

community health improvement strategy update

June 2024



Priority Area: Mental Health and Addiction

Priority Topic: Mental health and addiction		
Strategy 1: Continue to spread the On Our Sleeves Movement throughout the Dayton Region		
<i>Goal: Reduce mental health stigma</i>		
<i>Anticipated Impact: The On Our Sleeves Movement aims to reduce the stigma around children’s mental health. Community-based mental health education is one prevention strategy that can improve rates of youth depression and mental health challenges.</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Continue to spread the On Our Sleeves Movement, a childhood mental health campaign, throughout the Dayton region.</p> <p>Position this program as a community-based prevention program.</p>	<p>Priority Outcomes: Reduce depression treatment unmet need. Reduce mental health stigma.</p> <p>Priority Indicators: Percent of youth with major depressive episode who did not receive any mental health treatment (NSDUH¹)</p> <p>Baseline (MHA²-2022): 59.8% of youth with major depressive episode who did not receive any mental health treatment.</p> <p>The percentage of 7-12th graders in Western Ohio who saw a health care provider for a mental health problem in the past year.</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s advanced its mission of mental health outreach with the On Our Sleeves (OOS) campaign. Efforts expanded to raise awareness through initiatives like distributing OOS calendars and classroom kits, presenting at events such as the University of Dayton “Shine a Light on Mental Health,” and collaborating with educators. There was a substantial increase in sign-ups for OOS with over 4,000 community members signed up. In addition, 290 teachers have signed up as Classroom Champions, receiving classroom kits. This increased engagement underscores the heightened awareness for mental health advocacy within the community.</p>

¹ National Survey on Drug Use and Health

² Mental Health America

Priority Topic: Mental health and addiction		
Strategy 2: Integrate behavioral health throughout primary care		
<i>Goal: Increase access to behavioral health services for patients</i>		
<i>Anticipated Impact: Behavioral health integrated within primary care is a best practice and has shown improved mental health, increased adherence to treatment, improved quality of life, increased patient engagement, and increased patient satisfaction.</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Continue to integrate behavioral health into primary care practices by bringing mental health and/or substance abuse screenings and treatments into the primary care setting (ex: PHQ-9 depression screening).</p> <p>Explore efforts including coordination between primary care providers, case managers, and mental health specialists.</p> <p>Determine training needs or realignment of roles.</p> <p>Focus on best service for patient families and evaluation of outcomes.</p>	<p>Priority Outcome: Reduce mental health professional shortage areas</p> <p>Priority Indicator: Percent of Ohioans living in health professional shortage area (HRSA³)</p> <p>Baseline (HRSA- 2022): HPSA⁴ Facilities: 284 HPSA Geographic Areas: 71 HPSA Population Groups: 133 Total Count of HPSAs: 488</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s Pediatrics significantly enhanced its behavioral health services by appointing a supervisor for care coordination and recruiting additional therapists and psychologists. This expansion led to improved care, increased screenings, and a higher number of services provided, ultimately serving 686 families in the past year.</p>

³ Health Resources and Services Administration

⁴ Health Professional Shortage Area

Priority Topic: Mental health and addiction		
Strategy 3: Spread comprehensive school-based “Student Resiliency Coordinator” program		
<i>Goal: Develop resiliency characteristics for children in Dayton Public Schools</i>		
Anticipated Impact: School-based mental health programs have been shown to increase resiliency skills, improve mental health, improve behavior, and improve academic achievement. Programs offered through schools also improve access to care.		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Spread the comprehensive school-based mental health program in partnership with schools across the region.</p> <p>Provide a student resiliency coordinator within each school to connect and provide students with resources to address mental health needs.</p> <p>Continue evaluation of program and outcomes.</p>	<p>Priority Outcome: Reduce depression treatment unmet need.</p> <p>Priority Indicator: Percent of youth with major depressive episode who did not receive any mental health treatment (NSDUH⁵)</p> <p>Baseline (MHA⁶-2022): 63.3% of youth with major depressive episode who did not receive any mental health treatment.</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s has continued its efforts to support student well-being within Dayton Public Schools. Strategies included staffing Student Resiliency Coordinators (SRCs) in 59 schools and therapists across multiple schools, focusing on trauma screening, social determinants of health, and the Ask Suicide-Screening Questions screening under the Zero Suicide initiative. Enhancements in engagement between school staff, Dayton Children’s managers, and SRCs have been prioritized, alongside crisis debriefing services provided in response to faculty and student deaths. Notably, the establishment of The Center for Emotional Wellbeing and positive feedback on services provided reflect the ongoing commitment to fostering a supportive environment for students and families. Currently, there are 1,291 students being served in schools and this number will continue to grow.</p>

