

# LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2024



# MESSAGE FROM OUR HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Just like 2023, 2024 was another very busy year at Lawrence County Health Department. We completed our Community Health Improvement Plan and updated our Strategic Plan.

Our staff was very busy following our new mission statement, which is that Lawrence County Health Department is committed to protecting the health of the residents of Lawrence County. Through this annual report, I am proud to share a glimpse into the activities we accomplished to follow that mission.

I am also excited to announce that we will begin seeing primary care patients at LCHD in 2025.

# **Health Commissioner**

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# **OUR STAFF**

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# Support Staff

Darrell (Dennis) Carter, Custodian (contract) Heather Mayville, CNM (contract)

# CODES RELATED TO MANDATED PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE PROGRAMS

Animal Bites	O.A.C. 3701-3-
	28
Body Art	O.R.C. 3730
	O.A.C. 301.9
Campgrounds/Combined	O.R.C. 3729
Parks	
Food Safety Program	O.R.C. 3732,
, ,	3717
Nuisance Inspections	O.R.C. 3707
Private Water Systems	O.R.C. 3701.344
Resident Day Camps	O.A.C. 3701.25
School Inspections	O.R.C. 3701.26
Sewage Treatment Program	O.R.C. 3718
Swimming Pools	O.R.C. 3749
Tobacco/Smoking	O.R.C. 3794*
Enforcement	
Vital Statistics	O.R.C. 3705
	O.A.C. 3701.5**
Immunizations	Adult, Child, Flu
	Shots***
Infections Disease	O.R.C. 3707
Surveillance	
Child Fatality Review	O.R.C. 3701.045
,	O.A.C. 3701-67
Drug Overdose Fatality	O.R.C. 3707.631
Review	
Suicide Fatality Review	O.R.C. 3701.044

<sup>\*</sup>Permissive

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Must provide or community partners must provide

### **ACCREDITATION**

Accreditation by the National Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) shows that health districts are meeting or exceeding national public health standards; are able to provide core public health services; and are continually striving to improve service, value and accountability to stakeholders.

Ohio was the first, and thus far only, state to mandate that all health departments reach accredited status (ORC 3701.342). As of March 2025, 97 of Ohio's 113 health departments have been accredited.

On March 18, 2024, the PHAB Accreditation Committee emailed the LCHD of their decision, as follows: "The PHAB Accreditation Committee has completed its initial consideration of accreditation for the Lawrence County Health Department and determined that additional documentation is needed to make a final decision. Please be assured that this additional documentation, referred to as the Accreditation Committee Action Requirement (ACAR) is a step in the accreditation process."

Since notification of the ACAR requirement, the LCHD's Accreditation Team has been systematically working to collect and submit the required documentation to PHAB. We fully expect to meet the deadline for submission on or before March 18, 2025.

The PHAB Accreditation Committee will meet on May 8 to review additional documentation

provided, and LCHD should have their decision approximately 2-3 weeks after that.

# CHNA/CHIP/STRATEGIC PLAN

The Ohio Revised Code (3701.981) requires that health departments complete a community health assessment followed by a community health improvement plan every 3 years. LCHD contracted with Ohio University Athens Planning, Evaluation, Education and Research Team to facilitate our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Under the guidance of Dr. Tammy Kahrig, Senior Research Manager, and Katarina Kroutel, Research Assistant, we met with community partners and stakeholders from February-June to review data, prioritize issues, and develop the CHIP. It was finalized July 31, 2024. The top 3 priorities identified were Adult Mental Health & Addiction, Youth Mental Health & Addiction, and Adult Obesity. We will work on objectives for each priority until August 2027.

A PHAB requirement is to have in place a performance management system, and ODH provided a software program called Clear Impact to track performance. We are using it to enter goals and objectives for many programs within the health department. The CHIP and Strategic Plan have also been incorporated into this software.

We've partnered with UK KDMC for their Community Health Needs Assessment, which will be finalized in May. We sent preliminary data to community partners and shared information on our website and Facebook page.

# **VITAL STATISTICS**

Birth Certificates Issued	1,125
Death Certificates Issued	2,000
Burial Permits Issued	277
Home Births	1

# **COVID-19 STATISTICS\***

	2024	2023
Cases	2,607	3,823
Hospitalizations	38	146
Deaths	5	10

https://data.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/data/view/covid-19reporting

# **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

# 2024 events:

- Garrett Carpenter became a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS).
- Food inspections were completed ahead of schedule.
- LCHD began the mandated (OAC 3701-29)
   Operation & Maintenance Program for our septic program. The goal of this program is to ensure that all existing septic systems are properly maintained to improve performance and reduce pollution.
   Homeowners with home sewage treatment systems (HSTS) are required to obtain and renew Operations Permits and provide proof of regular, minimum maintenance.
- Septic Program survey by ODH on October 24-25, 2024. A corrective action plan for deficiencies will be submitted to ODH 3/17/25.

