~350 shots for 178 children under the NYS VFC program. Many of the shots administered contained more than one vaccine, some have up to three vaccines. The VFC program is a federally funded CDC program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. These publicly funded vaccines are a critical resource for filling gaps in the nation's immunization coverage. All fully privately insured children are vaccinated by their primary care physicians. WCPH will continue to serve eligible children and adolescents under this program and those who are uninsured, under-insured, enrolled in Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, American Indians or Alaskan Natives.

Adult Immunization Clinic

Vaccine-preventable adult diseases cause long-term illness, hospitalization, and even death. Vaccinations are recommended throughout life to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases. Adult vaccination coverage, however, remains low for most routinely recommended vaccines and below Healthy People 2020 targets. According to the CDC, in the United States:

- Each year, an average of 226,000 people are hospitalized due to influenza and between 3,000 and 49,000 people die of influenza and its complications, the majority are among adults.
- There were approximately 32,000 cases of invasive pneumococcal disease in 2012. Of those cases, there were about 3,300 deaths.
- 800,000 to 1.4 million people suffer from Chronic Hepatitis B, with complications such as liver cancer.
- In the U.S., HPV causes about 17,000 cancers in women and about 9,000 cancers in men each year. About 4,000 women die each year from cervical cancer.



Sue Sheets, RN administering Adult Immunizations

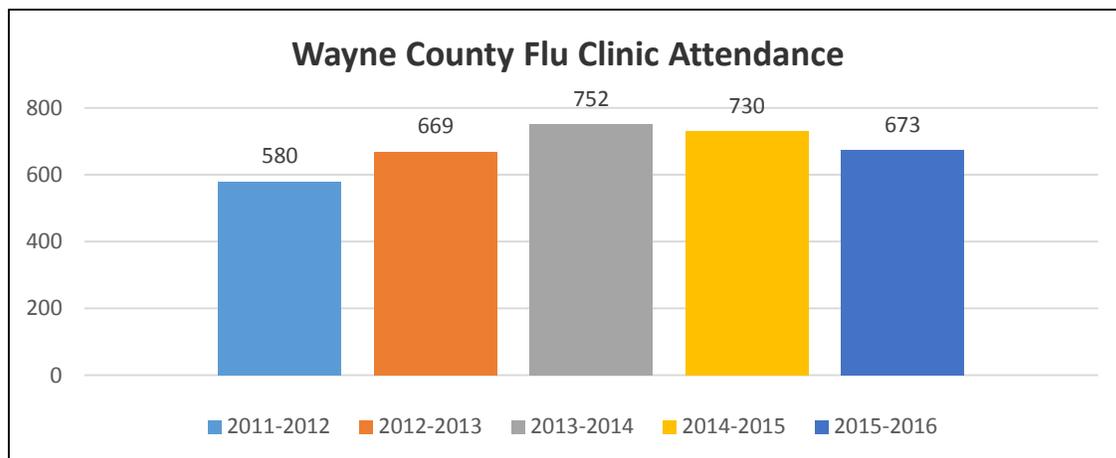
In consideration of low adult vaccine rates, in 2015 WCPH made additional changes to increase opportunities for adults to receive needed vaccines. The Adult Immunization Clinic was changed from a one time a month clinic to appointments Monday-Friday 8:30-3:30 to better accommodate adult schedules. In July 2015, the NYSDOH expanded their current adult immunization program into a Vaccine for Adults Program (VFA), which WCPH is a participant. The VFA Program provides a safety net for the vaccination of adults who do not have health insurance coverage for vaccines.

WCPH promotes outreach to the community on the benefits of adult vaccination and the availability of these vaccines at Public Health. The goal is to increase awareness of the benefits of adult immunization against these vaccine preventable diseases. There were 129 adults who attended the Adult Immunization Clinics/Appointments in 2015.

Seasonal Influenza & Pneumonia

WCPH makes every effort to prevent illness, reduce hospitalizations and premature deaths resulting from influenza and pneumococcal disease by making vaccinations accessible to all county residents. Vaccinations are key in reducing the severity of flu illnesses, doctor's visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths.

WCPH ordered 1040 flu vaccines for the 2015-16 influenza seasons. WCPH conducted 14 flu clinics at various locations in Wayne County. This included community centers, local churches, senior living centers, school employee sites, fire departments and here at WCPH. There were 569 confirmed cases of influenza in 2015, most of which occurred during the 2014/2015 flu season.



In early 2015, WCPH met with the Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) to discuss the possibility of WCPH discontinuing holding flu clinics in the county as flu vaccine is now provided by many local pharmacies beginning in August. WCPH flu clinic attendance has declined (see graph). It was decided by HSAB to continue flu vaccine for the year 2015-16 to provide a safety net for those that are uninsured and promote Public Health in the community. This topic will be revisited in 2016.

All Article 28 and 36 facilities under Section 2.59 10NYCRR are required to mandate all employees that work within patient areas to be vaccinated for influenza or wear a flu mask throughout the flu season. All WCPH employees were vaccinated for influenza in 2015.

WCPH receives a weekly statewide influenza surveillance report from the NYSDOH. This is shared with county Health Care Provider's and the school nurses.

