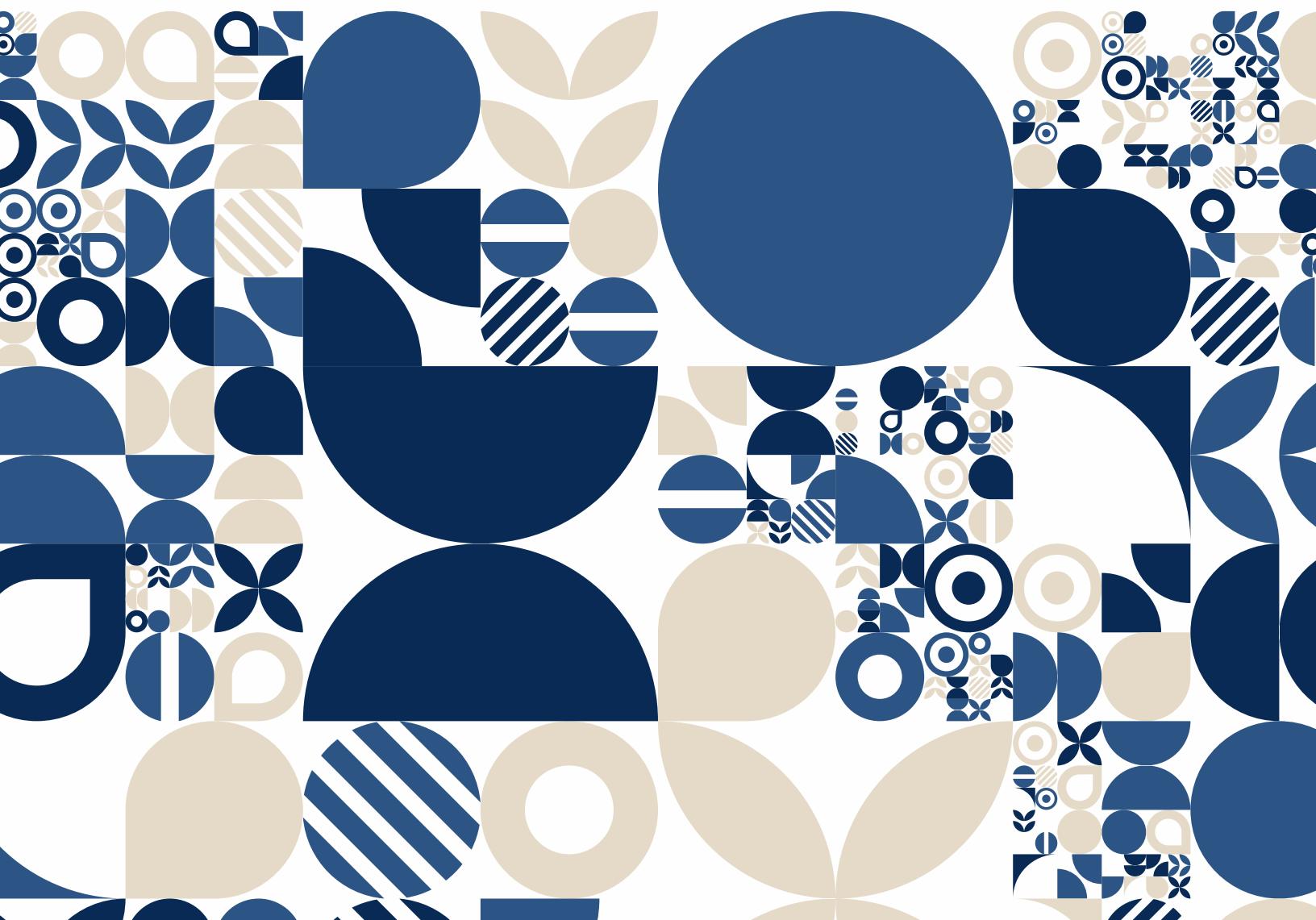


**FY2024**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

Promoting and protecting the health and well-being of all who live, work, and play in Effingham County.