What we did	How many
Animal Bite Complaints	204
Food Inspections	510*
Nuisance Complaints/Investigations	217
Pool Inspections	5
Private Water System Permits	1
Sale of Property Inspections	3
Sewage Permits	57
Septic Site Reviews	53
Water Samples	64
WPCLF Approvals	5

# **Nursing Highlights**

Following the covid interruption and the hiring of Brenda Schweinsberg, we are seeing more patients in our CMH program.

Project Dawn has been busy with providing Narcan to the community and to first responders. We are working closely with the Quick Response Team and some rehab facilities to provide Narcan to them.

# **NURSING**

Reproductive Health & Wellness Program	
RHWP Visits	528
Telehealth Visits	138
Nexplanon Insertions	10
STD Tests/Treatment	138
Pregnancy Tests	20
TB Program	
TB Skin Tests **#unavailable at this time	
Referrals to Infectious Disease	15
Physicians	
Project Dawn	
Project Dawn Narcan Distributed (Total)	2,219
Community	113
First Responders	2,106
Outreach Events	1
Vaccines	
COVID-19	10
Flu	359
All Other Vaccines	570
СМН	
Formerly BCMH (Children with Medical	82
Handicaps) Enrollment	
Insurance Assistance	
Provided Insurance Navigation	9
Assistance	

Injury Prevention	
Cribs for Kids ® Cribettes Provided	64
Car Seats Provided	64
STIs	
Hepatitis C	241
HIV	11
Syphilis	22
Chlamydia	177
Gonorrhea	38

# **Preconception Health**

The LCHD received funding from the Ohio Department of Health for services promoting the overall health of maternal aged women. With the awarded funding, we have achieved:

- Number of Women Reached 810
- Yoga and Pilates classes offered free for the public – 99
- Yoga and Pilates classes average attendance per class – 10

# **Community Education for Adults**

The LCHD routinely provides education on Tobacco/ Vaping use and resources for cessation to local recovery centers and other establishments. The participants are also provided with a handout of our list of cessation providers (such as KDMC and SOMC), and information on w here to access nicotine replacement therapies.

In addition, the LCHD hosts other health education sessions on topics such as Managing Chronic Disease, Healthy Lifestyles, and Managing Mental Health.

- Number of Adults Reached- 164
- Number of Education Sessions given- 17

# Obesity Program (data for Jan 2024-Dec 2024)

For the entirety of 2024, the Lawrence County Health Department (LCHD) conducted assessment, planning, and evaluation that explored strategies for implementing a comprehensive program to address and prevent obesity among adults in Lawrence County, OH. LCHD partnered with community stakeholders including medical centers, educational institutions, and family service programs to develop and administer a community needs assessment survey related to obesity. This survey assessed nutritional knowledge, identified barriers to healthy eating and physical activity, and identified existing programs and resources. LCHD then compiled and assessed survey data and created a formal report. Three LCHD staff members also became trained as facilitators of an evidencebased healthy and active living curriculum. LCHD is now using the information and skills from the training, along with insights from the community needs assessment, to collaborate with subject matter experts within stakeholder groups to develop a comprehensive obesity prevention and intervention program for implementation in 2025.

# Two consecutive Pallottine Foundation grants were awarded to fund this initiative:

# 1. Amount Awarded:

\$31,908.00

## **Grant Performance Period:**

June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024

# 2. Amount Awarded:

\$8,299.43

# **Grant Performance Period:**

June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025

# Youth Tobacco Program (data for Jan 2024-Dec 2024)

E-cigarette Prevention Health Education:

- Students Educated 2.197
- Halo Detectors Installed 16
- School Districts Served 3
- Included in the number of Lawrence County students educated in e-cigarette prevention were 150 middle school girls who attended the inspiHER Foundation Conference on August 10, 2024.
- LCHD entered into a brief MOU (February –
  July 2024) with the Lawrence County
  Educational Service Center (LC ESC) for an
  exchange of funds from LC ESC to LCHD to
  expand tobacco prevention services
  through the purchase of new materials for
  adult education and elementary school
  level education.

