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GuardCare Offers Health Services at NO COST for all Ohioans

Coming to Greene County August 10 - 11

XENIA, OHIO – Health services will be offered to residents of Greene and surrounding counties **AT NO COST** during the 2024 GuardCare weekend from 8:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday, August 10, and 8:00am – 3:00pm on Sunday, August 11 at the Greene County Career Center located at 532 Innovation Drive in Xenia.

The Ohio National Guard, the Innovative Readiness Training program, Greene County Public Health, the Ohio Department of Health, and local organizations have aligned to bring healthcare services to Greene County and Ohio residents. Services to be available at **NO COST** include:

- Breastfeeding Consultations
- Car Seat Checks (infant car seats, booster seats available at no cost – while supplies last)
- Child Developmental Screenings
- Cribs for Kids® (infant cribs available at no cost – while supplies last)
- Dental (exams, x-rays, fillings, extractions)
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library Registration (book give away while supplies last)
- Health & Resource Fair
- Hearing Screenings
- Lab Work
- Mammograms
- Medicaid & ACA Enrollment
- Mental Health Screenings & Consultations
- Narcan Kits
- Nutrition Consultation & Education
- Physical Therapy
- Sports Physicals & Wellness Exams
- Vaccines for All Ages
- Vision (exams, glasses fabricated on site)

No prescriptions or refills of medications will be provided or available at this event. People who need public transportation for this event should contact the GreeneCATS Public Transit scheduling office at **937-708-8322** and select **option 1**.

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“All of these health services will be at no cost – you will not be asked to pay anything nor asked to provide health insurance information. Our colleagues have made every effort to bring together the services that will result in better health and well-being for the attendees. It’s a **NO COST** healthcare weekend for residents of Ohio,” said Melissa Howell, MS, MBA, MPH, RN, REHS, health commissioner for Greene County Public Health.

Created in 1995, GuardCare is a partnership of the Ohio Adjutant General's Department/Ohio National Guard and the Ohio Department of Health. A GuardCare weekend is usually held once each summer in a different part of the state. This is the first GuardCare held in Ohio since 2019, and the first time it has ever been offered in Greene County.

"Through GuardCare, Ohio National Guard soldiers and airmen are able to give back to their community and provide no cost healthcare services to Ohioans. The added benefit is the training and professional development Guard members gain during the event," said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general.

“GuardCare is a wonderful program that brings a wide variety of critical health services to Ohioans who may not otherwise receive them,” said Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, director of the Ohio Department of Health. “We are proud to be a partner in such an important effort.”

For more information about this GuardCare weekend, visit Greene County Public Health’s website at www.gcph.info or view the Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/share/b2TsnHrZ3Z47SYgY/>

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