December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024



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Overview from Jeff Workman  
Administrator - Clay and Effingham County Health Departments

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To the Residents of Effingham County:

On behalf of the Effingham County Board of Health, I would like to present the Effingham County Health Department's FY2024 (December 1, 2023 - November 30, 2024). All information in this Annual Report was current as of November 30th, 2024.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Successfully launched Family Advocacy Center

### **STAFF**

Effingham County Health Department Employees  
33 Full Time  
1 Part Time

Staff share from Clay County Health Department  
1 Administrator,  
3 Directors,  
2 Employees

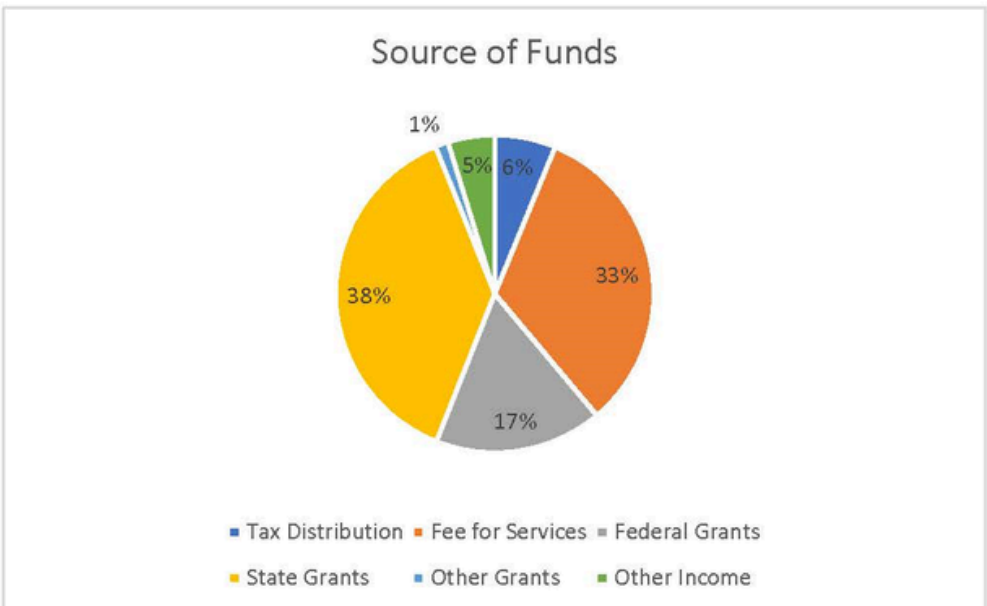
The Administrator and staff wish to acknowledge the guidance and support of the Effingham County Board of Health, the Health Committee of the County Board, the County Board, and especially the residents of Effingham County.

We are your County Health Department. . . .Where Prevention Begins!

# Overview

# Financials

<b>December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024</b>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Tax Distribution	\$ 197,283.84
Fee for Services	\$ 1,038,445.46
Federal Grants	\$ 542,882.28
State Grants	\$ 1,205,046.71
Other Grants	\$ 42,091.29
Other Income	\$ 151,237.76
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,176,987.34</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>	
Personnel Costs	\$ 2,153,405.80
Operating Expense	\$ 374,000.88
Supplies	\$ 148,019.89
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 2,675,426.57</b>



**JEFF WORKMAN - ADMINISTRATOR**

**DIRECTORS**

Amber Wille	Director of Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness
Lyn Waller	Director of Nursing
Samantha Weidner	Early Childhood and Special Projects Director
Tammy Byers	Director of IT

# Management Team

**COORDINATORS**

Beth Wise	Family Services Coordinator
Bowe Cravens	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Bret Koontz	Solutions Strategist
Catherine Bailey	HR and Communications
Cindy Deters	Environmental Health Coordinator
Judy Bierman	HealthWorks Coordinator
Lauren Ohnesorge	Clinic Coordinator
Stacy Ray	HR Compliance
Terri Elder	Admin/Finance

**JEFF WORKMAN - ADMINISTRATOR**

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Amy Schmidt L.C.P.C.	Michael Williamson (Board President)
Doug McCain (Effingham County Board Representative)	Robert Einhorn M.D. (Board Physician)
Grant Bushue	Tina Rozene M.D.
Greg Campos D.M.D.	Twila Orr J.D.
Jennifer Dust M.D.	Vicki Bushur A.P.N.
Karen Hille R.N.	

# Board of Health



Overview from Lyn Waller  
 Director of Nursing - Clay and Effingham County Health Departments

Clinic activities include laboratory blood draws in collaboration with St. Anthony Memorial Hospital. Vaccinations, TB tests, as well as other communicable disease tracking.

Many of our clinic services do not need an appointment. We accept Medicare, Medicaid, most insurances and private pay

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Discounted Lab Work
- First Tuesday Lab Fair
- Immunizations
- Lead Screening
- STI Testing & Treatment
- TB Testing

We've partnered with HSHS to provide labs at a discount price. Most Lab Services are available through us.