School Tobacco Policy Change Advocacy:

- New initiative in 2023
- Area partners in collaboration with the LCHD for this initiative: Lawrence County Educational Service Center, Impact Prevention, School Resource Officer, county superintendents, Child Protective Services-Lawrence County Department of Job and Family Services, and the Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division.

- LCHD collaborates and meets regularly with our area partners to educate and promote best practices for school tobacco policy to stakeholders throughout Lawrence County.
- To date, at least one of the school districts has already made, or is actively planning to make, changes to their school tobacco policy in alignment with best practices.

# Linkage to Tobacco Cessation for Youth:

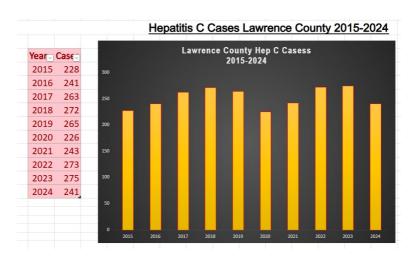
- LCHD was asked to provide a training session for Lawrence County teachers to become INDEPTH (Intervention for Nicotine Dependence: Education, Prevention, Tobacco, and Health) facilitators at the 2024 Summer Academy. This resulted in 34 educators trained to offer timely intervention toward tobacco cessation for students in violation of schools' tobacco policy.
- LCHD continues to offer guidance to Lawrence County schools for INDEPTH training and guidance for tobacco cessation resources

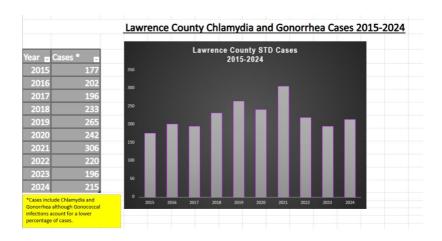
# **Dental Sealant Program**

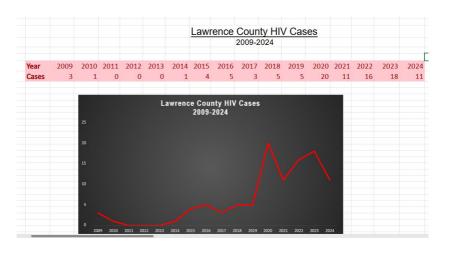
The objective of the Lawrence County Dental is to place dental sealants on the molar teeth of children in 2nd and 6th grades in all school districts in Lawrence County with a follow-up check in the 3rd and 7th grades. The total number of students (Medicaid and Non-Medicaid) receiving dental sealants was 703. Maxine Lewis, Dental Sealant Coordinator, retired at the end of December and Sarah Buckley was hired in her place.

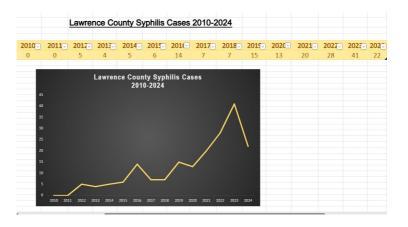
# Annual Infectious Disease Report Prepared by Mohammad Abdulrahman, Epidemiologist

Reportable Disease	Yr Total
Amebiasis	1
Babesiosis	1
Brucellosis	1
Psittacosis	1
Streptococcal - Grroup B - In Newborn	1
West Nile Virus Disease	1
Yersiniosis	1
Giardiasis	3
Cryptosporidiosis	4
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing (O157:H7, Not O157, Unknown Serotype)	5
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	5
Legionellosis	5
Ehrlichiosis-Ehrlichia chaffeensis	8
Salmonellosis	8
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	9
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive resistance unknown or nonresistant	10
HIV	11
Pertussis	13
Spotted Fever <u>Rickettsiosis including</u> Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF)	13
Campylobacteriosis	16
СРО	16
Syphilis	22
Gonococcal infection	38
Hepatitis B, acute and chronic	39
Lyme Disease	49
Influenza-associated hospitalization	87
Chlamydia Infection	177
Hepatitis C, acute and chronic	241
Total	786









# PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Attended virtually a large chemical exercise in Circleville.
- Attended a Chemical Spill Exercise in Proctorville
- Held a Table Top Exercise in Ironton, Ohio
- As a member of the local LEPC, our subcommittee ordered and distributed Severe Weather radios throughout Lawrence County for schools, nursing homes, assisted living centers, police and sheriff's offices, NECCO, CAO, etc.
- Became a member of the Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS), Lawrence County's Representative
- Continually updating Emergency Response Annexes and Appendices. A new Annex, which will focus on adding all Emergency Response Documents into one Annex, is being developed.
- Attended additional training on Ohio Train focusing on Epidemiology
- Attended additional training with Texas A&M on Pediatrics is an Emergency

