



Stark County Health Department



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Meeting/Agenda Minutes

Meeting Name/Topic	School Nurse Support Mtg	Date	12-6-17
Facilitator	Delight Howells	Time	8:30
Location	Board Room	Scribe	Delight Howells
Attendees: See Sign in			

Key Points Discussed		
Agenda Item/Topic	Highlights/Discussion	Outcome/Assignments
Overview of Maternal/Infant programs and grants currently available through the Stark County Health Department	Complement each other in working to lower our rates of infant mortality - Baby & Me Tobacco Free - Breastfeeding Support - Moms & Babies First Home Visiting (formerly KOBA) - THRIVE Home Visiting - Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic - Safe Sleep/Cribs for Kids Relating all this to the school setting. Life Planning.	Contact Delight Howells for any questions. Howellsd@starkhealth.org Office #: 330-493-9914 ext 123 or 2055 (with new phone system in 2018) Fax: 330-493-9932
Group Discussion and Updates	None at this time.	
Next Meeting (no January mtg)	February 7 th 8:30	

Revised: 11/21/14

Stark County Health Department Accreditation Team



BABY & ME - Tobacco Free Program™

Healthy Babies. Born on Time.

- YOU AND YOUR BABY CAN BE TOBACCO FREE -



Quitting smoking is the single most important thing you can do for your health and the health of your baby!

Enroll in Your Local BABY & ME - Tobacco Free Program by Contacting:

Stark County Health Department
3969 Convenience Cir. NW Canton, Ohio 44718
Tiffany Belknap RN
330-493-9934 Ext.103 Fax:330-493-9932

Quit Smoking and Receive FREE Diapers.

babyandmetobaccofree.org



BABY & ME – Tobacco Free FAX-TO-QUIT
Tiffany Belknap RN
Stark County Health Department
FAX to: (330)493-9932



PATIENT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Estimated Delivery Date: ____/____/____

I (undersigned) give permission for the support of staff and/or facilitator of the BABY & ME – Tobacco Free Program to contact me, enroll me in the program, assist me in quitting smoking, and give feedback regarding my progress to the health care provider listed below.

Patient Name (print): _____

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

REFERRING PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

Health Care Provider's Name _____

Facility _____

Facility Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Patient is approved to use over-the-counter
Nicotine Replacement Therapy. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Contact Information:
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Canton, Ohio 44718
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and Child Health, Maternal and Child Health
Program

Community Health Workers

A Community Health Worker (CHW) is available at no cost to help support and assist you through your pregnancy and first year of your baby's life. CHWs work with you to identify the challenges and barriers you face in preparing for baby. Together, you and your CHW can make a plan, set goals, and sign up for resources you may need. CHWs are there to support you, guide you, and to actively advocate for you and your baby's health.

What do CHWs do?

Remove the barriers to getting prenatal care

- Get health insurance
- Find a doctor you like and is covered by your insurance
- Help making your appointments
- Arrange transportation
- Help you follow the doctor's advice
- Empower you to make the best health choices for you and your baby
- Advocate for you to doctors and policy makers

Make valuable connections

- Breastfeeding support group
- Mental Health, Behavioral Health, and Addiction Recovery services
- Tobacco Cessation support
- Help you seek stable housing and assistance with utilities
- Help with early education for baby
- Transportation assistance
- Access to fresh, healthy foods

Help you get ready for baby

- Make sure you have a safe place for baby to sleep
- Connect you and those you live with to tobacco cessation support where you can earn vouchers for diapers for quitting and staying smoke-free
- Connect you with birthing classes and help you make an informed choice about breastfeeding
- Parenting classes for you and the father of your baby
- Optional visit by a nurse at home to make sure you and baby are healthy after birth

Live and work in your neighborhood

- They know where you are coming from
- Are trained in the resources specifically found in your community
- Are never too far away to help you
- Know the challenges you face and can work with you to overcome them



Access Health Stark County

(330) 437-3715

Draya and Elonda serve Stark County with a focus on Southeast and Northeast Canton, working out of the Goodwill Community Campus, Sherrick Road Church of God, Jackson Sherrick Homes, and Canton Calvary Mission Church

