

**Jerry S. Frank, Retired Director  
Department of Human Services (Berrien County)**

**2011 “Friend of Public Health Award” Recipient**

**Public Health Accomplishments  
and  
Collaborations**

Jerry Frank is a Friend of Public Health in Berrien County due to the tremendous amount of support he has provided and the partnerships that he has been involved with over many years. The support provided by Mr. Frank has contributed to the initiation, implementation, and maintenance of several critical public health improvement programs. Examples of his support include the following:

- The planning for and the initiation of the Nurse-Family Partnership Program (NFP) In the late 1990’s he enlisted support from the State Department of Social Services representatives and has continued his support of the program to the present.
- Assured that the Department of Social Services of Berrien County (now known as Department of Human Services of Berrien County) was a founding organization and now an active member and participant of the Healthy Berrien 2000 (later known as Healthy Berrien Consortium).
- One of the founding Board members of the Berrien Health Plan (BHP).
- Active member of the Berrien County Human Service Advisory Committee (formerly known as the Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body of Berrien County).
- Initiation and partnership with Berrien County Health Department for the Child Well Being Program. The goal of the Child Well Being Program is to assure the health and safety of the children who live in homes where the parent or guardian has been sanctioned from welfare.
- Initiation and partnership in the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Project (TP3). Along with Berrien County Intermediate School District (now Berrien RESA) and the Berrien County Health Department, the Berrien County Family Investment Agency (now Department of Human Services) was enlisted to coordinate a teenage pregnancy prevention effort in Berrien County. (With TP3 ending in 2003 – the teen birth rate was reduced by 18.7%)
- Assured the active participation of Department of Human Services within the Berrien County Emergency Response System.
- Assured the active participation of Department of Human Services on the Infant Mortality Reduction Taskforce.
- Assured active participation of Department of Human Services on the Child Death Review and the Fetal/Infant Mortality Review Teams.