Rabies/Zoonosis

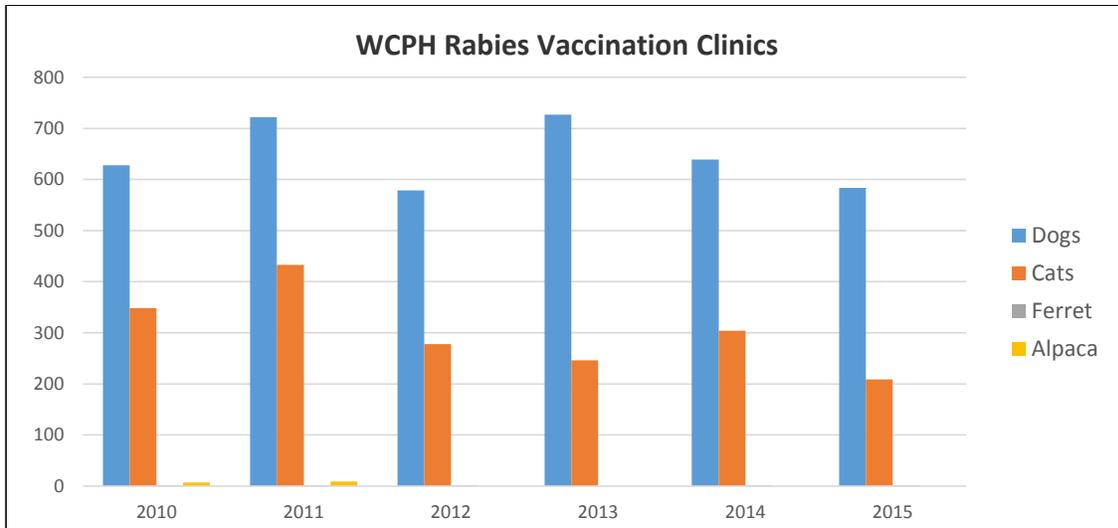
Rabies, and rabies exposures from animal bites for which rabies prophylaxis is given, are part of the NYSDOH Communicable Disease Reporting Requirements. WCPH is responsible for the services and expenses necessary for the suppression of human rabies which includes;

- availability at all times for prompt investigation of reports of possible exposures to rabies of people, pets, or domestic livestock occurring within the county, and to render authorization for human post exposure treatment. WCPH staff carry a 24/7 On Call Rabies phone.
- making arrangements for appropriate disposition of the animals involved, including confinement and observation, quarantines, vaccination boosters, or euthanasia and testing. WCPH works closely with town Animal Control Officers.
- collaborates with Lyons Veterinary services for specimen submissions.
- verifies terms of confinement, observation and quarantines.
- authorization of human post exposure treatment under the conditions hereinafter specified, except that third party coverage or indemnification shall first be applied against the cost of treatment.

In 2015, WCPH;

- Investigated 290 animal bite reports that were related to dogs, cats, bats, raccoons, fox, and skunks.
- Submitted 41 specimens to the NYS Wadsworth lab for rabies testing that included dogs, cats, cattle, horses, opossum, goats, skunks, bats, raccoons, deer and woodchucks.
- Authorized post-exposure rabies vaccinations for 37 individuals who were identified as potentially having been exposed to rabies.
- Identified 5 animals that tested positive; 1 fox, 3 raccoons and 1 bat.

WCPH in conjunction with the Lyons Veterinary Clinic and the towns of Wayne County conduct quarterly Rabies clinics.



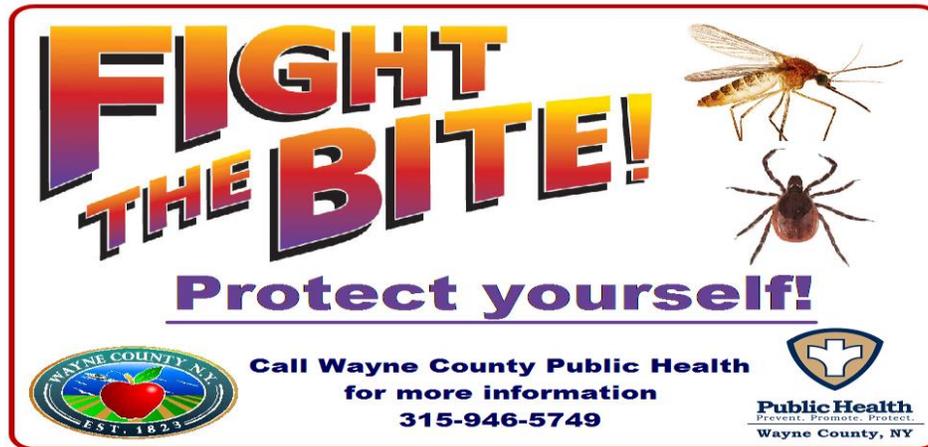
The clinics are free of charge for dogs, cats and domesticated ferrets, owned by persons with local residence, donations are accepted. All clinics are advertised in advance in local penny savers and on the WCPH website.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV) is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. EEE is a rare illness in humans, and only a few cases are reported in the United States each year. Most persons infected with EEEV have no apparent illness. Severe cases of EEE (involving encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain) begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills, and vomiting. The illness may then progress into disorientation, seizures, or coma. EEE is one of the most severe mosquito-transmitted diseases in the United States with approximately 33% mortality and significant brain damage in most survivors.

Throughout September of 2014, a total of four (4) horses died of EEE in Wayne County. Educating our residents about preventing mosquito bites, mosquito breeding, and the signs and symptoms of EEE in humans and horses became a high priority for WCPH. To prepare for the 2015 mosquito season, WCPH began a "Fight the Bite" educational campaign in early spring that lasted to the fall. Staff passed out over 2000 "Fight the Bite" brochures and 1500 Mosquito/Tick flyers in Wayne County. Educational outreach included:

- 11 libraries,
- 10 garden centers,
- 26 HealthCare Providers,
- Spanish brochures for migrant populations to Finger Lakes Community Health in Newark and Sodus,
- Amish/Mennonite populations received 200 woven bags with "Fight the Bite" education,
- Press releases and paid ads in local papers,
- Health Fairs,
- Billboards on Rte. 31 and Rte. 414.



Fight the Bite Billboard

Mosquito trapping/surveillance was conducted in the Town of Rose and Galen. Over 178 mosquito pools were collected and tested for EEE and West Nile Virus (WNV). Only one (1) WNV positive mosquito pool was identified in the Town of Galen. No EEE mosquito pools were identified.

However, throughout the month of September 2015, WCPH was notified of an unvaccinated horse dying from EEE in the Town of Galen and in the Town of Macedon. Several press releases were issued to notify and educate the county residents of the situation and to protect themselves from the bite of mosquitoes. The decision was made by the Board of Supervisors to not aerial spray for adult mosquitoes due to the night time weather was dipping below 50°F.

Efforts are being made to seek permission from landowners to conduct mosquito trapping/surveillance in the Towns of Rose, Galen and now Macedon. Trapping/surveillance will commence again in 2016 when mosquito season begins. The "Fight the Bite" mass educational campaign will also continue.

Tuberculosis (TB) Control

TB is a disease caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The bacteria usually attack the lungs, but TB bacteria can attack any part of the body such as the kidney, spine, and brain. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal. TB disease was once the leading cause of death in the United States (CDC).