# Lawrence County Health Department

# Statement of Cash Position

Include Inactive Accounts: No

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Net Revenue YTD	Net Expenses YTD	Increases, Other YTD	Decreases, Other YTD	Unexpended Balance	Encumbrance Ending Balance YTD	Ending Balance
8	BOARD OF HEALTH	\$654,246.76	\$133,236.55	\$315,871.18	\$516,584.64	\$307,690.49	\$680,506,28	\$871.28	\$679,635.00
E01	CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES	\$0.00	80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E02	FAMILY PLANNING FUND	\$16,788.14	\$126,920.81	\$144,385.40	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,323.55	\$436.62	\$13,886.93
E03	TRAILER PARK	\$3,604.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,604.60	\$0.00	\$3,604.60
E05	HEALTH SOLID WASTE	\$8,711.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,711.97	\$0.00	\$8,711.97
E06	WATER WELL FUND	\$6,231.85	\$1,137.00	\$8,247.42	\$7,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,121.43	\$0.00	\$5,121.43
E07	DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM	\$30,098.25	\$63,373.72	\$88,624.28	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,847.69	\$1,283.55	\$6,564.14
E08	IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN	\$1,411.16	\$33,226.00	\$44,267.90	\$10,800.00	80.00	\$1,169.26	\$0.00	\$1,169.26
E10	SEWER/SEPTIC REIMBURSEN	\$13,617.05	\$54,770.40	\$101,790.75	\$37,657.19	\$1,000.00	\$3,253.89	\$359.15	\$2,894.74
E12	COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E13	COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROV	\$4,418.17	\$0.00	\$4,418.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E15	CAPACITY BLDG LOCAL DRU(	\$23,328.15	80.00	\$2,178.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,149.31	\$0.00	\$21,149.31
E16	VITAL STATISTICS	\$104,229.45	\$84,941.53	\$123,965.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,205.14	\$1,028.59	\$64,176.55
E17	CRIBS FOR KIDS AND SAFE S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E18	RECREATION AND BODY ART	\$4,449.80	\$1,385.00	\$4,788.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,046.40	\$0.00	\$1,046.40
E19	WPCLF	\$0.00	\$24,831.90	\$24,831.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E20	HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEVEL	\$59,863,39	\$0.00	\$2,672.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57,190.53	\$0.00	\$57,190.53
E21	COVID-19 GRANT	\$50,057.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,057.59	\$0.00	\$50,057.59
E22	COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING	\$25,859.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	80.00	\$25,859.24	\$0.00	\$25,859.24
E23	COVID-19 CARE RESOURCE (	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E24	COVID-19 ENHANCED OPERA	\$167,190.19	\$244,120.78	\$262,576.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148,734.10	\$0.00	\$148,734.10
E25	VACCINE NEEDS ASSESSMEN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E26	VACCINE EQUITY SUPPLEME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E27	PALLOTINE FOUNDATION CO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E28	PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORC	\$54,619.95	\$161,346.36	\$188,635.16	\$100,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$42,331.15	\$3,427.04	\$38,904.11
E29	COVID-19 VACCINATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E30	POOL LICENSING	\$2,273.09	\$1,079.00	\$4,321.62	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,530.47	\$0.00	\$4,530.47
E3-1	CAMPGROUND	\$13,742.47	\$110.00	\$3,974.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,878.13	\$0.00	\$9,878.13
E32	HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRA	\$15,595.58	80.00	\$15,595.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E33	PRECONCEPTION HEALTH &	\$10,304.02	\$30,712.50	\$52,644.88	\$15,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,871.64	\$3,037.63	\$834.01
E34	COVID-19 BRIDGE VACCINATI	\$0.00	\$11,200.00	\$15,181.87	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,518.13	\$0.00	\$1,518.13
E35	2024 HEALTHY INTIATIVE GRA	\$0.00	\$8,299.43	\$1,924.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,374.71	\$0.00	\$6,374.71
E36	MRC STTRONG	\$0.00	\$1,865.21	\$6,559.24	\$5,534.80	\$0.00	\$840.77	\$0.00	\$840.77
F00	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING	\$19,664.92	\$163,012.83	\$140,103.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,574.09	\$3,351.91	\$39,222.18
F01	PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY	\$7,051.10	\$52,369.00	\$77,803.36	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,616.74	\$91.25	\$1,525.49
F02	PRIMARY CARE CLINIC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
000	RESTAURANT	\$6,318.82	\$94,550.83	\$161,264.47	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,605.18	\$644.55	\$8,960.63
Grand Total	Total:	\$1,303,675.71	\$1,292,488.85	\$1,796,628.71	\$812,076.63	\$394,690.49	\$1,216,921.99	\$14,531.57	\$1,202,390.42

