

# Foreword

This 2005 Community Health Assessment is the result of the continued support, commitment and dedication of our community partners to work together to improve the health and well being of the citizens of Sandusky County. The information presented in this report is intended to support the collaborative efforts that began with the 2001 Community Health Assessment and its strong base of evidence. This data allows stakeholders to write better grants, formulate strong strategic plans and answer a call to action. The result is a community that focuses on wellness, improving the general health status, increasing the access to services and addressing unmet needs. Health and human service programs, health care providers, managed care organizations and other groups and individuals interested in gaining a factual understanding of Sandusky County's issues should find this information very useful. This effort should continue to inspire the community to work together to remove barriers to health improvement. It is the Health Partners' wish that community groups will persevere in meeting the challenges presented by the findings in this assessment.

Sincerely,

*Sandusky County Health Partners*

Steve Mays— Bellevue City Health Department

Mike Winthrop – Bellevue Hospital

Joe Lizak – Community Health Services

Dawn Kroh – Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services

Al Gorman – Memorial Hospital

Nancy Cochran – Mental Health and Recovery Services Board

Francis Aona, M.D., Physician

Cathy Glassford – Sandusky County Family & Children First Council

Dave Pollick – Sandusky County Health Department

Kim Eicher – St. Francis Health Care Centre

# Acknowledgements

## **Funding for the Sandusky County Health Assessment Provided by:**

Bellevue City Health Department  
Bellevue Hospital  
Community Health Services  
Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services  
Memorial Hospital  
Mental Health and Recovery Services Board  
Sandusky County Family & Children First Council  
Sandusky County Health Department  
St. Francis Health Care Centre

## **A Special Thanks To:**

Sandusky County Parks District for providing the cover page pictures.  
Rebecca Holland for providing secondary data and assistance for the health  
assessment.

Drs. Alvin and Gayle Jackson for assisting with the collection of African  
American surveys.

# Acknowledgements

## **Project Management, Secondary Data, Data Collection, and Report Development**

Healthy Communities Foundation  
of the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio  
Kathy Silvestri, MPH, Director of Health Planning  
Britney L. Ward, MPH, Health Improvement Project Specialist  
Margaret Welty, Graduate Assistant

## **Data Collection & Analysis**

James H. Price, Ph.D., MPH, Professor of Public Health,  
University of Toledo  
Timothy R. Jordan, Ph.D., M.Ed., Assistant Professor of Public Health,  
University of Toledo  
Joseph A. Dake, Ph.D., MPH, Evaluator, Alpha Consulting

## **Commissioned By**

Health Partners of Sandusky County

## **Contact Information**

David G. Pollick, MA and Ed.  
Sandusky County Health Commissioner  
2000 Countryside Dr.  
Fremont, OH 43420  
(419) 334-6377

# Table of Contents

<u>Executive Summary</u>	Section 1-Pages 1-25
<u>Health Survey Demographics</u>	Section 2-Page 1
<u>Health Perceptions</u>	Section 3-Pages 1-2
<u>Health Care Coverage</u>	Section 4-Pages 1-3
<u>Health Care Access</u>	Section 5-Pages 1-3
<u>Cardiovascular Health</u>	Section 6-Pages 1-7
<u>Cancer</u>	Section 7-Pages 1-5
<u>Arthritis, Asthma, &amp; Diabetes</u>	Section 8-Pages 1-7
<u>Adult and Youth Weight Control</u>	Section 9a & 9b-Pages 1-2 & 1-3
<u>Adult and Youth Tobacco Use</u>	Section 10a & 10b-Pages 1-5 & 1-6
<u>Adult and Youth Alcohol Consumption</u>	Section 11a & 11b-Pages 1-5 & 1-2
<u>Adult &amp; Youth Marijuana and Other Drug Use</u>	Section 12a & 12b-Pages 1-2 & 1-3
<u>Women's and Men's Health</u>	Section 13a & 13b-Pages 1-4 & 1-4
<u>Preventive Health Screenings &amp; Behaviors</u>	Section 14-Pages 1-5
<u>Adult &amp; Youth Sexual Behavior &amp; Pregnancy Outcomes</u>	Section 15a & 15b-Pages 1-13 & 1-2
<u>Quality of Life</u>	Section 16-Pages 1-3
<u>Mental Health and Suicide</u>	Section 17-Pages 1-5
<u>Youth Safety and Violence Issues</u>	Section 18-Pages 1-2
<u>Oral Health</u>	Section 19-Pages 1-2
<u>Youth Perceptions</u>	Section 20-Pages 1-4
<u>Hispanic Health</u>	Section 21- Page 1
<u>African American Health</u>	Section 22- Page 1
<u>Health Assessment Information Sources</u>	Appendix i
<u>List of Acronyms and Terms</u>	Appendix ii
<u>Weighting Methods</u>	Appendix iii
<u>Schools</u>	Appendix iv
<u>2001 Executive Summary</u>	Appendix v