The TB program provides comprehensive testing, diagnosis and treatment of latent (infection) and active (disease) TB cases in Wayne County. This program decreases the public's threat posed by active TB in our community through thorough evaluation, closely monitored treatment regimens including directly observed therapy (DOT), and promotion of preventive therapy as indicated for contacts of cases.

WCPH is seen as the expert in TB Control in Wayne County as all positive TST (Tuberculin skin test) results are directly reported to Public Health by local doctors,

hospitals, medical centers, and medical providers at the jail for our investigation and case management. Public Health works closely with NYSDOH on all active and suspect cases. Communicable disease is one of the core functions of public health. The TB Program screens for TB infection, TB disease and provides prophylaxis for infection.

An essential part of Wayne County Public Health TB prevention program is education and outreach. The TB Coordinator offers educational in-services to healthcare providers on TB diagnosis, treatments and TB skin testing.

Number of:	2013	2014	2015
Referrals to the TB program	50	38	22
TB skin tests (TST) performed	189	175	123
Latent TB Infection (LTBI) clients seen for prophylaxis	24	24	21
Active TB Cases	1	2	0



WCPH holds TST clinics weekly and a TB clinic monthly which is staffed by Dr. Gary Wahl and Veronica LaFave-Boughton RN (shown above).

Chronic Diseases

In 2014, WCPH provided training to Ryan Mulhern, Public Health Educator, to be a facilitator in the National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP). This program invites participants to a 16 week course which highlights weight loss, meal planning, and physical activity to reach an overall goal of losing weight and preventing the full onset of diabetes. Public Health has since obtained active status with the CDC for this program. In 2015, efforts remained heavily focused on implementing this program by increasing knowledge of NDPP among Wayne County providers. Physician referrals to the program are vital for implementation due to the requirements set forth by the CDC. Ryan was

finally able to gain invitation to the quarterly physician's meeting at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, as well as a practice manager's meeting to discuss the value, goals, and outcomes that the NDPP program provides to Wayne County Residents. Since these meetings have taken place referrals have flowed in, and Ryan has a full list of participants for a class to begin in February 2016.

WCPH also participates in a program called Chronic Disease Self-Management (CDSMP). Ryan Mulhern is also a facilitator in this program. CDSMP is designed to reduce unnecessary doctor's office visits relating to symptoms of chronic diseases by reducing the occurrence or severity of symptoms. CDSMP teaches participants techniques to self-manage the aspects of their chronic disease. Ryan continued work in promoting this program, as several classes are held throughout the year across the county.

Diabetes Coalition

WCPH participates in the Diabetes and Chronic Disease Coalition with quarterly meetings. This group works to collaboratively improve the quality of life for Wayne County residents affected by diabetes and other chronic disease conditions by planning activities and education that increase awareness out in the community. 2015 saw this group build upon the changes made in 2014, by increasing efforts to promote programs offered by all participating agencies. The CDSMP and NDPP programs discussed previously (pg.16) have benefited from extra efforts from the Diabetes and Chronic Disease Coalition.

Asthma

The Asthma Care program targets children ages 2-18 and works with families, school nurses and pediatricians to provide asthma education, help find triggers that cause asthmatic episodes and create a plan of care to reduce asthma attacks.

The program is managed by Veronica Lafave-Boughton, RN. Public Health Educators are used for teaching opportunities with the community and other health professionals. Inhaler spacers are distributed to school nurses and physician offices for use by children with asthma.

Tobacco Use – Control, Prevention and Education

The Tobacco Cessation program is committed to decreasing tobacco use in Wayne County through the use of proven cessation methods delivered in either a one-on-one appointment or group class setting. Nicotine Replacement Therapies (NRT) are provided to participants, free of charge. These include patches, gum, or lozenges, and are proven to significantly increase the success rate for tobacco cessation attempts. With new program guidelines, participants are expected to keep bi-weekly appointments to receive NRT. There is a 6 month cap on free patches, gum, or lozenges. Most participants are considered nicotine addiction free by the 3 month mark.

2015 proved to be a significant success for the Tobacco Control Program, albeit in a slightly different sense than years past. Efforts in the area of policy making produced several successes for the program. Most notably, the successful passage and implementation of the new local law prohibiting tobacco use on county owned or leased properties, was our highest moment for the program. Additionally, work has begun with

several local businesses on hosting a "Quit Class", aimed at providing tobacco cessation as part of worksite wellness programs for employees. Ryan Mulhern remains an active participant in the Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes (TACFL). He recently was honored in Albany as the 2015 "Tobacco-Free Community Champion" for our region.



Ryan Mulhern, PH Educator, receiving Tobacco-Free Community Champion award from Assemblyman Oaks and Senator Nozzolio in Albany.

Family Health

There are several components under family health, they are: dental health education, family planning, injury prevention and control, lead poisoning, nutrition, prenatal care and infant mortality and primary and preventive health care services for under 21 years.

Dental Health

Public Health plays an important role in ensuring that all children birth to age 21 and their care givers have access to information about dental health. Dental health education programs and promotion of early dental care to children who are underserved or at high risk for tooth decay and activities is completed by Health Educators and Nurses. Public Health staff takes every opportunity at clinics, home visits, health fairs and outreach events to educate clients about good dental health practices. Parents are given printed health educational materials with dental health recommendations about early and regular oral exam appointments for their children.



In 2015,

- Fourteen (14) dental health presentations were conducted at Head Start programs and one (1) to a Universal Pre-K class. These programs taught children how to properly care for their teeth.
- 366 toothbrushes were distributed to Head Start children during the month of February and also to their home based programs.
- February was Children's Dental Health Month. A focus was on dental education at WCPH via bulletin boards, information for parents and children.

The 2010-2013 Community Health Assessment heavily indicated, through the conducted surveys and focus groups held, the need of more dentists whom accept Medicaid. Since then, the number of dental practices that accept Medicaid has increased. The lack of regular dental services provided to the Medicaid population is no longer an immediate concern.

The Regional Primary Care Network also provides a community dental program that provides dental education, dental exam and dental hygiene services to children within local school districts. WCPH provides this program with \$2,000 each year for dental supplies.

