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GREENE COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT AWARDED FUNDING OF \$228,690 FOR THE TOBACCO-FREE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

(Xenia, OH) The Greene County Combined Health District (GCCHD) has been awarded tobacco use prevention funding for a seventh consecutive year. GCCHD has received a grant of \$228,690 from the Ohio Department of Health, Office of Healthy Ohio to implement the Tobacco-Free Healthy Communities Program in Adams, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Highland, Madison, Miami and Warren counties. The grant period is July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

The grant award will be used for continued cessation programs focusing on adult tobacco users. The program also includes youth prevention programming, a youth-based media campaign, technical assistance for 100% tobacco-free schools and coalition expansion. GCCHD is one of only 10 (ten) agencies funded in Ohio for this grant period.

The Tobacco-Free Healthy Communities Coalition meets quarterly to discuss current projects and future tobacco use prevention programming. The next meeting will be held on October 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon at Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia. Shelly Kiser, Director of Advocacy for the American Lung Association in Ohio, will be giving a presentation titled “Deadly in Pink” that highlights the negative health effects of tobacco use on women. All are welcome.

For additional information regarding the Tobacco Free Healthy Communities Program, contact Certified Tobacco Cessation Specialist Bruce Barcelo at (937) 374-5656 or bbarcelo@gcchd.org.

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