⁵ National Survey on Drug Use and Health

⁶ Mental Health America

Priority Topic: Mental health and addiction		
Strategy 4: Spread comprehensive approach to suicide care (Zero Suicide)		
<i>Goal: Reduce youth suicide for ages 12-18</i>		
Anticipated Impact: <i>Zero Suicide is a best-practice, quality improvement approach based on the realization that suicidal individuals often fall through cracks in the fragmented health system and therefore an approach to suicide prevention requires a system-wide approach to improve outcomes and close gaps. This quality improvement approach focuses on safer suicide care for high-risk patients ages 12 through 18.</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
Continue the expansion of the Zero Suicide concept of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention to pursue a reduction in suicide and improve care for those who seek help inside the hospital in ambulatory clinics and beyond the hospital into schools and community-based programs.	<p>Priority Outcome: Reduce youth suicide deaths.</p> <p>Priority Indicator: Number of youth suicide deaths due to suicide per 100,000 population (ODH⁷)</p> <p>Baseline (ODH-2022): 11.0 youth deaths due to suicide per 100,000 population.</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s advanced its suicide prevention framework by expanding screenings and brief assessments across various clinics. Initial focus on Child Advocacy Clinics led to full implementation and compliance, while Neurology clinics began successful quality improvement cycles. Increased screening numbers and compliance rates improved from 86% to 100%, demonstrating the initiative's effectiveness.</p>

⁷ Ohio Department of Health

Priority Area: Chronic Disease

Priority Topic: Chronic Disease		
Strategy 1: Implement healthy food initiatives to reduce impact of chronic disease		
<i>Goal: Increase access to healthy food</i>		
Anticipated Impact: <i>By providing nutrition and health education about food, healthy food consumption can be increased and food insecurity can be decreased</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Continue healthy food initiatives led by Dayton Children’s, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooking demonstrations and recipe creation within the Demonstration Kitchen • Support for specific patient populations/families with chronic disease. 	<p>Priority Outcome: Reduce childhood obesity.</p> <p>Priority Indicator: Percent of children who were obese by BMI classifications.</p> <p>Baseline (NSCH⁸-2018): 19.3% of US children and adolescents aged 2-19 years have been diagnosed with obesity, including 6.1% with severe obesity, and another 16.1% are overweight.</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s Community Teaching Kitchen consistently provided nutrition education, with 1,775 attendees over the year. A new series called Healthy Way was launched, focusing on food groups, portion sizes, and food safety for enrolled families. The kitchen also expanded to include cooking classes tailored to specific pediatric health conditions, increasing from one class to three.</p>