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# 2024-2027 Lawrence County, Ohio

# **COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

This 3-year plan was developed through partnership with our community partners and stakeholders. It outlines goals, objectives, and strategies that will be used to help improve the health of our community.

# Priority 1: Youth Mental Health & Addiction



Goal: Increase the number of schools allowing anti-vaping campaigns and expand opportunities for youth engagement

- 1.1 Expand CATCH My Breath vaping education program to 80% of Lawrence County Middle Schools every year
- 1.2 Advocate for schools to link to tobacco cessation programs instead of punitive measures only
- · 1.3 Expand opportunities for social engagement for middle and high school youth
- · 1.4 Implement a suicide prevention campaign for at-risk youth

# Priority 2: Adult Mental Health & Addiction -



Goal: Destigmatize mental health and addiction

- · 2.1 Implement a "behavioral health is health" campaign
- · 2.2 Continue implementing a "behavioral health is health" campaign
- 2.3 Implement campaigns in which people in recovery from mental health and/or addiction tell their stories

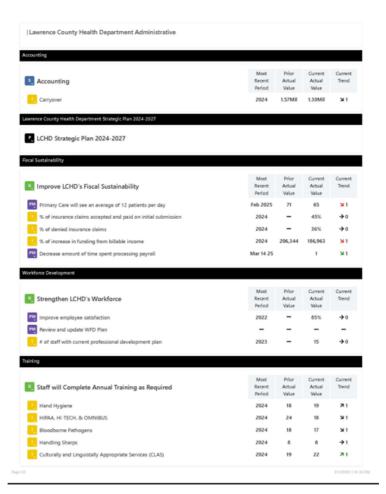
### Priority 3: Adult Obesity -

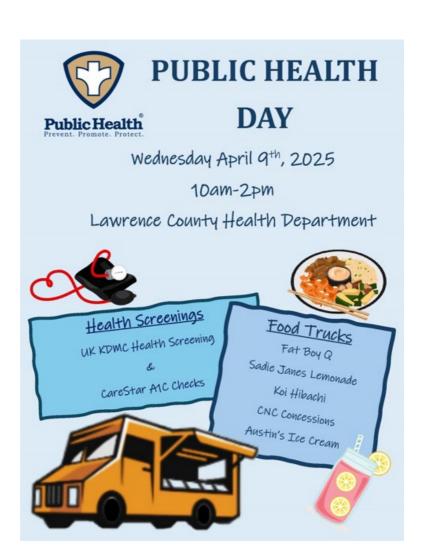


Reduce overweight and obesity in Lawrence County by promoting healthy eating

- 3.1 Implement Ohio's Good Food Here guidelines throughout Lawrence County
- · 3.2 Implement a produce prescription program







# **Mission Statement**

The Lawrence County Health Department is committed to protecting the health of the residents of our community. Prevent. Promote. Protect.

# Vision

Lawrence County is a community of healthy and thriving individuals and families.

# **Values/Guiding Principles**

- Care for our community
- Respect for our clients regardless of their circumstances
- Commitment to public health
- Teamwork
- Qualified, experienced staff
- Health promotion
- Collaboration with community partners and stakeholders
- We value community feedback

The Value of Public Health Public Health plays an important role in preventing disease and injury, promoting healthy communities, and protecting the health of communities in which residents live, work, and play. Just a few of the ways in which this is done include:

- Conducting scientific research
- Vaccinating children and adults
- Disease investigation and tracking outbreaks
- Programs for injury prevention
- Improving sanitation
- Food safety inspections
- Animal bite investigations
- Family planning services that include (among other things) contraception, pregnancy tests, STD testing and treatment
- Emergency preparedness
- Education
- Policy making
- Enforcing laws that protect public health

All services are provided in a confidential, non-judgmental manner. The Lawrence County District Board of Health is committed to the responsibility of providing comprehensive health care, public health education, and environmental health services to all residents within its jurisdiction regardless of race, religion, color, age, sex/gender identity.

LCHD is an equal opportunity employer/service provider