Monthly Update

November 2019

Public Health — Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Dayton & Montgomery County

Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.

Supporting LGBTQ Youth Summit

The LGBTQ Health Alliance presented "Supporting LGBTQ Youth" - a two-day training session for professionals who serve youth on November 4 & 5 at the Dayton Metro Library. Attendees received comprehensive LGBTQ youth cultural competence/humility training and connected with local LGBTQ youth-serving organizations that can be ongoing resources in the future.

The training is facilitated by the *Safe and Supported Program* from Lighthouse Youth and Family Services which offers an LGBTQ youth-centered approach. Areas of concentration include; relationship building, values clarification, school and family safety, sexual orientation education, gender identity, pronoun usage and other terminology. The summit also seeks to build relationships with partners for future advocacy and support.

The Summit was a collaborative effort between Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County, Lighthouse Youth and Family Services, Dayton Children's Hospital, PFLAG Dayton, Daybreak Dayton, and Miami University's Dennis L. Carlson Sexuality Education Studies Center.

Lung Injuries Related to Vaping Continue to Rise (Update)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and multiple states are investigating the occurrence of severe pulmonary disease among people who report vaping. CDC is referring to e-cigarette, or vaping product use associated lung injury as EVALI.

Vaping products contain many substances and may include nicotine, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), synthetic cannabinoids, or a combination of these. Currently, there are no known links to a specific type of product. As of Tuesday, October 29 there were 37 deaths and 1,888 cases reported across 49 states. State and local public health officials in Ohio have confirmed 47 cases of vaping-related severe pulmonary illness and are investigating an additional

36 reports of illness. There have been 2 cases reported in Montgomery County.

Ohio stats here https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/tobacco-use-prevention-and-cessation/news-and-events/

On September 30 the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) issued a Health Alert requiring health care providers or any individual having knowledge, to report to their local health department (LHD) by the end of the next business day, all suspected cases of severe pulmonary disease of unclear etiology with a history of vaping in the past 90 days.

Public Health widely disseminated the information to multiple community partners, including the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association to forward to hospital Infection Control Practitioners and to physicians within the respective networks, urgent cares, school nurses and the federally qualified health centers.

Addiction Services Offering New Anger Management Group

Public Health's Addiction Services will be offering an Anger Management Group beginning in November of 2019. Groups will be closed and offered in six-week cycles. The group will utilize an evidenced-based curriculum developed by SAMSHA. It will assist clients in understanding anger, its origins and how it manifests itself in their lives.
Skills that will be taught are:
- Conflict resolution
- Assertiveness skills
- Development of an anger control plan
- Emotional regulation
- Healthy stress reduction techniques

This group is free for current Addiction Services clients. The classes are designed for individuals who want to enhance their ability to manage their anger to improve their lives. Court-involved individuals may also be required to attend the classes to gain anger management skills.

Classes will be held at Addiction Services, located at 1 Elizabeth Place SE in Dayton on Tuesdays from 9am – 11am, beginning November 19, 2019. For more information contact Addiction Services at (937) 461-5223

Montgomery County Food Summit 2019

The 9th Annual Montgomery County Food Summit: *Bringing Solutions to the Table* takes place on Wednesday, November 20 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Sinclair Community College. The Montgomery County Food Equity Coalition will be presenting the Montgomery County Food Equity Plan by exploring connections between Vibrant Farms, Thriving Local Economies, Sustainable Ecosystems, Healthy People, Strong Communities, and Food Insecurity.

The coalition will identify strategic goals to improve community food security in Montgomery County, in addition to highlighting organizations and resources that complement the Food Equity Plan. Montgomery County Commissioner Judy Dodge will also be announcing the winner of the *2019 Food Champion Award,* the first award of its kind. Please join us to learn about how Montgomery County will be creating a fair and sustainable food system that benefits our economy, our environment, and all people.

Ohio Environmental Health Association Presenters

Public Health Sanitarians along with Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Wentzel attended the Ohio Environmental Health Association's Southwest Conference on October 2 & 3 at Sinclair Community College. Ms. Wentzel was a keynote speaker, presenting on Public Health's response to multiple events in 2019, including the February 13 water main break and the Memorial Day tornadoes. She also presented in a breakout session along with Sanitarian Supervisor, Matthew Tyler on Environmental Health's tornado response.

