

Parenting

Key Findings

The 2008 Health Assessment project identified that 77% of Auglaize County children live with both parents. About three-fourths (76%) of parents with children up to eight years old always put them in a car seat.

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- ◆ Auglaize County children lived with the following:
 - Both parents (77%)
 - One parent (15%)
 - Mother and step-father (7%)
 - On their own (3%)
 - Father and step-mother (2%)
 - Grandparents (1%)
 - Aunt or uncle (<1%)
- ◆ 14% reported they were a grandparent or other family member taking care of children under the age of 18.
- ◆ A doctor or other health professional had told parents that their children had the following:
 - Chronic respiratory condition such as asthma, chronic bronchitis or sinusitis (11%)
 - Heart condition such as heart murmurs or congenital defects (6%)
 - Hearing or speech impairment (3%)
 - Mental health disorder such as anxiety, mood, or disruptive disorders (3%)
 - Deformity or orthopedic impairment (1%)
 - Another chronic condition (4%)
- ◆ In 2008, the health assessment indicated that 76% of Auglaize County parents who have a child up to 8 years old always put them in a car seat. 13% reported their child under the age 8 never rides in a car seat.
- ◆ In the past year, the average parent missed 1 unpaid day and 1.5 paid days of work due to their child being ill or injured.
- ◆ Parents with children ages 10 to 17 discussed the following topics with their children in the past year:
 - Eating habits (70%)
 - Dieting and relationships (69%)
 - Negative effects of alcohol (60%)
 - Screen time (TV or computer) (60%)
 - Negative effects of marijuana (55%)
 - Negative effects of tobacco (53%)
 - Abstinence and how to refuse sex (52%)
 - Body Image (45%)
 - Birth Control (32%)
 - Condoms, safer sex, and STD prevention (27%)
 - Refusal skills (19%)

Child Passenger Safety:

A four-step process

- ◆ Step 1: Rear-Facing Infant Seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year old and at least 20 lbs.
- ◆ Step 2: Forward-facing Toddler Seats in the back seat from age one and 20 lbs. to about age four and 40 lbs.
- ◆ Step 3: Booster Seats in the back seat from about age four to at least age eight, unless 4'9"
- ◆ Step 4: Safety Belts in the back seat at age eight or older or taller than 4'9"

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