

**Partnership for Healthy Delaware County
Local Public Health System Assessment
Ten Essential Public Health Services ~ December 5, 2007**

Essential Service #1: Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.

- Safety Officer - Traffic survey, collect data about criminal activity occurring in the county
- DMMHR SB - Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) survey in middle schools and high schools every three years
- DMMHR SB - Strategic planning process with stakeholders every 5 years
- Hospital - Admission, outcome, and discharge data
- Health Department - Monitor communicable disease and attempt to lower transmission rates
- YMCA - Diabetes initiative and Youth Obesity
- City - CDB Grants (CHIPS, etc.)

Essential Service #2: Diagnose and investigate health problems and hazards in the community.

- Ohio Wesleyan University - Keep statistics of student health problems and inform Health District of needed/required communicable diseases
- Safety Office - Conduct survey of the amount of students using seatbelts
- Emergency Management Agency - Conduct hazard analysis of hazards the county could face
- Health Department - Communicable disease investigation and intervention
- Delaware Area Transit Authority (DATA): as health services move farther away from residential and with growth of the county and traffic congestion, transportation may be an issue for those that do drive

Essential Service #3: Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.

- Ohio Wesleyan University - Students, faculty, staff, Health Center, etc. are willing to donate time to educate others
- Citizen Corps - Getting alert radios to areas where senior citizens gather & present shelter in place information in conjunction with EMA and Council for Older Adults.
- DATA - Centralized community services information on all vehicles
- Safety Office - Establish block watches in neighborhoods to address criminal activity
- Newspapers, newsletters, and other publications
- Emergency Management Agency - Provide preparedness information- publications, presentations, website information
- Community Foundation - Funding and connection to other funders in and outside the county
- YMCA - Monthly wellness screenings
- Health Department - Education programs- cardiovascular, nutrition, CD control, ServSafe, litter and recycling, sewage and water, hand washing, etc.
- City - Availability of facilities

Essential Services #4: Mobilize community partnerships to identify health problems

- Drug Free Delaware
- Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Family & Children First - Interagency Youth Cluster
- Transportation Coordination Project
- Funding jointly - grant process
- Issue-based advisory councils

- Community Foundation - Convener
- Action for Children - Participate in activities like MAPP
- Youth partnerships (Teen facilities and activities)
- MAPP process

Essential Services #5: Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts

- Smoke Free Campus
- Citizen Corps - Provide format for civil and service groups to network prior to assisting/volunteer during a disaster, thus being able to provide a unified volunteer response; also developing a plan to process and organize volunteers during disaster
- Encourage sidewalks, bikeways, parks, open space in communities
- DMMHR SB - Prevention Planning Process
- Emergency Management Agency - Develop “all hazard” plans
- Safety Office - Help school districts develop emergency action plans
- Community Foundation - Convener
- Action for Children - Support universal licensing of child care homes

Essential Services #6 Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety

- Action for Children - Educate the community on healthy and safe childcare, explain who to report problems to
- RPC - Review township zoning code changes; alert other townships to changes being made by others
- Health Department - Enforce food service, tobacco, and other public health regulations to decrease illness
- Safety Office - Enforce alcohol and tobacco sales laws and their use

- Community Foundation - Funding for Child Abduction Response Team for Delaware County and beyond

Essential Services #7: Link people to needed personal health services and care when otherwise unavailable

- Information and referral service
- In-home assessments
- Medicare, prescription counseling/ assistance- including emergency medications
- Ohio Wesleyan University - We refer students to community services as needed; provide volunteers for many agencies
- Helpline - Information and referral
- Removal of transportation barriers through coordination project
- Action for Children - Links families with health services
- Safety Office - Links families with health services
- Community Foundation - Funding and communicate the need to other funders

Essential Services #8- Assure a competent public and personal health care workforce

- Education and licensure requirements
- Offer professional workshops to the public
- Licensure to operate
- Standard of Certification
- Certification for Food Service
- Certified lifeguards and pool operations
- Certification for _____ activities

- Audits by state and/or federal health agencies for compliance to standards or requirements
- Clinician licensure and certification in mental health & alcohol and other drugs; state regulations
- Citizen Corps - NIMS training & review for all volunteers who assist in disasters
- Action for Children - working to improve the education level in childcare
- Community Foundation - funding for literacy programs
- Safety Office - Provides training to meet state standards

Essential Services #9- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services

- Evaluate services regularly
- Outcome-based measurements - Pre-activity, at activity, and post-activity
- Preparing for accreditation (State and National) CQI implementation is necessary
- DMMHR SB - Outcome based investing of public dollars for mental health & alcohol and other drug services
- Community Foundation - Promote/publicize success of funding programs
- Create a county-wide repository for the data we gather
- Emergency Management Agency - Conduct training exercises to evaluate effectiveness of plans and training

Essential Services #10- Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems

- Ohio Wesleyan University - Delaware County is LUCKY to have an exceptional university in the city of Delaware. Research, volunteers, and many leaders in a number of fields would be willing to help or donate time
- Community Foundation - Monitor other programs successfully funded nationally and statewide