

2022-2024

Regional Community Health Improvement Plan



Executive Summary

Vision

We envision a southwest Ohio, northern Kentucky, and southeast Indiana region in which everyone has the opportunity to be healthy. To achieve this vision, our region is working on eliminating health disparities by embracing community voice, investing in trusted partnerships, and implementing evidence-based strategies and best practices to achieve equitable health outcomes for all.

In 2021, the Health Collaborative (THC), the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA), 40 hospitals, and 22 local health departments within 26 counties created the Regional Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This comprehensive health assessment of the community gives organizations information about the community's current health status as well as its most pressing health needs and disparities.

The CHNA, a data-driven review of the community's health, identified the greatest health needs in the region, resulting in the goals which are prioritized in the CHIP. The CHNA gathered over 10,000 responses from community members. Subject matter experts from hospitals, health departments, and community-based organizations across the region worked in collaboration to define the regional goals below, in the first Regional Community Health Improvement Plan.

This CHIP is critical for creating the roadmap of strategies and actions to address the top health priorities for the region, and is included in organizational level strategic plans across sectors, allowing the region to track progress, celebrate achievements, and change course as the work unfolds.

CHIP Regional Goals and Key Priorities

Goal 1 Everyone in the region has access to healthcare when they need it, specifically for the region's top needs: behavioral health, oral health, vision care, and heart disease

Priority 1.1

Establish a consistent continuum of care across health systems that centers the patient and adapts to changing needs across their lifetime

Priority 1.2

Eliminate barriers to access and increase the use of preventive services for behavioral health, oral health, vision care, and cardiovascular care

Priority 1.3

Foster health education and health literacy

Goal 2 The health care education pipeline and workforce are strong, reflect the diversity of our region, and deliver equitable care to everyone

Priority 2.1

Expand and diversify the health care workforce pipeline through education and hiring opportunities

Priority 2.2

Track and consistently publish ongoing workforce data/statistics in a regional dashboard, including class sizes, vacancy rate, and diversity percentages at a regional level, publishing these results annually

Priority 2.3

Eliminate retention disparities for racially and ethnically diverse health care workers

Goal 3 Everyone in the region has access to healthy, affordable food and quality, affordable housing

Priority 3.1

Eliminate residential evictions due to inability to pay rent

Priority 3.2

Ensure healthy food access within 10 minutes by foot or public transit in urban communities or by car in rural communities