

Outreach Report
Richland Correctional Institution Health Fair
April 22, 2026 from 8:30am-1:30pm

Division:
Sexual Health

Participating Staff:
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Anticipated Outcome:

To provide incarcerated individuals information on our sexual health clinic as well as education on general sexual health. We also hoped to bring awareness to health departments in their region of the state if they were not originally from any of our Region 2 counties.

Description of Event:

A variety of organizations were onsite to provide information that would be helpful to individuals currently as well as once they are released from prison. Example of other tables

included a Bible study group, recovery services, the Alzheimer's Association, and Armark's dietary services.

Location:

Richland Correctional Institution 1001 S Olivesburg Rd, Mansfield, OH 44905

Audience:

Free to anyone currently housed at Richland Correctional Institution

of Community Members Impacted:

Approximately 2500 incarcerated individuals attended this health fair

Outcomes of Event:

While onsite at the prison, we were able to converse with a large number of the population. We brought educational information to aid in answering any questions they may have about sexually transmitted infections, HIV related issues and access to PrEP. We had a couple of our items that we delivered for display denied including our plastic bags, stuffed microbes and a glass jar of condoms for folks to guess how many were inside the jar. However, we were allowed to engage with the individuals with a game we brought called "Myth or Fact" testing their knowledge on 10 different statements and whether they be believed them to be a myth or a fact. This was extremely well received and prompted a lot of follow-up questions and conversations to be had. During a break, we were able to meet some of the prison medical staff and ask them questions about prison life and access to health care.

In what ways can outreach be improved?

I think anything we can bring to be interactive and engaging is a plus. The incarcerated individuals are corralled into the gymnasium where the health fair is held and have to wait in a line while visiting each station. There are lots of times when the line bottlenecks causing them to stand in front of your table looking for a reason to speak to you or engage in conversation. Our myth or fact game was a hit, but we could always add more questions. We were also told that if we wanted to bring anything to distribute, we would have to bring at least 900 of whatever we wanted to pass out and we did not have 900 of anything that we could bring. Ideas for our next prison health fair could include mini calendars, journals, pens, more printed coasters from A1 Printing as prizes for participating in the myth and fact game.