- From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m.
- No appointment needed
- Primary Care Provider order required.
- Bring or fax your order to 217-342-1203
- Several 'common' labs cost \$20 per lab plus \$5 draw fee, CBC, CMP, Lipid Panel, TSH, Hgb A1C Labs paid for up front
- Results sent to provider not the Health Dept

# Clinic Services

IMMUNIZATIONS	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Number of Vaccines Administered	5,996	6,209	6,456	19,785
Flu Vaccines	1,888	2,051	1,932	1,562
Covid-19 Vaccines	931	685	2,104	16,536

IMMUNIZATIONS	2024	2023
Number of Vaccines Administered (excluding flu and COVID)	3,177	3,423
Pneumococcal vaccine for 19-64 year olds	8	16
Pneumococcal vaccine for 65+ year old	55	50
Total shingles vaccines administered	114	119

<b>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Tuberculosis Skin Tests</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>504</b>
<b>Number of Positive Tuberculosis Tests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Confirmed Tuberculosis Cases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hepatitis C- Chronic</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Salmonellosis</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Shigellosis</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Legionellosis</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Histoplasmosis</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Lyme Disease</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Streptococcal Disease Invasive (Group A in blood or spinal fluid)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ICU Hospitalizations for Influenza</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>LEAD POISONING PREVENTION</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Children Screened</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>664</b>
<b>Children with Elevate Blood Lead Levels (EBLL)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Environmental Investigations Opened for Children with EBLL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Pregnant Women Screened</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Pregnant Women with EBLL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Environmental Investigations Opened for Pregnant Women with EBLL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Chlamydia (in county)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Gonorrhea (in county)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Syphilis (in county)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>HIV (in county)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Clients tested at Health Dept.</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>





**Overview from Samantha Weidner**

Early Childhood and Special Projects Director - Clay and Effingham County Health Departments

Effingham County Connections (ECC) is an Illinois State Board of Education funded Early Childhood Block grant: Prevention Initiative Home Visiting prenatal, infants to age 3 child development program that was established in July 2018.

The ECC program focuses on providing a high quality program for children and families who qualify as at-risk and also helps provide early learning experiences that promote emotional, physical, mental and social well-being in preparation for school readiness.

The ECC program follows the Parents as Teachers program model, which is an evidence-based curriculum and incorporates the Illinois Early Learning Guideline's for children birth to age three.

The ECC Program staff follows a caseload of 140 children and 120 Effingham County families.

Staff are highly trained parent educators who provide educational information through intensive home visiting services and also conduct a variety of screenings for free, which include: OAE screening (hearing test); ASQ screenings (developmental screenings); ASQ SE screenings (social emotional screenings) and Functional Vision screenings.

Staff are also car seat technicians who provide car seat safety checks at no cost to the community.



# Effingham County Connections

<b>EFFINGHAM COUNTY CONNECTIONS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Total Families Served	76	109
Total Number of Children Served	95	125
Prenatal Families Served	36	12
Home Visits Completed	1,092	1,246
Playgroups Offered	12	12
Group Connection Events	12	12
Field Trips	2	2



Overview from Amber Wille  
Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness Director -  
Clay and Effingham County Health Departments

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The Emergency Preparedness and Response staff is continually preparing for emergencies that affect the public health of Effingham County residents. The staff attended a wide variety of trainings and participated in several exercises with local and State agencies. These exercises include mass medication distribution, earthquakes, chemical accidents, and an influenza pandemic. Whether these emergencies are the result of terrorism or an act of nature, the staff strives to provide the best response to mitigate the effects of a crisis.

# Emergency Preparedness



Overview from Amber Wille  
Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness Director -  
Clay and Effingham County Health Departments

# Environmental Health Services

Environmental Health (EH) staff conduct retail food, food service and mobile and temporary food establishment inspections and re-inspections throughout Effingham County. Floor plan reviews, menu reviews, and HACCP plans are completed for all new foodservice operations.

Private water wells and closed-loop wells are permitted and inspected by the Effingham County Health Department staff. Water samples are collected from new wells and then samples are tested for total coliform bacteria. When a water well is abandoned and closed in Effingham County, a permit and an inspection of the well sealing is obtained and an inspection of the well sealing is conducted. All private sewage systems installed in Effingham County are issued permits and an inspection conducted of the installation. Complaint inspections of sewage systems are also done as well as subdivision plat approvals.

Tanning facility and body art establishments are also inspected to check for compliance with Illinois codes by the Effingham Health Department.

