

**FY2025**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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

December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025



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

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 FY2025 Annual Report (December 1, 2024 - November 30, 2025). All information in this Annual Report was current as of November 30th, 2025.

**PROGRESS**

In FY2025, the health department continued to make progress in its efforts to better serve those in our community. The health department works (often behind the scenes) to help ensure the water you drink and the food you eat is safe, that you and your loved ones are protected from communicable diseases, that your children are healthy, and that conditions are as favorable as we can reasonably make them for you to have a healthy life.

**STAFF**

The following people worked on behalf of the Effingham County Health Department (ECHD) at some point during FY25. I appreciate all they did to help ECHD help others.

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| Akua Sintim-Aboagye | Jennifer Galvan  | Sara Dust      |
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| George Bonham       | Rachel Koester   |                |
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| Janet Keyes-FAC     | Sadie Ruholl     |                |
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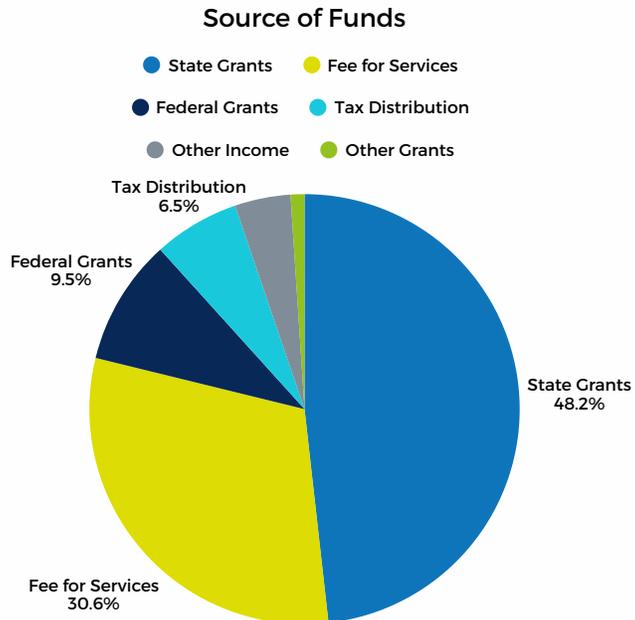
The Administrator and staff wish to acknowledge the guidance and support of the Effingham County Board of Health, the Health Committee (now to be called the Administrative Committee) of the County Board, the County Board, and especially the residents of Effingham County.

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

# Overview

# Financials

<b>December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025</b>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Tax Distribution	\$ 203,020.77
Fee for Services	\$ 961,593.03
Federal Grants	\$ 297,618.91
State Grants	\$ 1,514,817.97
Other Grants	\$ 32,700.00
Other Income	\$ 131,641.28
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,141,391.96</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>	
Personnel Costs	\$ 2,159,865.89
Operating Expense	\$ 816,084.64
Supplies	\$ 35,335.17
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,011,285.70</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**

Akua Sintim-Aboagye	HealthWorks Coordinator
Beth Wise	Family Services Coordinator
Bowe Cravens	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Catherine Bailey	HR and Communications
Daniel Daugherty	Environmental Health Coordinator
Lauren Ohnesorge	Clinic Coordinator
Stacy Ray	HR Compliance
Terri Elder	Admin/Finance

# Board Of Health

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>
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Overview from Lauren Ohnesorge R.N.  
Clinic Coordinator

Clinic activities include:

- Immunizations
- Lead screening
- TB tests
- Dental Varnishes
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Communicable Disease Reporting, Education, and Prevention
- Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing and Treatment
- Laboratory blood draws in collaboration with HSHS St. Anthony Hospital to include:
  - First Tuesday of the month Lab Fair offering Glucose, Hemoglobin A1C, and a Lipid Panel for only \$20 each and no lab draw fee assessed. (These results are received at the Health Department and mailed to the patient)
  - Discounted Lab Work with charges paid at time of services

Most lab services are available through us at the discounted prices. Test requirements:

- Drawn on Tuesday 7:30 am to 2:00 pm
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Appointments are not required but are recommended
- Medical Provider order required
  - Order may be brought in or
  - Order may be faxed to 217-342-1203
- Results will be sent directly to the ordering provider

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

# Clinic Services

IMMUNIZATIONS	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Number of Vaccines Administered	6,219	5,996	6,209	6,456	19,785
Flu Vaccines	1,897	1,888	2,051	1,932	1,562
Covid-19 Vaccines	912	931	685	2,104	16,536

IMMUNIZATIONS	2025	2024	2023
Number of Vaccines Administered (excluding flu and COVID)	3,410	3,177	3,423
Pneumococcal vaccine for 19-64 year olds	5	8	16
Pneumococcal vaccine for 65+ year old	65	55	50
Total shingles vaccines administered	126	114	119

