I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of fall. The summer months are always busy for the Health Department, including health promotion education to the community, food vendor inspections by Environmental Health, and numerous conferences & trainings in the past quarter. Seven Health Department employees were able to take part in the FEMA Integrated Emergency Management Course in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This once-in-a-life-time opportunity was an excellent opportunity for the Health Department to learn from experts in the emergency preparedness field and to share this experience with our partners. Please enjoy the first edition of the DCGHD newsletter; we hope you learn something new about our agency.

DO YOU KNOW THE NUMBERS?

19 - People have attended Food Safety Trainings
7/8 - Schools in Defiance County participated in the MyPlate Nutrition Program
29 - County employees trained for Project DAWN
22 - Number of driver’s education scholarships available.

1 - Approved & renewed
Health Commissioner’s contract – WOO HOO!
2 - New employee’s started in September!
0 - Current job openings!
Rochelle Garcia joined the health department as a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor for WIC in September 2023. Rochelle provides advocacy & education to our WIC participants about the benefits of breastfeeding. She also provides consultation sessions for guidance, long-term support, and resources for pregnant or breastfeeding mothers.

Jessica West joined the health department as a Health Promotion Specialist in September 2023. She will assist with the Community Health Assessment & Improvement Plan, serve as the Public Information Officer, facilitate & participate in community coalitions, and promote public health updates and information to the community.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN THE NEXT QUARTER

- The next round of MyPlate Nutrition Education begins!
- Catch My Breath Presentations begin
- Strategic Planning Meetings continue to progress
- Immunizations continue
- Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas!
- Much More!

FUN FACT:
Did you know bees smell fear?