

KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH-

FOOD SAFETY

The mission of the program is to protect and improve the health of consumers by assuring foods are safe, and are not adulterated, misbranded, or falsely advertised. Inspections are conducted in licensed food service operations, restaurants, taverns, and retail food establishments to ensure that sanitary standards are used to protect the public's health. Additional food safety training is available to licensed food services or to whomever is interested.

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SPA PROGRAM

Routine inspections are performed to monitor water quality as well as physical facility and equipment that will protect the public from disease and potential accidents.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

The Mosquito Program consists of four components:

1. Education and Source Reduction. This component consists of cultural practices such as applying repellents and reducing mosquito breeding sites.
2. Surveillance entails trapping of mosquitoes to determine if the encephalitis virus is present.
3. Larviciding is the daytime treatment of standing water areas that breed mosquitoes.
4. Adulticiding is the evening spraying of residential streets to reduce the number of adult mosquitoes.

HOUSING

The Environmental Health and Housing Maintenance Program ensures that minimum structural and sanitation standards are achieved for multi-use structures and their surroundings.

PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES

All written public health complaints are investigated to eliminate environmental conditions that may adversely affect human health, safety, or well being.

TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING PROGRAM

Routine inspections are conducted in any business offering tattoo or body piercing services to ensure that establishments meet the general safety and sanitation standards.

ANIMAL BITE INVESTIGATIONS

All reported animal bites are investigated in order to protect the public from a possible rabies outbreak.

VITAL STATISTICS-

BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS

All legal records collected by the Kent Office of Vital Statistics are the data source for many important statistical measures used in public health. All birth and death records dating back to 1909 are maintained for the City of Kent and surrounding Portage County and are available to the public.

NURSING SERVICES-

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

The City of Kent Health Department works in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

A children's immunization clinic is conducted every 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Kent Health Department from 3:00-5:00pm. No appointment is necessary. All immunizations are provided at a reduced rate or may be free in certain circumstances.

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Kent Health Department Resource Guide

414 East Main Street

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Kent, Ohio 44240

330-678-8109

www.kentpublichealth.org



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Mission

Through the public health services, prevent disease and injury, promote positive health, and connect Kent City residents to public health services in order to improve the overall health status of the community.

Financial and Health Assistance

Portage County Department of Job and Family Services

449 South Meridian Street
2nd Floor
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 297-3750

Hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday

Services Provided:

Healthy Start and Healthy Family

Offers free health care coverage to families, children up to age 19, and pregnant women.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

The WIC program provides nutritious foods, important nutrition information, and breast feeding education.

Child & Family Health Services (CFHS)

The CFHS program provides the following services: child and adolescent health care, prenatal care, and/or family planning care.

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh)

BCMh is a health care program that provides services for children 21 years of age and younger with special care needs.

Family and Community Services

705 Oakwood Street
Suite 221
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
info@FCSoOhio.org
(330) 297-7027

Services Provided:

A hand-up, not a hand-out...

With the support of our donors, volunteers and the community, we have provided programs like Kent Social Services, The Amelia DiGirolamo Center of Hope, Miller Community House, Portage Area Transitional Housing (PATH) and Housing and Emergency Services (HESS).

Nutrition Services

Kent Social Services

1066 South Water Street
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 673-6963
www.fcsohio.org

Hours:

Monday – Wed. and Friday 9 am – 3 pm
Thursday 10:30 am – 5:30 pm

Services Provided:

Kent Social Services is dedicated to enhancing the nutrition of low income people living in the Kent area. Hot meals are provided at no cost five days a week. Opportunities for socialization, cooking classes and referral services are also provided.

The Lords Pantry provides two bags of groceries to income-eligible households per month. Over 1,200 low-income Kent households are enrolled. Groceries, diapers, and personal care products are also provided in emergency situations.