These presentations focused on Public Health's role during an emergency event, including:
- Implementing the National Incident Command Structure
- Coordinating with community partners and state and local agencies
- Helping setup and support a family assistance center
- Engaging with businesses in the community to ensure safe food and water, along with proper debris management during emergency events.

The presentations concluded with Public Health's commitment to the long-term recovery of the region by working with the community and being at the forefront of emergency preparedness and response.

RAPCA Asbestos Coordinator Receives Federal Award

RAPCA Asbestos Program Coordinator, Sarah Gessner, was awarded a *Coin Award,* which is a symbol of excellence, by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Ohio for her work on the *U.S. vs Riazzi* investigation.

The case involved the renovation of an old steam generation plant located in downtown Dayton. John Riazzi worked with the City of Dayton to purchase the property for $10 with plans to renovate the building and turn it into a banquet hall. Riazzi received $90,000 from the City of Dayton to properly renovate the facility. As part of the renovation process, an asbestos survey was required to identify all asbestos containing material, so it could be properly remediated before renovations began.

The initial asbestos survey of the building did not include the roof that was suspected of containing asbestos and Mr. Riazzi hired two untrained "scrappers" to hastily remove the roofing material before the scheduled asbestos survey could be performed. In addition to removing the material without a proper survey, the scrappers removed the material without proper containment and improperly disposed of the asbestos containing roofing materials at their personal residence.

RAPCA provided the Ohio Attorney General's (AG) Office and U.S. EPA Criminal Investigation Division with the local investigation findings of the improper removal incident. Sarah's hard work and skillful investigation helped lead the criminal investigators with the Ohio AG's Office and U.S. EPA to the successful prosecution of local businessman John Riazzi for federal criminal violations of the Clean Air Act.

COAT Selected for OIPP Promising Practice Award

The Community Overdose Action Team (COAT) recently received the *Promising Practice Award* from the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP). OIPP's mission is to prevent injuries in Ohio by promoting evidence-based interventions and collaborative partnerships. Priority areas for OIPP include falls among older adults, drug overdose, and child/youth injury.

The OIPP Promising Practice Award recognizes outstanding community-based interventions aimed at reducing the incidence of injury and violence in Ohio. It is their hope that through recognition of innovative and effective programs such as the COAT, that partners across the state will consider similar strategies in their injury prevention efforts.

Media Opportunities:

DDN on **Illegal Dumping** (10/3/19)
Fox 45 on **Flu** (10/4/19)
DDN on **Flu** (10/7/19)
WHIO on **Flu** (10/9/19)
WDTN on **Flu** (10/10/19)
WHIO on **Health Complaint** (10/10/19)
WDTN on **Health Complaint** (10/10/19)

Dayton 24/7 Now on **Overdoses** (10/11/19)
DDN on **Overdoses** (10/11/19)
WDTN on **Tobacco 21** (10/15/19)
WDTN on **WIC Opening** (10/22/19)
Fox 45 on **WIC Opening** (10/22/19)
Ottawa Citizen on **COAT** (10/23/19)
Dayton 24/7 Now on **Asbestos** (10/23/19)
Dayton 24/7 Now on **Pertussis** (10/24/19)
DDN on **Flu** (10/25/19)
Dayton Most Metro on **LGBTQ History Project** (10/28/19)

Outreach Opportunities:

2019 Annual Health and Wellness Day at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church (10/5/19)

City of Dayton 2019 Health & Safety Fair at St. Ottawa Yards (10/11/19)

Wright State University 2019 Health & Benefits Fair at WSU Student Union Apollo Room (10/23/19)

Five Rivers MetroParks Employee Health & Safety Fair at Wegerzyn Gardens Metro Park (10/23/19)

Among Surveyed High School Students in Ohio:

- **71.3%** heard, read, or watched an ad about substance use and prevention in the past year

- **53.3%** said their parents discussed the dangers of substance use in the past year

- **21.5%** ever lived with someone who was a problem drinker, used illegal drugs, or abused prescription medications

- **11.5%** rode in a car with someone who had been drinking in the past 30 days

Source: Ohio Youth Environment Survey (OHYES!), 2015-2018

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