Family Planning

In accordance with State and Federal guidelines (Title X of the Public Health Services Act), Public Health provides women of childbearing age information and referrals to local family planning services. During 2015 this was accomplished during home visits with new moms under the Tender Care program.

The only birth control methods distributed at the Public Health office are condoms. These are available to anyone free of charge who requests a supply. The NYSDOH provides condoms to Public Health at no cost.

Injury Prevention & Control

The New York State Department of Health relies on local health department efforts to reduce preventable and unintentional injuries to the lowest practicable level in their community. This includes the development and implementation of public education programs to inform the public of measures necessary to avoid preventable, unintentional injury as well as the coordination with other public or private agencies that has an interest in, injury prevention and control.

Child Passenger Safety Program

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee provides funding for the car seat distribution and fitting station programs. This program is designed to increase compliance with the New York State Child Passenger Safety Laws and reduce childhood injuries and deaths related to motor vehicle crashes.



The car seat distribution program allows low-income families access to safe and appropriate restraints for their child(ren). The grant requires that all recipients of the distribution program receive car seat education on the importance of using child restraints, how to correctly install, and how to use their car seat.

Through the fitting station program, car seats are inspected to ensure they meet proper safety standards. If they do not, the Car Seat Program is able to provide a new seat. This service is provided to the public regardless of their income.



Ryan Mulhern, PH Educator and Car Seat Technician, working at an Inspection Event at the Newark Fire Dept., September 2015

Public Health employees, who are Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, and who provide these demonstrations and inspect car seats are: Lisa O'Dell, Susan Sheets and Ryan Mulhern.

During 2015, the Wayne County Child Passenger Safety Seat Program distributed 48 child restraints through the Distribution Program. In addition, another 83 seats were inspected and 56 child restraints were replaced. Seat distribution was down 20% from 2014 for these two programs. There were 2 seat check events held in the community, 41 seats were inspected and 19 seats were replaced.

Wheel Sport Safety & Helmet Distribution Program

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee provides funding to sustain our bike helmet education and distribution programs. These programs are intended to support efforts to improve highway safety by reducing injuries and deaths of Wayne County residents.



Our accomplishments in 2015 include:

- Distributing 295 helmets at various health fairs, community days, farmer's markets, summer recreation programs and etc.
- Distributing 9 helmets at the Public Health Office
- Public Health and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office had 3 bike rodeos cancelled due to poor weather conditions; one rodeo was changed to an educational program and held indoors.

Other injury prevention activities included:

- Providing occupant protection safety programs for 2 driver's education programs at Sodus Central School

A Bicycle Helmet, for children ages 3-14, yields an estimated cost savings of \$580 for a cost of only \$14 per helmet. (From the Children's Safety Network & Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation).

Lead Poisoning Prevention

According to the CDC at least 4 million households have children living in them that are being exposed to high levels of lead. There are approximately half a million U.S. children ages 1-5 with blood lead levels above 5 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$), the reference level at which CDC recommends public health actions be initiated.

The goal of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is to reduce the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels in young children. This is achieved by conducting surveillance, screening, case management, health education and outreach.

In 2015, 1,648 children were tested in Wayne County.

- There were two newly identified cases of elevated lead levels at 15mcg/dL or above. This is the level at which a home visit is done by the Lead Poisoning Prevention Coordinator, Chris Gedney, RN, to conduct a lead exposure assessment. The nurse also initiates a referral to the NYSDOH Environmental Sanitarian at NYSDOH Geneva District Office for an environmental investigation and follow up services.
- There were 15 cases of lead identified between levels 10 - 14.9mcg/dL. At this level the nurse will call the child's parents to provide information and follow up testing letters, printed information and retesting recommendations. Copies of letters sent also go to the child's Health Care providers.
- There were 71 cases that tested between 5-9.9mcg/dL. Although not required to act upon these cases, WCPH will mail out educational materials discussing what the lead level means and how to reduce the level.



A main objective of the Lead Program is to increase the number of children who are tested for lead at ages 1 and again at 2, as required by the NYSDOH regulations, and provide Lead Education to the communities in our county.

WCPH has promoted the Lead Poisoning Prevention Education in 2015 by;

- Distributing education on Lead Poisoning at Health Fairs and the Wayne County Fair.
- Providing Lead Education pamphlets at local hardware stores
- Time Warner Cable and Internet advertising/media campaign
- Visiting Pediatric and OB/GYN offices with Updated Lead Poisoning Prevention Guidelines.
- Working collaboratively with WIC, nurse attends three Wayne County WIC sites every month distributing Lead education and answering any questions and per request of parent looking up to see if children have been lead tested.
- Reach out to county Daycare Centers with Lead Poisoning Education for parents and teachers.
- Presented Power Point Presentation and distributed lead information to Code Enforcement Officers of Wayne County.

Nutrition

Public Health works to identify nutrition priorities and establish systems for appropriate networking and referral with community agencies and to ensure that high risk groups have access to appropriate interventions.

Dental health education programs include information about the importance of sound nutrition and how diets with too much sugar negatively affects the teeth of both children and adults.

As stated before, Public Health actively supports Cornell Cooperative Extension's nutrition efforts through their Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play grant; Eat Smart NY program; Farm-to-School projects; and participation in the Wayne County Food Security meetings.

Prenatal Care & Infant Mortality

A priority of the Department is to ensure comprehensive health care for infants and their mothers during the perinatal period in order to reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity to their lowest possible levels. This is accomplished through our Tender Care Program which is an educational and support program for pregnant women and children 5 years and younger.

One part of this program is to help Wayne County families prepare for optimal birth outcomes for mother and baby. This is accomplished through home visits to pregnant women and parenting families, bringing educational information and demonstrations as needed. This information includes, but is not limited to pregnancy, nutrition, labor & delivery, breastfeeding, infant care, immunizations and child safety. In 2015, 13 families took advantage of these specialized visits.

Each Wayne County family who welcomes a new baby is sent a letter offering a free educational and confidential newborn baby visit with Susan Sheets, RN, Maternal Child Health Nurse Coordinator. Post-delivery visits are educational and can help answer any questions a new mom may have.