⁸ National Survey of Children’s Health

Priority Topic: Chronic Disease		
Strategy 2: Improve health disparities for children with asthma.		
<i>Goal: Implementing holistic strategies to improve asthma outcomes in underserved communities by minimizing allergen exposure and reducing hospital visits.</i>		
Anticipated Impact: <i>Strategies such as health home environment assessments, community health workers, environmental remediation and programs focused on improving asthma management will improve outcomes for children with asthma from the most in-need communities by reducing exposure to allergens and reducing hospital utilization.</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Identify strategies that will be most impactful to address asthma in the priority zip codes. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical legal partnerships • Healthy home environment assessments • Utilization of community health workers (CHWs) • Housing remediation and repair • Community-based education • Smoking cessation <p>Ensure community and stakeholder involvement in planning and selecting strategies.</p> <p>Continue to improve data collection and data-sharing processes to develop neighborhood specific interventions.</p>	<p>Priority Outcomes: Reduce childhood obesity. Reduce Child asthmas hospitalizations.</p> <p>Priority Indicators: Percent of children diagnosed with asthma. Emergency department visits for pediatric asthma, per 10,000 children ages 0-17</p> <p>Baseline (CDC⁹ 2019): 7.8% children living with asthma in Ohio.</p>	<p>The Dayton Home Repair Network, in collaboration with the Dayton Asthma Alliance, pursued but did not secure EPA funding for asthma education. Despite this, the Community Health Worker (CHW) program saw increased enrollment in asthma trigger assessments, rising from 3 to 19 with a new data dashboard. CHW training and discussions on risk mitigation strategies were emphasized, leading to a consistent 15.5% improvement in ACT scores for patients, indicating progress in asthma management.</p>

⁹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Priority Area: Maternal and Infant Health

Priority Topic: Maternal and infant health		
Strategy 1: Increase the use of safe sleep practices		
<i>Goal: Increase safe sleep education</i>		
Anticipated Impact: Through consistent education and modeling safe sleep within the hospital and community setting there will be a decrease in unsafe sleep deaths.		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Develop a standardized approach for ongoing safe sleep education for hospital staff.</p> <p>Continue to raise awareness and promote the most up-to-date safe sleep practices through coordinated messages and programs such as the Safe Sleep Ambassador program.</p>	<p>Priority Outcome: Reduce infant mortality due to unsafe sleep conditions.</p> <p>Priority Indicator: Rate of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.</p> <p>Baseline (ODH¹⁰ - 2020): 6.7 deaths per 1,000 live births.</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s Early Childhood Safety Program, funded by the Ohio Children’s Trust Fund, made significant progress in promoting safe sleep practices within the community. Over the year, education for 25 families and distribution of safe sleep equipment to 92 families reached 1,352 people through 25 community events. In total, 86 safe sleep ambassadors were trained and 386 Dayton Children’s Hospital Core Clinic staff were trained. All these efforts ensure widespread dissemination of safe sleep education and practice.</p>

¹⁰ Ohio Department of Health

Priority Topic: Maternal and infant health		
Strategy 2: Increase human milk feeding breastfeeding and provide lactation support		
<i>Goal: Increase breastfeeding duration - (understandable, simple, changing wording does not really expand to donor milk, etc.)</i>		
Anticipated Impact: Increase breastfeeding duration for infants and children receiving care at regional primary care practices through increased availability of and targeted lactation support, partnership with pediatricians, and relentless efforts to reduce barriers to breastfeeding or providing breastmilk within our system and scope of influence.		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Improve understanding of and develop solutions to overcome barriers to initiation and continuation of breastfeeding.</p> <p>Continue to provide health professionals with resources to help promote breastfeeding and lactation in the hospital and clinic setting.</p> <p>Provide equitable access to lactation support</p>	<p>Priority Outcome: Increase lactation duration.</p> <p>Priority Indicator: % of infants receiving breastmilk exclusively at 3 months % of infants receiving any breastmilk at 6 months</p> <p>Baseline (ODH¹¹-2019): 42.7% infants exclusively breastfeeding at 3 months (Ohio) 45.3% infants exclusively breastfeeding at 3 months (National) 50.4% infants receiving any breastmilk at 6 months (Ohio) 55.8% infants receiving any breastmilk at 6 months (National)</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s enhanced its lactation services through Lactation Clinic and Dayton Children’s Pediatrics (DCP), with clinic visits increasing from 64 to 76 per month, while DCP visits slightly declined from 95 to 85. Despite temporary closures in September due to staffing issues, collaboration with various organizations secured grant funding and established a SMART aim and Quality Improvement Project that increased connections to lactation services from 8% to 20%. Consistent inpatient lactation services were maintained, with 98% of eligible non-NICU inpatients receiving lactation support, reflecting ongoing improvements and steady performance in lactation services.</p>