Vector Surveillance & Control: Health Department staff conduct surveillance activities to identify, control, and reduce the population of specific insects that have the potential for becoming disease vectors.

Staff also conduct compliance inspections for the Smoke Free Illinois Act, provides tobacco / vaping prevention curriculum to youth, and promotes the Illinois Tobacco Quitline.

Radon test kits are available that allow Effingham County residents to scientifically evaluate the presence of radon gas in private homes.

<b>FOOD SAFETY</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Licensed Food Establishments in Effingham County	246	237
Routine Inspections Conducted	285	239
Re-inspections Completed/Follow-up	111	95
Foodborne Illness Investigations	3	0
Pre-Openings	17	12
Complaints	21	

<b>SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS</b>	<b>2024</b>
Smoke Free Illinois Complaints	115
Smoke Free Illinois Violations	0

<b>PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Sewage Systems Permits Issued	58	71
Sewage Systems Installed	58	71
Sewage Systems Inspected	58	71
Complaint Investigations	3	3

<b>POTABLE WATER PROGRAM</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Water Well Permits Issued	3	2
Water Wells Installed	3	1
Water Wells Inspected	3	1
Samples Collected	15	8
Closed Loop Permits Issued	3	4
Closed Loop Installed	3	2
Closed Loop Inspected	3	2

<b>TANNING &amp; BODY ART</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Tanning Parlor Inspections	0	0
Tattoo/Body Art Inspections	0	3

<b>BIRD AND MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE/WEST NILE VIRUS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Birds Tested	2	3
Birds Positive for West Nile Virus	0	0
Mosquito Batches Tested	23	19
Mosquito Batches Positive for West Nile Virus	0	0



**Environmental  
Health Services**



Overview from Samantha Weidner

Early Childhood and Special Projects Director - Clay and Effingham County Health Departments

The Family Resource Center is a grant-funded program that is based within the Effingham County Health Department.

Our family resource advocates strive to provide quality information, connections and support to help families foster safer, more stable, and healthier living environments.

We aim to be a centralized hub to navigate our community resources and providers available within Effingham County.

Our Services:

- Advocacy
- Education
- Mentoring
- Outreach

Plus DCFS Alumni Drop In Center. Providing services for Illinois Foster Care Alumni under the age of 30.

# Family Resource Center of Effingham County

<b>FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER</b>	<b>2024</b>
Total Families Served	87
Group Classes Offered	1
Individuals Attending Class	4
DCFS Families Served	41
DCFS Children Served	62
Non-DCFS Families Served	91
Non-DCFS Children Served	73
DCFS Hours of Service	280.25
Non-DCFS Hours of Service	589.25



Overview from Lyn Waller  
Director of Nursing - Clay and Effingham County Health Departments

The primary purpose of HealthWorks is to assure that DCFS wards from birth to age 21, who are in substitute care, receive comprehensive quality health care services.

Effingham County Health Department serves as the Lead Agency for thirteen counties.

When children enter foster care, their health history rarely comes with them. A foster parent, may not know if their child has a chronic health condition or even the last time he or she visited a doctor.

HealthWorks staff, foster parents, and caseworkers work closely together to ensure that foster children receive appropriate and timely medical care.

HEALTHWORKS OF ILLINOIS	2024	2023
Average Number Served Monthly	904	960

# HealthWorks of Illinois



Overview from Lyn Waller  
 Director of Nursing - Clay and Effingham County Health Departments

# Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Family Case Management

**WIC helps pregnant women, new mothers, and young children eat well and stay healthy.**

- Pregnant, breastfeeding, or just had a baby
- Infants and Children under 5 years old (incl. foster children)
- Families with medium to low income

**W.I.C. can provide:**

- A WIC EBT card to buy healthy foods – like milk, juice, eggs, cheese, cereal, fruits, vegetables, and peanut butter
- Information about nutrition and health to help you and your family eat well and healthy
- Information and support for breastfeeding
- Help in finding health care and other services in the area.

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)	2024	2023
WIC Assigned Caseload	637	582
Actual Average Monthly Caseload	612	
Breastfeeding Initiated/Percent of Infants	186/65%	
Breastfeeding Duration at 6 Months	53/28.5%	
Breastfeeding Exclusivity at 3 months	55/29.6%	
Breastfeeding Exclusivity at 6 months	38/20.4%	

FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT	2024	2023
Case Management Assigned Caseload	150	150
Average Participants Enrolled Monthly	297	263

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