Susan Sheets, RN is also a Certified Lactation Consultant who is able to assist breastfeeding families in the comfort of their homes. In 2015 WCPH's Bilingual Community Health Worker, Chantelle Lyon, also achieved her certification as a Lactation Consultant. The request for breastfeeding support has steadily increased.

In 2015 WCPH became a registered sponsor of Baby Café. A Baby Café is a casual drop in center for breastfeeding families to use as a resource to share their experiences or get assistance from specially trained staff. The Baby Café is open for new mothers two times per month on Thursday mornings at the Presbyterian Church in Newark.

The MCH Coordinator is also a member and participant of the Wayne County Breast Feeding Task Force, and attends monthly meetings for the Finger Lakes Breast Feeding Coalition.



Pictured is Maureen Wideman, IBCLC, and a breastfeeding mother at the Baby cafe

Primary & Preventative Health Services for Children

Birth – 21 years

All children under age 21 shall have access to comprehensive primary and preventative health services.

- Child Immunization Clinics occur once per month and administers free vaccine to children 18 years and under who are under/uninsured.
- PH can provide parents with an updated list of local doctors and dentists who see children for families who have recently moved to Wayne County.
- The S2AY Rural Health Network Facilitated Enrollment (FE) Program has changed in 2014 to a Navigator Program – WCPH makes referrals to the Navigator for adults and children in need of insurance. The Navigator sees clients at PH to fill out applications for Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus and Medicaid services.
- Providing an overview of Public Health Services to Wayne County day care provider group.

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

The CSHCN program assists families of children (birth – age 21) with special health care needs and identifies resources to obtain necessary health services, including specialty care providers, related health care services, and health insurance. The CSHCN program is a NYSDOH grant-funded program. In the 2014-2015 grant year, the CSHCN program:

- Provided information and referral services to families in need
- Participated in community fairs to increase the visibility of CSHCN program
- Collaboration with Starbridge continues as 4 workshops and 1 webinar were held and 70 people participated.
- New program brochures and posters were created and distributed throughout the county.
- Billboards were placed in 3 locations to advertise the program
- On May 21, 2015 the PATH (Parents as Transition Helpers) workshop was held. This was a collaboration of WCPH, Starbridge and Mid-West RSE-TASC. Speakers addressed creating a vision for your child's future, transition, pathways to graduation, and getting/keeping your first job. In addition, staff from ACCESS-VR, OPWDD and Finger Lakes Community College participated in a panel discussion. This was an excellent program with 34 people attending. In addition, representatives from Wayne ARC, the Center for Human Services Education, Parent to Parent NYS, Pal-Mac TIES and WCPH had information tables available with resource for participants.

Children with Special Needs Program

These programs work closely with the local community to ensure appropriate services and resources are provided to eligible children with special needs and to the families of these children.

Early Intervention Program (EI)

The EI program is a Federally and State mandated program that provides therapeutic and education services for children, birth through age two, who have a developmental delay or a diagnosed condition with a high probability for developmental delay. In 2015, EI received 222 referrals and had ~130 infants/children enrolled in the program.

With NYSDOH Bureau of Early Intervention maintaining the contracts with providers and performing all billing/fiscal components of the program through a Fiscal Agent (FA), counties were expected to see administrative relief for this mandated program. WCPH contracts with the NYSDOH to Administer the EI program. However, the expected administrative relief for counties has not been seen. This is mostly due to the New York Early Intervention System (NYEIS) not providing reports with accurate fiscal and census related information. Thus causing more administrative work for the counties to try and maintain accurate spreadsheets that reflect the census and fiscal data needed to reconcile the counties share of EI costs.

Child Find

The Child Find program is part of the EI program. The program identifies children, birth through two years, who may potentially be eligible for EI services and who are at-risk for developmental delays. It further acts to facilitate their participation with a primary health care provider, ensures their access to developmental screenings, and opportunities to access health care insurance. A Public Health Nurse provides home visits for health assessments, teaching, and referrals to community resources for infants who are at-risk for developmental delays. In 2015, there were 31 cases referred for Child Find home visits. There were a total of 33 children enrolled into the Child Find program in 2015. Ten (10) of these children were enrolled into the EI program.

Pre-K Program

The Preschool Special Education Program (Pre-K) provides mandated evaluation, educational, therapeutic, and transportation services for three to five year-old children who have a disability that affects their learning. Sixteen (11 in county and 5 out of county) local school district Committees of Preschool Special Education (CPSE) authorize Preschool Special Education Services. Funding for these services is provided by the counties and the State.

In 2015 there were 422 children enrolled in the Pre-K program by the end of school year 14-15 (September 2014 - June 2015). About half of these children were also enrolled in the 2015 summer session.

WCPH has ~ 40 contracts with agency and independent providers. Services may be provided within a child's home or within a center based setting.

A Cost Report for the Pre-K program for the billing period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 was completed and submitted by December 31, 2015. Due to the identification of fraud throughout the state by providers of Pre-K services, there has been much discussion of needed reform within this program. Currently the school districts evaluate and enroll children into the program for services, but do not have any fiscal responsibility. By mandating a cost report for the Pre-K program, the NYSDOH is attempting to identify the actual costs of providing this service.

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has recommended specific reforms to the Pre-K Program. As municipalities do not have education departments, we are not in the business of education but are using tax dollars to support this program. New York State is the only state in the nation that mandates municipalities to fund a share of the Preschool Special Education program. The municipalities are required to cover all unpaid costs after reimbursement is sought from Medicaid and State Aid has been received. The municipalities do not have a “voice” in the decision making process to determine the services to be provided. NYSAC is currently working on much needed reform in the Pre-K program.

# of Children Enrolled:	2013	2014	2015
Early Intervention	121	120	130
Pre-K	425	425	422
# of Child Find cases	99	58	33

Transportation

Transportation continues to be provided by a municipal agreement with Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES acting as contractor for the county’s school districts. The cooperation of Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES and the school districts in the transportation of Pre-K and EI children within the county has been a positive experience and has provided safe, dependable, cost efficient transportation. For out of county EI and Pre-K services children are currently transported mostly by Durham Transportation services. Parents may also choose to transport their children to and from services and receive reimbursement.