¹¹ Ohio Department of Health

Priority Topic: Maternal and infant health		
Strategy 3: Implement the Ohio Better Birth Outcomes Project		
Goal: Expand awareness of parenting programs and resources offered by Dayton Children’s		
Anticipated Impact: Health outcomes for mothers and infants will be improved through better collaboration between healthcare systems focused on quality improvement interventions across prenatal and perinatal periods.		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Continue gap analysis to identify and prioritize specific maternal and infant health needs.</p> <p>Convene key partners to gain buy-in and support for project implementation.</p> <p>Build leadership infrastructure of key partners to support advancing the Ohio Better Birth Outcomes project.</p> <p>Involve key partners to develop a plan outlining goals, objectives, timelines, and quality improvement initiatives.</p> <p>Identify data needs and sources to support project plan and metrics at the regional level.</p> <p>Collaborate with existing providers to implement quality improvement initiatives.</p> <p>Monitor, track, and report outcomes.</p>	<p>Priority Outcome: Reduce infant mortality. Reduce Prematurity.</p> <p>Priority Indicator: Rate of infant deaths per 1,000 live births (ODH¹²)</p> <p>Baseline (ODH-2020): 6.7 deaths per 1,000 live births</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s has been actively engaged in the Ohio Better Birth Outcomes project, focusing on addressing racism in maternal and infant care and improving access to early prenatal care for teen mothers. Initiatives include developing educational videos for stakeholders and exploring the use of the emergency department for quality improvement to ensure timely access to prenatal care. Collaborations with the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association and internal discussions have facilitated progress, with ongoing meetings to strategize project execution and review current protocols. Progress is ongoing, with plans evolving to enhance maternal health outcomes.</p>

¹² Ohio Department of Health

Priority Factor: Community Conditions

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Strategy 1: Outreach and advocacy to maintain or increase enrollment in federal food assistance, housing, and poverty reduction programs		
<i>Goal: Address social needs through resource connection</i>		
Anticipated Impact: <i>Improving access through outreach and advocacy to anti-poverty programs for children and families reduces disparities and helps to address social determinants of health</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Thoroughly research best practices to connect families with anti-poverty programs.</p> <p>Establish and maintain partnerships with identified programs.</p> <p>Identify and implement processes to make referrals easier for hospital staff and community members.</p>	<p>Priority Outcomes: Reduce poverty.</p> <p>Priority Indicators: Children living in poverty. (American Community Survey)</p> <p>Baseline (Children’s Defense Fund- 2021) 18.4% of children living in poverty</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s has strengthened partnerships with programs like Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Medical Legal Partnership (MLP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to support families in need. These collaborations resulted in direct referrals and improved access to services, connecting 10 families to SNAP, 72 families to MLP, 172 women to WIC, and serving 135 families through VITA. Efforts were further supported by initiatives like setting up informational tables and enhancing referral processes, ensuring continued assistance for families in managing financial and nutritional challenges.</p>

Priority Factor: Community Conditions		
Strategy 2: Launch collective impact initiative to address health and educational needs of children birth to five		
<i>Goal: Connect children to kindergarten readiness programs</i>		
Anticipated Impact: <i>Birth to five are critical years for the long-term success of children. There are many systems and partners who serve families with this age group. Through better alignment, our community can improve outcomes for children through the first five years of life.</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Convene group and obtain buy-in</p> <p>Develop charter, scope, and structure.</p> <p>Develop collective priorities, objectives and initiatives related to kindergarten readiness and preventative care.</p> <p>Measure and track progress.</p> <p>Report collective outcomes.</p>	<p>Priority Outcome: Improve kindergarten readiness.</p> <p>Priority Indicator: Percent of kindergarten students demonstrating readiness (Ohio Kindergarten Readiness Assessment)</p> <p>Baseline (HPIO¹³- 2018-19) 40.9% of kindergarten students demonstrating readiness</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s has made significant strides in promoting early childhood literacy through initiatives like the Imagination Library program. Partnerships with organizations like Gem City Market and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base have expanded the reach of the program, aiming to provide free books to military-connected families and serve as a model for other bases nationwide. Efforts have also been concentrated on enhancing kindergarten readiness through birth to five initiative partnership, focusing on strategies such as promoting well-child visits, engaging in home visiting programs, and increasing preschool participation. The Imagination Library program has seen continuous growth, with an increase in both the percentage of children enrolled (65% in high-risk zip codes) and the number of newborns enrolled (1,275), while ongoing collaboration within the 0-5 partnership aims to streamline communication for improved effectiveness.</p>