For more information, please visit: www.accesshealthstark.org



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Alliance Family Health Center

(330) 596-7581

Brenda and Turquoise serve pregnant women who live in Alliance, with a focus on Wards 1 and 2 and also serve the patients of the Alliance Family Health Center



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Brenda Johnson, brendaj@alliancefamilyhealth.org

Stark County Health Department

(330) 493-9914

Jamie serves pregnant Black/African American women in Stark County through the KOBA home visiting program

For more information, please visit: www.starkcountyohio.gov/public-health



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Jamie Warfield, warfieldj@starkhealth.org

CommQuest

(330) 453-8252

Ashley serves pregnant women with substance abuse disorders, particularly women affected by opioid addiction, and also works with women in Deliverance House, the residential treatment program.

For more information, please visit: www.commquest.org



Ashley Perry, ashleyp@questrs.org

YWCA Canton

(330) 453-7644

Felicia serves pregnant women in the YWCA women's shelter to help them overcome the unique barriers of housing insecurity. She also serves women at the Early Head Starts sites in Canton and Massillon.

For more information, please visit: www.ywcacanton.org



Felicia Nicholson, fnicholson@ywcacanton.org

My Community Health Center

(330) 363-3179

Coming Soon!



MOMS & BABIES FIRST

Ohio's Black Infant Vitality Program



Formerly known as K.O.B.A

Phone: (330) 493-9914

Fax: (330) 493-9932

WWW.STARKHEALTH.ORG

**3969 Convenience Circle NW
Canton, OH 44718**



African Americans in Stark County have an infant mortality rate that is more than 2 times higher than that of Whites.



Moms & Babies First is a home visiting program which provides free, confidential outreach services, and health education for pregnant African American mothers in Stark County.

- ♦ **Trained Community Health Workers make monthly visits to assess and assist with ongoing needs.**

- ♦ **Bus passes provided for assistance with transportation to appointments.**
- ♦ **As available, a pack-n-play or car seat may be provided to help prepare for babies arrival.**



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MOMS & BABIES FIRST
Ohio's Black Infant Vitality Program



Formerly known as K.O.B.A

Referral Form

Date Referred: _____

Referral Source: _____

Client's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Client's Age: _____

Address: _____

Doctor or Clinic: _____

Due Date: _____

Mom African American/Black: Yes No

On WIC: Yes, No, Unknown (Please Circle)

History/Helpful Info:

Verbal or written consent was given by client for this referral:

Signature of referral source: _____

Please Fax Completed Form to

Delight Howells at 330-493-9932

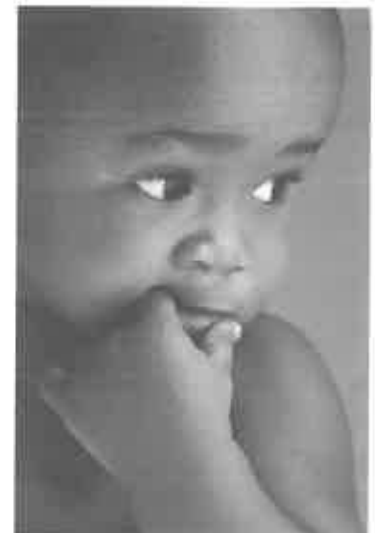
Or call 330-493-9928 ext. 123.



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Breastfeeding Referral

For moms who could benefit from breastfeeding support/assistance or are pregnant and have questions about breastfeeding, refer them to the Stark County Health Department for the following:

- Support from our on-site Certified Lactation Consultant (CLC) trained nurse or a referral to a participating agency in the community accepting referrals to assist with breastfeeding.
- An incentive for participating in this referral process, such as a breastfeeding cover or milk storage kit (while supplies last).
- Follow up from our CLC nurse to assure their needs have been met and evaluate further support needed.

Date Referred: _____ Referral Source: _____

Client's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Due Date (if applicable): _____ Age of Infant: _____

Please Fax Completed Form to

Tiffany Belknap at 330-493-9932

Or call 330-493-9914 ext. 103.



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Do you need a SAFE place for your B A B Y to SLEEP?