Public Health Education

Health education is the process of assisting individuals and groups to make informed decisions and build skills on matters affecting personal, family and community health. Health education provides information about awareness and prevention and spans the gap of knowledge between the consumer and the scientific community. All local health departments are required to provide health education services.

The Public Health Education team works with several Public Health programs and services to increase public awareness about local health issues, programs and events. The Public Health Educators perform a wide range of activities including: conducting educational programs and outreach events; writing press releases; coordinating and promoting special events; responding to public health alerts; posting website messages and updates; designing and developing health education materials for targeted populations; promoting health department programs and services; networking with agencies; and participating in community coalitions.



2015 program activities included:

- Participating in several health fairs at: GINNA, the Wayne County Fair, Red Creek Health Fair, the Senior Expo, Green Angels Holiday Health Fair.
- Participating on several Wayne County Coalitions/Networks/Groups such as: Veteran's Services Advisory Board, Finger Lakes Lead Coalition, Finger Lakes Breastfeeding Coalition, Head Start's Health and Nutrition Advisory committee, Wayne County Food Security group, Wayne County Chronic Disease and Diabetes Coalition, Wayne County Worksite Wellness Collaboration, Creating Healthy Places, Wayne County Agencies Network, Finger Lakes Health Educator's Group, Finger Lakes Safe KIDS Coalition, TACFL. Public Health Committees include: Prevention Agenda Team, now known as the Wayne Health Improvement Partnership (WHIP), Community Health Assessment Group, Health Services Advisory Board, Accreditation Team and the Quality Improvement Team
- Participation in several regional activities with other health departments, as well as the S2AY Rural Health Network, such as: Regional Worksite Wellness Collaborative, Living Healthy Programs, Dental Steering Committee, Regional Public Health Educator meetings, S2AY NDPP meetings, and more.
- Completed various webinars and trainings; including training in Fluoride Varnish Application, and Narcan Administration.

- Maintain a Public Health Hotline, which allows residents to access instant information on Public Health “Hot Topics” such as summertime blue green algae blooms and seasonal influenza prevention and immunization information.
- Participated in two Emergency Preparedness / GINNA drills
- Present monthly health topics to Hannick Hall, a local women’s addiction recovery center. Health topics include: healthy lifestyles, exercise and nutrition, body systems (cardiovascular, muscular, etc.), and dental health. Typically, new resident turn-over occurs every six months.
- Provide monthly health topic presentations at local senior nutrition sites in Palmyra and Wolcott. Health topics include: falls prevention, nutrition and exercise, dental health, and diabetes prevention and maintenance.
- Maintain the current Public Health Facebook page via weekly updates.
- Work with IT to maintain updates to the Wayne County Public Health webpage.
- Continued participation in the Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes, as highlighted in the Tobacco Control section.
- Provided education to local providers via several opportunities; including the quarterly physicians meeting at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, and the practice care manager’s monthly meeting.



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Public Health Preparedness

The objectives of Public Health Preparedness are to plan, prepare, and respond to public health emergencies, natural or man-made. Public Health Preparedness staff work with local, regional, State and Federal partners to anticipate, manage, and mitigate such threats. WCPH staff were involved in the following preparedness activities for 2015:

- epidemiology,
- public health emergency response team and/or those who have an emergency response role attend several training activities,
- clinical operation/medical counter measure operations trainings,
- workshops and conference calls throughout the year as part of the state wide plan for preparedness.
- WCPH conducted one (1) full scale Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) exercise drill at WCPH and IT Department on October 6, 2015. The exercise was in collaboration with a larger scale exercise conducted by the NYSDOH called WRECK IT. The exercise was a success and gave WCPH valuable information on preparedness planning. Below are a list of organizations that participated in planning and conducting the exercise drill.

Participants
Regional
Western Region Emergency Preparedness Regional Rep.
Local
Wayne County Public Health
Wayne County IT

- WCPH Preparedness continues to update the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (PHEPRP) and its 13 Appendix Plans throughout the year. These comprehensive plans strengthen the Departments ability to protect the health and wellbeing of Wayne County residents during disasters and ongoing public health crisis.
- WCPH continues to recruit and register volunteers on the ServNY Wayne County Volunteer list to augment the public health workforce to respond to emergencies.
- WCPH has established MOU's for Push POD's with partner agencies.

Public Health Finance

Emergency Preparedness: In March a resolution was passed to accept a \$38,000 Ebola grant award. In this grant we allocated funding towards program supplies such as PPE and medical supplies, and also towards sub-contracting with medical waste and environmental clean-up companies in the case of an Ebola related emergency in our county.

Immunization Billing: Public Health's new EMR, created by iSalus, has been completed and is in production. On 12/8/2015, Adam Kaiser, a representative from iSalus, came to Public Health for the afternoon for a presentation on the new EMR. Nursing staff and administrative staff were both in attendance to get an idea of how the EMR will work on both ends. This presentation helped clear up a lot of questions on how the system would streamline the current immunization process from scheduling all the way down to billing, and really benefit the program as a whole.

In January, a resolution was passed to enter an agreement with United Healthcare (UHC) as a network provider. This agreement has allowed us to provide routine immunizations to UHC members and bill the insurance company for reimbursement. Public Health now has provider agreements with Excellus, MVP Healthcare, and UHC.

Article 6 State Aid: The 2015 State Aid Application was approved by the state on 7/16/2015. The NYSDOH approved up to \$657,464.19 in Article 6 eligible funding. The state did, however, cut the revenue offset amount in half, from \$2879.66 to \$1439.83. Again, like last year, this year's payment is a fixed amount distributed evenly between the four quarters unlike previous years where the revenue offset was a rate determined by ineligible expenses as a percentage of the total expenses.

COLA Awards: In November resolutions were also passed to accept COLA awards for Lead, IAP, and Rabies for \$2863, \$3760, and \$1236, respectively. These awards were all claimed in December 2015, and were used to cover expenses such as program salaries and fringe above and beyond the base grant appropriations.

Performance Incentives: In 2013 New York State created a state-wide performance based incentive program that allows the NYS Commissioner of Health to set statewide performance measures for delivery of core Public Health services and to provide additional funding to the local Health Departments that meet or exceed statewide performance standards. Awards are used to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services.