Kent Health Center Operated by: Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

138 E Main Street
2nd Floor
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 678-8011

Hours:

Monday	9am – 4pm
Tuesday	10am – 5pm
Wednesday	9am – 4pm
Thursday	10am – 5pm
Friday	10am – 2pm
Saturday	10am – 2pm

Services Provided:

Walk-in-Services

Pregnancy tests and emergency contraception are available on a walk in basis. All other services require an appointment.

Appointments

At this center, individuals can come in for appointments that do not require a medical exam. Appointments include starting on birth control, STD testing, and testing and treatment for urinary tract infections. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Mental Health Services

Coleman Professional Services

5982 Rhodes Road
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 673-1347
(800) 673-1347

Services Provided:

Coleman Behavioral Health

Provides mental health, addiction, and employment services that improve the lives of individuals and families in Northeast Ohio.

Coleman Adult Day Services

Offers a medical model of adult day health care serving the frail and elderly and other adults whose lives are challenged because of limited or diminishing physical or cognitive capabilities.

Coleman Professional Services continued:

Coleman Access Services

Provides adult, child, and youth behavioral health crisis intervention services on a walk-in or telephone basis 24-hours-a-day, 7 days per week.

Coleman Mediation Services

Empowers people to resolve their differences mutually and respectfully. Services is provided to individuals, families, groups, and organizations by mediating disputes, teaching conflict resolution skills and conducting public education and outreach.

Supporting Families...

Help Me Grow provides child development assessment for families of children ages 0 to three years.

Empowering Youth...

Programs like Big Brothers and Sisters, Center, Skeels-Mathews Community Center, King Kennedy Community Center, Youth Development Program and Arts Alive impact the lives of young people by providing mentoring opportunities and the chance to learn and grow in a safe, positive environment.

Serving the community...

The Phyllis Zumkehr County Clothing Center, Portage County Medication Access Program (MAP) and Consumer Credit Counseling Service provide clothing, access to medication and debt management counseling free of charge to anyone in need.

Supporting Seniors...

Aging shouldn't mean becoming invisible. Programs like Senior Companion Program, Senior Nutrition Program, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), Foster Grandparent Program and Best Choice Senior Meals meet a variety of needs for seniors.

TownHall II

155 North Water Street
Kent, Ohio
(330) 678-3006
(866) 449-8518
www.townhall2.com

Services Provided:

Emergency Services

The 24 hour helpline (330-678-HELP) is designed to instantly assist individuals with suicidal thoughts, sexual abuse and assault, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and family problems.

Outpatient Counseling

Licensed, professional, and caring counselors provide an array of services designed to help people learn how to halt their addiction and begin recovery.

ABC's of Parenting Program

This evidence-based program helps to facilitate family interaction through activities designed to encourage healthy parent/child relationships.

Sexual Assault Prevention

Designed to stop or prevent the initiation of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse on dates or between individuals involved in a dating relationship.

Coleman Pregnancy Center

5982 Rhodes Road
Kent, OH 44240
(330) 839-9919
www.colemanservices.org

Tuesdays: 9am-12pm
Wednesdays: 12-3pm
Thursdays: 3pm-6pm

Services Provided:

Pregnancy Care & Education / Material Goods / Employment Readiness

- Confidential pregnancy testing
- Honest education about all options
- Free prenatal vitamins
- Before and after pregnancy care support
- Free essential baby items
- Free job seeking skills classes

Health Services

AxessPointe Community Health Center

143 Gougler Avenue
Kent, Ohio 44240
(330) 673-1016
Hours: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday
8:00 am – 2:00 pm, Saturday
www.axesspointe.org

Most Insurance, Medicaid and Medicare accepted; for patients without insurance, a sliding fee scale is offered and based upon your annual proof of income.

Services Provided:

Provides a quality, affordable and compassionate health home for every patient, every time.

Services include: Family Practice Medicine, General Dentistry for children and adults, Mental Health Counseling, Pharmacy Consults and access to discounted medications.