The Stark County Safe Sleep Task Force is
licensed as a **CRIBS** for **KIDS** provider.

**To see if your BABY qualifies for a
GRACO PACK N PLAY**

Please call the Stark County Health
Department at **330-493-9914 ext. 103**

**Every week in Ohio...
3 babies die in unsafe
sleep environments.**



The Stark County Health Department offers monthly classes
to educate on safe sleep recommendations and to distribute
pack-n-plays provided through the ODH to those who qualify.

**Cribs For Kids Class
330-493-9914 ext 103
Stark County Health Department
3969 Convenience Cir. NW Canton, OH 44718**



Stark County Health Department

Cribs For Kids - Referral Form



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Date Referred: _____

Referral Source: _____

Client's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Client's Age: _____

Due Date: _____

or Infants Date of Birth: _____

(Should be younger than one year for this class)

Date of Class Scheduled: _____ (Will be scheduled by SCHD Staff)

Eligible for WIC per household income?

Yes

No

In need of a Pack –N-Play (Doesn't already have a crib or Pack – N- Play)?

Yes

No

Pregnant and want information about home visiting programs?

Yes

No

Comments: _____

Name of Person Completing this form: _____



Please Fax Completed Form to

Tiffany Belknap at 330-493-9932

Or call 330-493-9928 ext. 103.

Guidelines to Schedule:

1. Must be eligible by income for WIC (doesn't have to be on WIC)
2. Does not have a safe place for infant to sleep
3. Willing to receive safe sleep education and follow up 1 month later
4. Schedule pregnant women so they are coming for a cribs class when they are at least 32 weeks pregnant.
5. Infants should be younger than 1 year and less than 30 pounds

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Maternal and Child Health Program

Meet Our Team!

Stark County Health Department

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Communicable Diseases

Stark County Health Department

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BA
CHW

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Programs:
Keep Our Babies Alive Home Visiting
Baby and Me Tobacco Free

Stark County Health Department

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Programs:
Children with Medical Handicaps (CHM)
Tobaccofree Plan, Tobaccofree,
Only: North Canton
Water/Water Load Schools, Canton
County Day

Stark County Health Department

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CHW

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Programs:
Keep Our Babies Alive Home Visiting

Stark County Health Department

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CHW

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Programs:
Keep Our Babies Alive Home Visiting

Stark County Health Department

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Programs:
Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic
Communicable Diseases



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STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT NURSING SERVICES



Stark County Health Department

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Director of Nursing

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Sherry A Smith, MS, BSN, RN is Director of Nursing Services for Stark County Health Department. Sherry received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Malone College in 1998 and a Master of Science in Health Services (with Emphasis in Community Health) from California College for Health Sciences in 2006. Sherry is ultimately responsible for managing, researching, planning, implementing, and maintaining nursing and community health resources for all of the programs mentioned in this brochure and is directly involved in those listed below:

- Adult/Child Immunizations
- Backpack Program
- Child Fatality Review
- Children with Medical Handicaps Committee
- Early Childhood Collaborative
- Lead Clinic/Case Management
- Medical Administrative Claiming
- Newborn Screening & NLCU Visits
- Opioid Task Force
- Prescription Drug Overdose
- Poison Death Review
- Social Emotional Health of Children & Adolescents
- Project KIND Meeting
- School Nurse Support Group
- School Nursing Services
- S.M.A.R.T.
- Tuberculin Skin Testing
- Adult/Child Mortality Review (FIMR)
- Head Start Nutrition Advisory Board
- Performance Management/Quality Improvement
- Credentialed
- Reportable Emerging Disease Network
- Stark County Minority Health Coalition Chair
- T.H.R.I.V.E. Co-Lead
- TB Case Management & TB Registry
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Workforce Development

Stark County Health Department

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Stark County Health Department

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- Baby & Me Tobacco Free
- Breastfeeding Initiatives
- Crisis for Kids
- Health Fairs
- Keep Our Babies Alive (K.O.B.A.)
- Malone University Advisory Committee
- Migrant Services
- Reproductive Health & Wellness Clinic
- Safe Sleep Education
- Safe Sleep Task Force
- S.I.D.S. Follow-up
- Student Services
- T.H.R.I.V.E.
- Help Me Grow Advisory Board
- Faithhood Coalition
- Cultural / I & E Committee