- Year 1, 2013-2014 focused on general communicable disease control reporting measures. WCPH measured the completeness and timeliness of communicable disease reports and investigations over a 6 month period. In 2014 WCPH was awarded the maximum achievement of 19,000.00. The decision was made to purchase a new county car to be used by the PH Educator.
- Year 2, 2014-2015 NYSDOH has chosen to focus on sexually transmitted disease (STD) measures; Completeness of the electronic syphilis serology registry and

the Adequate Treatment for Reported Cases of Gonorrhea. In 2015 Wayne County was awarded the maximum achievement of \$20,900.00. This award could be used towards any Article 6 eligible expense within the 2015 calendar year. We decided to allocate this funding towards our Article 6 base grant, increasing it from \$500,000 to \$520,900.

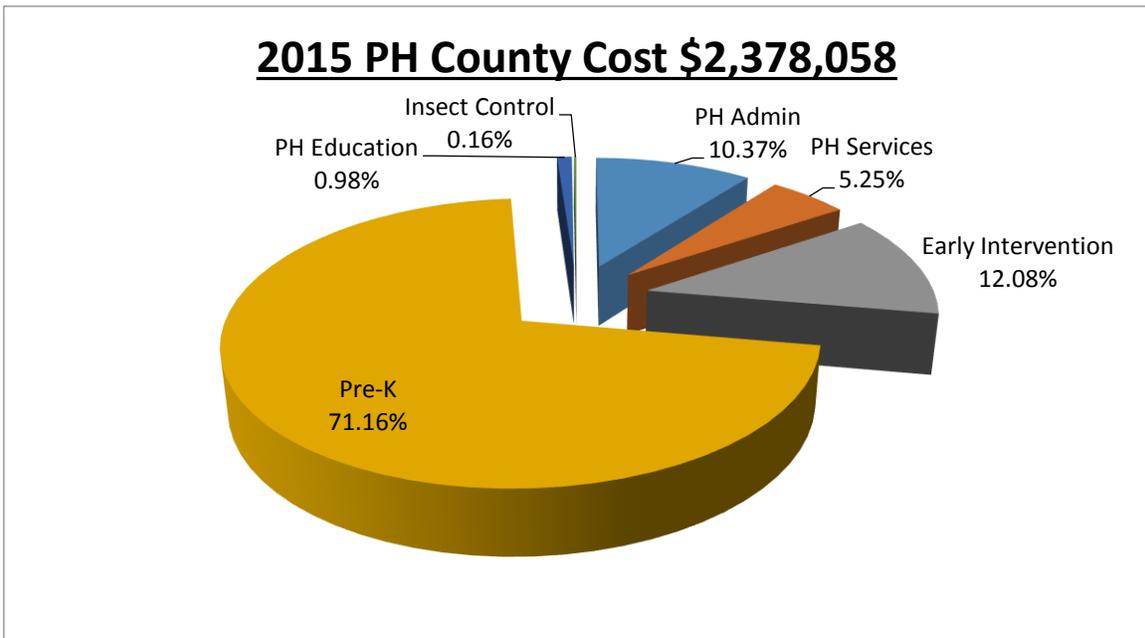
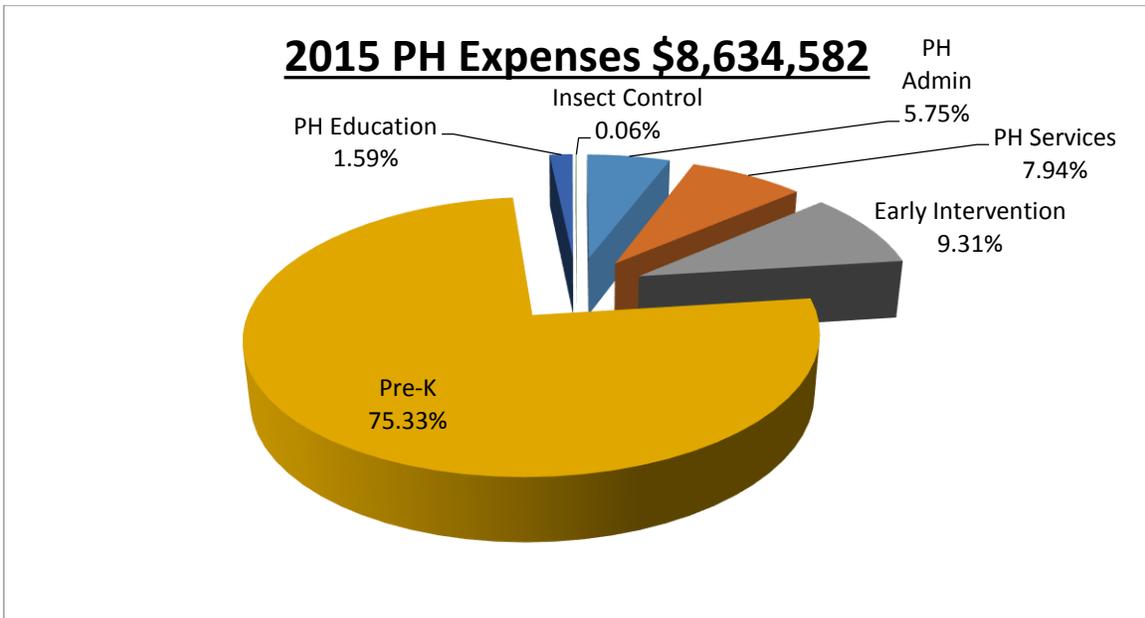
- Year 3, 2015-2016 LHD Performance Incentive Initiative will focus on submittal of electronic inspection reports for environmental health regulatory inspection and protection programs, and the continuation of STD measures from Year 2. The Local Health Departments that do not directly deliver environmental health services will be eligible to compete for a portion of the award funding to support continuance of LHD Year 2 program performance objectives related to STDs.

D&TC (Diagnostic & Treatment Center) Cost Report: The D&TC cost report for 2014 was completed on 10/21/2015. The cost report template from Venesky & Associates again used State Aid QERs as the basis for expenditures. The Venesky group came on site to audit the records on 10/22/2015. The final report was submitted to Medicaid on 2/01/2016.