<b>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Tuberculosis Skin Tests</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>504</b>
<b>Number of Positive Tuberculosis Tests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Confirmed Tuberculosis Cases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hepatitis C- Chronic</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Salmonellosis</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Shigellosis</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Legionellosis</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Histoplasmosis</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Lyme Disease</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Streptococcal Disease Invasive (Group A in blood or spinal fluid)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ICU Hospitalizations for Influenza</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>LEAD POISONING PREVENTION</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Children Screened</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>664</b>
<b>Children with Elevate Blood Lead Levels (EBLL)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Environmental Investigations Opened for Children with EBLL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Pregnant Women Screened</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Pregnant Women with EBLL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Environmental Investigations Opened for Pregnant Women with EBLL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Chlamydia (in county)</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Gonorrhea (in county)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Syphilis (in county)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>HIV (in county)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Clients tested at Health Dept.</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>



Overview from Beth Wise  
 Family Services Coordinator - Effingham County Health Department

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 high quality early learning experiences for children and families, promoting 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, along with incorporating the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines for children birth to age three.

The ECC Program staff follows a caseload of 114 children and 94 Effingham County families.

Staff are highly trained early childhood consultants who provide educational information through intensive home visiting services and also conduct a variety of screenings for free, which include: OAE screening (hearing screenings); ASQ screenings (developmental screenings); ASQ SE screenings (social emotional screenings) and PlusOptix screening (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>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Total Families Served	79	76	109
Total Number of Children Served	92	95	125
Prenatal Families Served	31	36	12
Home Visits Completed	1243	1,092	1,246
Playgroups Offered	29	12	12
Group Connection Events	14	12	12
Field Trips	2	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>2025</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>PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Sewage Systems Permits Issued	68	58	71
Sewage Systems Installed	68	58	71
Sewage Systems Inspected	68	58	71
Complaint Investigations	5	3	3

<b>POTABLE WATER PROGRAM</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Water Well Permits Issued	3	3	2
Water Wells Installed	2	3	1
Water Wells Inspected	3	3	1
Samples Collected	0	15	8
Closed Loop Permits Issued	5	3	4
Closed Loop Installed	5	3	2
Closed Loop Inspected	5	3	2

<b>TANNING &amp; BODY ART</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Tanning Parlor Inspections	2	0	0
Tattoo/Body Art Inspections	2	0	3

<b>BIRD AND MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE/WEST NILE VIRUS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Birds Tested	0	2	3
Birds Positive for West Nile Virus	0	0	0
Mosquito Batches Tested	31	23	19
Mosquito Batches Positive for West Nile Virus	0	0	0

<b>SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Smoke Free Illinois Complaints	1	115
Smoke Free Illinois Violations	0	0



# Environmental Health Services



# Family Resource Center of Effingham County

Overview from Beth Wise  
Family Services Coordinator - Effingham County Health Department

The Family Resource Center (FRC) is a DCFS Family Advocacy Center grant-funded program that is based within the Effingham County Health Department, serving all families within Effingham and Clay counties.

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

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

The FRC is also a DCFS Alumni Drop In Center, providing services for Illinois Foster Care Alumni under the age of 30.

The FRC staff hold a Certified Anger Management Specialist 1 Credential and are trained facilitators of the Nurturing Families Parenting curriculum, offering both individual and group Anger Management and Parenting classes.

<b>FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Total Families Served	116	87
Group Classes Offered	3	1
Individuals Attending Class	19	4
DCFS Families Served	56	41
DCFS Children Served	90	62
Non-DCFS Families Served	60	91
Non-DCFS Children Served	77	73
DCFS Hours of Service	582.5	280.25
Non-DCFS Hours of Service	1108.5	589.25



Overview from Akua Sintim-Aboagye R.N.  
Healthworks of Illinois - Coordinator

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.

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

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

HEALTHWORKS OF ILLINOIS LEAD AGENCY	2025	2024	2023
Average Number Served Monthly	799	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 is the nation’s most successful and cost-effective public health nutrition program. Its mission is to safeguard the health of low-income women, both pregnant and post-partum (including those who have miscarried), infants, and children to age 5, who are at nutritional risk. It provides nutritious foods to supplement diets, offers information on healthy eating, provides breastfeeding support, and offers referrals to other needed service providers.**

**WIC is for families, working or not, that meet income guidelines. Participants receive a monthly food package of nutrient dense foods, and a cash value benefit specifically for fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables.**

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)	2025	2024	2023
WIC Assigned Caseload	640	637	582
Actual Average Monthly Caseload	618	612	
Breastfeeding Initiated/Percent of Infants	308/67%	186/65%	
Breastfeeding Duration at 6 Mths	59/28.6%	53/28.5%	
Breastfeeding Exclusivity at 3 Mths	50/24.3%	55/29.6%	
Breastfeeding Exclusivity at 6 Mths	34/16.5%	38/20.4%	

**Family Case Management Program is designed to provide connections for families to resources addressing health, social, educational, and developmental needs of pregnant individuals, and infants, birth to 12 months, from low-income families.**

FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT	2025	2024	2023
Case Management Assigned Caseload	150	150	150
Average Participants Enrolled Monthly	325	297	263

# EFFINGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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