Meet our Providers

Stark County Health Department

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Programs:
Patient Safety
Patient Death Review
Child Fatality Review

**Maureen Ahmmnm
DO
Medical Director**

Stark County Health Department

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Programs:
Reproductive Health and Wellness

**Eleanor Lerner
CNP RN
Provider**

Nursing Services Programs and Services

Adult/ Child Immunizations: Stark County Health Department provides vaccinations for adults and children who are unable to receive vaccinations from their primary care physician. The cost of vaccinations varies based on financial guidelines and other eligibility requirements. Staff also provides educational trainings for local physicians offices in techniques to improve the immunization rates in their offices.

Adult Immunizations— by appointment on Thursday's (9am– 3:30pm) - 330-493-9914 ext. 241

Childhood Immunizations— by appointment - 330-493-9914 ext. 111

-SCHED— 1st & 4th Monday each month by appointment (12– 7:00pm)

-Infant Clinic— 3rd Friday each month by appointment (9am-12pm)

-Adolescent Clinic— 3rd Friday each month by appointment (1:30-4pm)

Louisville Clinic (1st Tuesday each month 9-11am)
Located in Christ United Methodist Church
600 E. Gorgas Street
Louisville, Ohio 44641

Navarre Clinic (4th Tuesday each month 9-11:00am)
Located in Fohl Memorial United Methodist Church
121 Basin Street
Navarre, OH 44662

TB testing— Tuesday's Walk-in (8:30am-4:30pm)

Billing Specialist: Nursing Services bills Medicaid, Medicare, Medicaid HMO's and most insurance companies for those services received at Stark County Health Department. For most clinical services, families provide our department with their monthly income amounts and are placed on a sliding scale based on the families income.

Backpack Program— Reduce Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is the term used by the USDA to indicate lack of regular access to nutritional foods. According to the Akron Canton Foodbank nearly 20,000 Stark County children do not have regular access to healthy foods. Our department has teamed up with the Maternal Child Health Grant, Akron Canton Foodbank, and area churches to provide a backpack food program for those elementary children from Marlington Local Schools who are currently on the Free Lunch Program. This program will provide a sack of food for the children over the weekend.

Meet Our Team!

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Programs:
Keep Our Babies Alive Home Visiting

**Artesia Hewhns
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Programs:
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

**Dawn Hoplane
WIC Clerk**

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Programs:
Keep Our Babies Alive Home Visiting
TB Case Registry

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Programs:
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

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Programs:
Keep Our Babies Alive Home Visiting

**Bonnie Ronnem
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Programs:
Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)
Tombstones Jackson, Lawrence, Perry
Chp: Carol Fulton

Schools: Northwest Local Schools

Stark County Health Department

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Programs:
Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinic
Child Health Program
Maternal Child Program
Social Emotional Health of Children & Adolescents

**Angie Schaporo
LSW
Social Worker**

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Programs:
Maternal Child Program
Lead Case Manager

**Susan Seifert
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Program Coordinator**

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Programs:
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

**Tiffany Shah
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Program Supervisor**

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Programs:
Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)
Tombstones: Owsens, Searcy, Pike, Behlman, Segars, Perry

Schools: Fairview Local Schools

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Programs:
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

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Dietitian

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Programs:
Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

Townships: Leno, Marlboro, Washington, Herndon, Ludington, Paris, Canton
City: Louisville

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Public Health Nurse

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Programs:
Stark County Health and Wellness
Stark County Tobacco Use Prevention
Baby's 1st Trimester Free
Breastfeeding Support/Coalition

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Programs:
Communicable Diseases

Academy: Multigraft Local Bonds

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Programs:
Women Infants and Children (WIC)

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Dietitian

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Programs:
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Sharon Cottman
WIC Clerk

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Programs:
Billing Specialist

Vicky Coffman
Billing Specialist

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Programs:
Prescription Drug Overdose

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Prescription Drug Overdose Coordinator

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Programs:
Child Immunizations
Child Injury Prevention
Smoking in a Backpack