Pre-K: In the 2nd quarter of 2015, NYSED finally established tuition rates for the 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 school years for Roosevelt Children's Center. Since NYSED does not allow state aid to be claimed on pending tuition rates, we have been unable to submit reimbursement claims for nearly three school years. With these established rates we were able to submit state aid claims in order to recoup 59.5% of the tuition payments made during these past school years for Roosevelt. As of December 31, 2015, we have claimed approximately \$1.7 million in accrued state aid.

In October, we received the SSHSP Cost Report for the 2013-14 school year. This cost report was completed and submitted before the December 31, 2015 deadline. Also in October, the mandatory Medicaid Compliance training was held at the RIT Inn and Conference Center. This training is held annually and is mandated by NYSED for any Medicaid provider in SSHSP.

2015 Public Health Department Expenses and County Cost



New York State Department of Health Geneva District Office Contribution to Wayne County Public Health Department 2015 Annual Report

In 1921 legislation was enacted that empowered New York State counties to create county health districts. The purpose of a county health district was to consolidate local authority for the oversight of public health work at the county level rather than having public health activities dispersed to the constituent county cities, towns and villages. Counties were not required to create such health districts and as time passed it became evident that many rural counties (including Wayne) that had not formed a county health district would face increasing logistical and financial challenges that coincided with expanding public health needs and requirements. County health departments that operate in counties without county health districts are known as "partial services" county health departments. As a matter of policy, not law; the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) addressed the need to preserve a baseline of environmental health programs and services in partial services counties by creating District Offices. Nine (9) district offices operate in New York State and in Wayne County; it is the NYSDOH Geneva District Office (GDO) that provides core environmental health programs and services to County residents and visitors. In partnership with Wayne County Public Health (WCPH) and other state and local agencies, the GDO enforces environmental health regulations and oversees a variety of programs that are designed to protect public health and safety. The attached pdf document provides a summary of the GDO's duties and responsibilities and of the services that are provided to Wayne and to Ontario and Yates – the other two counties that are located within the GDO's jurisdiction.

In addition to its core duties and responsibilities, highlights of the GDO's activities in Wayne County during the 2015 calendar year included the following:

- Conducted 353 inspections at the County's approximately 297 food service operations.
- Conducted 149 inspections at the County's 137 migrant farmworker housing facilities.
- Conducted 7 inspections at the County's 13 tanning facilities.
- Conducted 72 student aide compliance visits to tobacco retailers to ensure compliance with the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA).
- Investigated 15 complaints alleging sanitary code violations at mobile home parks, food service establishments, tanning facilities and smoking in the workplace in violation of the Clean Indoor Air Act.
- Work with WCPH to conduct lead based paint risk assessments at 2 private Wayne County residences in response to referrals of children with elevated blood lead levels as necessary.
- Issued 10 formal enforcement actions (Administrative Tribunal Notice of Hearing) to address violations of the NYS Sanitary Code at regulated facilities.
- Conducted 13 sanitary surveys (enhanced inspections) at community water systems and 37 sanitary surveys at regulated facilities with onsite water supplies.
- Conducted special sampling outreach at the Newark Village Water Treatment Plant in response to reports of an 'algae-like' substance on the plant's filter media. A microscopic analysis of the substance indicated the presence of a common toxin-producing blue-green algae. The filter treatment was temporarily suspended while plant operators followed Health Department recommendations to reduce algae

build-up. Follow-up sampling revealed no toxins in the finished water and the filter was returned to service.

- Collaboration with Wayne County Public Health to present lead poisoning prevention training for Wayne County Code Enforcement Officials.
- Provided technical assistance to the Gananda Central School District regarding the maintenance and treatment of the school's cooling tower to prevent the growth of legionella bacteria.

From January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015 the Geneva District Office issued a total of two (2) Administrative Tribunal Notices of Hearing (enforcement actions) to the owners of tobacco retail outlets citing the illegal sale of tobacco products to individuals under eighteen years of age (2013 = 0; 2014 = 1; 2015 = 1). In all cases the Department's charges were sustained and a monetary penalty was imposed along with one or two points (depending on whether or not the person who committed the violation held a certificate of completion from a State-certified tobacco sales training program) was assigned to the dealer's record.

From January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015 the Geneva District Office cited no owner of a tobacco retail outlet for the illegal sale of tobacco products to an individual under eighteen year of age for the second time within the above three year period.

From January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015 the Geneva District Office issued a total of one (1) formal enforcement actions (Administrative Tribunal Notice of Hearing) to the operators of one (1) public water supply for failure to submit monthly water system operation reports within required timeframes (2013 = 0; 2014 = 0; 2015 = 1) .

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The Geneva District Office is responsible for protecting public health and safety through the delivery of core environmental health programs and services and through the enforcement of environmental health regulations in Ontario, Wayne and Yates Counties. Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- **Issuing permits to the following types of regulated facilities:**
 - Food Service Establishments
 - Temporary/Mobile Food Service Establishments
 - Children's Camps
 - Temporary Residences (Hotels, Motels, Cabins, etc.)
 - Campgrounds
 - Mobile Home Parks
 - Migrant Farmworker Housing
 - Agricultural Fairgrounds
 - Public Swimming Pool and Bathing Beaches
 - Recreational Aquatic Spraygrounds
 - Tanning Facilities

- **Conducting Plan Reviews and Approvals for:**
 - All Regulated Facilities
 - Realty Subdivisions
 - Alternative Residential On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems
 - Public Water Systems

- **Conducting Inspections/Sanitary Surveys/Complaint Investigations at:**
 - All Regulated Facilities
 - Public Water Systems at Agriculture & Markets licensed facilities
 - Public Water Systems at licensed Day Care facilities

- **Conducting Investigations of:**
 - Drownings at Regulated Facilities
 - Food and Waterborne Illness Outbreaks
 - Injuries and Illness Outbreaks at Children's Camps
 - Environmental Conditions linked to children with elevated blood lead levels

- **Oversight of Tobacco Prevention Programs**
 - ATUPA – Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act
 - CIAA – Clean Indoor Air Act

- **Providing emergency response at incidents presenting biological, chemical or radiological exposures or physical injury hazards**

- **Distribution and enforcement of the Commissioner of Health's Summary Orders (i.e. Bath Salts, Synthetic Cannabinoids, etc.)**