Cheryl Dietrich
Nursing Clerk

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Programs:
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Dana Greene
LPN

Baby and Me Tobacco Free: BABY & ME™ Tobacco Free Program is a smoking cessation program created to reduce the burden of tobacco use on the pregnant and post-partum population. Women who quit smoking are less likely to have premature and low-birth weight babies. Maintaining smoking cessation after the baby is born extends the positive health outcomes for women and their families by reducing the damaging effects of secondhand smoke. This results in healthier mothers, healthier babies, and an outstanding return on investment. Each participant receives at least four prenatal cessation-counseling sessions, support, and carbon monoxide (CO) monitoring. After the birth of the baby, the mother returns monthly to continue CO monitoring and, if proven to be smoke-free, receives a \$25 monthly voucher for diapers for up to 12 months postpartum. The mother may use her voucher for any brand or size of diapers at Walmart and/or local participating stores.

Breastfeeding Support Services: A registered nurse provides breastfeeding support to women from across the county, by developing a local breast feeding coalition, working with local businesses and medical providers to encourage and support breastfeeding. Additionally our on site registered nurse is a Certified Lactation Consultant and available to assist women with breastfeeding support through community referrals.

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CMH): CMH is a state program which provides medical coverage for children up to 21 years of age who have a medical handicapping condition & meet the medical and financial eligibility criteria. The CMH program is currently funded by the Federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, state general revenue funds, county tax funds, third-party reimbursements and donations. Financial eligibility for the program is determined case by case and is based on: a percentage of the federal poverty income guidelines; the families taxable income; the medical care the child needs; a calculation of the family's maximum ability to pay for health care; the amount the family spends on private health insurance; and it is amount the family spends on weekly child care. Our nurses work as case-managers for eligible families helping them to: complete the paperwork, apply for Medicaid, schedule appointments, and to navigate the healthcare system in general.

Child Fatality Review Board: In October of 2000 legislation went into effect that required every county in the state of Ohio to create a Child Fatality Review Board to review the deaths of all children aged 17 and under. Our Department was tasked with the responsibility of chairing this board by the Stark County Commissioners. The ultimate purpose of this Review Board is to decrease the incidence of preventable child deaths by recommending and developing plans for implementing local services and program changes that might prevent future deaths in children.

Communicable Diseases: The role of the Communicable Disease program at the Health Department is that of case investigation, referral, immunization, contact notification, follow-up, and education of the community on various communicable diseases. The individuals working in the program area work closely with area health departments, doctors offices, hospitals, and the environmental health staff during case investigation, client contact and follow-up.

TB Case Management/TB Case Registry: The Tuberculosis Case Registry is a record bureau that keeps and maintains records with respect to all suspect and cases of Tuberculosis within the county. The Stark County Health Department is the TB Registry for Stark County. The TB Case Registrar's responsibilities include but are not limited to: accurate records of cases and suspects for all of Stark County, reporting of cases and/or suspected cases to the state level of TB control, financial assessments for chest x-rays and payment for TB medications, and legal responsibilities.

Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention: Due to the rising health problem of Opiate Abuse the Ohio Department of Health has offered a three year grant opportunity to our department. This grant which began in July 2016, provided funding for a full time Prescription Drug Overdose Coordinator. The primary responsibilities of this nurse is to assist with the local Opiate Task Force; educate area physicians and prescribers on the new opiate prescribing guidelines; encourage the use of Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS); work with local healthcare facilities to assure implementation of policies and protocols regarding treatment of opiate abuse and the distribution of Naloxone; as well as the initiation and implementation of a local Poison Death Review Team.

Fetal Infant Mortality Review/ THRIVE: Prompted by the statewide Ohio Equity Institute Initiative to advance equity in birth outcomes. The initiative calls on Toward Health Resiliency for Infant Vitality and Equity (THRIVE), the countywide infant mortality coalition, to select, implement, and evaluate a data informed birth outcome, equity project. THRIVE is a public private partnership comprised of agencies, organizations, and community members dedicated to implementing targeted interventions for the purpose of reducing the rate of infant mortality and health disparities in Stark County. Some of the initiatives involved include Fetal Infant Mortality Review, Safe Sleep Education, and Centering Pregnancy.

Keep Our Babies Alive (KOBA) Home Visiting: The Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative's goal is to reduce infant mortality, reduce low birth weight and very low birth weight in the African-American community. KOBA community health workers assist client by finding a prenatal provider, connecting with Help Me Grow, WIC, and other programs. They provide home visitation services to mothers and refer families to appropriate agencies in times of crisis. The KOBA staff provide free and confidential assistance to all pregnant African-American women and follow the families through the child's first year of life.

Lead Clinic / Lead Case Management: Lead is a heavy metal that accumulates in the blood, bones, and soft tissue. Lead in the body can cause damage to the brain, kidneys, nervous system, and reproductive system. It can be found in pipes, old paint, soil, toys, cosmetics, many household items and some types of gasoline. Every child under 6 years of age should be tested for lead poisoning. A monthly clinic is available at SCHD to provide lead testing to families in need. The Department also provides Lead Case Management to help families find the source of elevated blood lead levels to prevent further exposure.

Lead Clinic- 1st Friday each month by appointment (9:00am-12:00pm) - 330-493-9914 ext. 111

Migrant Services: Each year between June and September, Stark County Health Nursing Services staff collaborate with the Hartsville Migrant Center to provide onsite medical services such as: Immunization Clinics, Reproductive Health and Wellness Clinics, Screenings for Heart Start, and Well Child Clinics. These services are supported through a grant provided through the Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

Reproductive Health & Wellness Clinic & Pregnancy Testing

Provides onsite comprehensive services to women, men and adolescents that include: contraceptive services, pregnancy testing and counseling, basic infertility services, preconception care, sexually transmitted disease services, screenings for breast cancer, screening for cervical cancer, male genital exams/screenings, referrals for other medical care, and psychological or social service.

Reproductive Health and Wellness- Thursday's by appointment (8:30am-4:30pm) - 330-493-9914 ext. 100

Safe Sleep: The SCHD co-leads the THRIVE Advisory Group (formerly the Stark County Safe Sleep Taskforce) which is comprised of local community agencies who share a common interest in preventing infant sleep related deaths in our community. This taskforce collaborates with THRIVE in its efforts to decrease infant mortality and are very active within our community. Providing a safe sleep environment is one of the most important steps to preventing sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), and sleep related asphyxia. Safe Sleep presentations are offered to agencies and guidance in adopting policies regarding safe sleep practices. The "Cribs for Kids" program provides education and a Pack-N-Play to those families in need of a safe sleep environment for their infant.

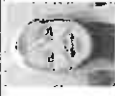
Cribs for Kids (Safe Sleep) Classes- 1st Friday each month by appointment (10:30 & 2:30) - 330-493-9914 ext. 100

School Nursing Services: The Health Department provides school nursing to 1 private school and 5 public schools across the county. Services are currently being provided through contracts with: Fairless Local, Marlington Local, Northwest Local, Osnaburg Local, Tuslaw Local, and Canton Country Day School. Services provided to the schools include: health assessments and screenings for vision, hearing, and scoliosis; immunization records review and state mandated reporting; first aid services; health education for students and staff; communicable disease management; medication administration management; developing and implementing health policies and protocols.

Social Work Services/Social Emotional Health of Children and Adolescents/Project Kind: Angie Schapiro, LSW, has been with the department since 2011. As the department's social worker, she assists with the educational and counseling needs of the clients; assists families in enrolling in Medicaid; and coordinates the Informational and Educational (I & E) Committee. She also works with the Ohio Healthy Programs Project, Project Kind, and helps to meet the social emotional support service needs of the community.

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC): WIC is a special supplemental nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provided by federal grants to States and then filtered down to the local level. These grants are used for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. Clients are seen every 3 months at the local Health Department Clinic for an educational class or clinic visit. In return they receive breast feeding support, formula, and/or food which includes milk, eggs, peanut butter or beans, cereal, juice, whole grains and fruits and vegetables.

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Safe Sleep & Crib for Kids
Baby and Me Tobacco Free
Breastfeeding Support/Counselor
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Programs:
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Adult Medical Headbase (CMA)
18-24 Year Old
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)