¹³ Health Policy Institute of Ohio

Priority Factor: Community Conditions		
Strategy 3: Continue development and execution of programs to address food insecurity		
<i>Goal: Reduce Food Insecurity</i>		
Anticipated Impact: <i>Healthy food initiatives including food pantries and the Dayton Children’s “Food Pharm” combine hunger relief efforts with healthy eating opportunities and nutrition information for families. These programs can reduce food insecurity.</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Enhance the “Food Pharm” program, which increases consumption and access to nutritious foods, including fresh produce.</p> <p>Expand the neighborhood food pantry at Connor Child Health Pavilion to serve more members of the Greater Old North Dayton neighborhood. Expand produce prescription program to pregnant women and Healthy Me Clinic.</p>	<p>Priority Outcome: Reduce food insecurity.</p> <p>Priority Indicator: Percent of households that are food insecure (Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap)</p> <p>Baseline (Feeding America- 2020): 22.7% of households in Montgomery County were food insecure.</p>	<p>Dayton Children’s has prioritized combating food insecurity through initiatives such as the Food Pharm and Food Pantry programs, which have experienced steady expansion. The Food Pharm served 500 families, while the Food Pantry supported over 1,700 families, reaching a milestone of distributing over 100,000 pounds of food. Moreover, the Produce Prescription Program continued to aid families, enrolling 44 in a 6-month produce delivery program. These efforts highlight the hospital's dedication to providing crucial resources and assistance to families facing food insecurity in the community.</p>

Priority Factor: Access to Care

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Strategy 1: Promote connections to primary/preventive care		
<i>Goal: Improve access to preventive care</i>		
Anticipated Impact: <i>Ensuring children have access to comprehensive and coordinated primary/preventive care can increase the likelihood of children obtaining preventive screenings, completing vaccinations, and obtaining quality outcomes.</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Promote preventive well-childcare and maintain continuity of care.</p> <p>Utilize community partnerships to promote messaging and marketing materials (ex: churches, hospitals, pharmacies, health departments, schools, childcare centers, media, etc.).</p> <p>Provide partners with educational materials and ways to support marketing campaigns and raise awareness of the importance of preventive health care.</p>	<p>Priority Outcome: Reduce unmet needs, medical care.</p> <p>Priority Indicator: Percentage of children who are up to date on preventive care.</p> <p>Baseline (HPIO¹⁴- 2019): 71% had access to medical and dental care.</p>	<p>Dayton Children's has focused on enhancing preventative care initiatives through collaborative efforts. Key actions included establishing regular meetings for the preventative care workgroup and revising the "Healthy Children" key driver diagram to incorporate region-specific interventions.</p> <p>Additionally, there has been progress in prioritizing interventions and actively engaging in quality improvement initiatives in 8 community practices for preventative care including Dayton Children's Pediatrics. These efforts signify a concerted commitment to improving preventive care practices and outcomes within the community.</p>

¹⁴ Health Policy Institute of Ohio

Priority Factor: Access to Care		
Strategy 2: Further integrate community health workers (CHWs) into clinical services		
<i>Goal: Increase the use of community health workers to advocate for at-risk populations</i>		
Anticipated Impact: <i>The use of community health workers has the expected benefits of increased patient knowledge, improved access to care, an increase in healthy behaviors and improvement in preventive care.</i>		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2024 Update
<p>Continue referral process and data collection on CHW outcomes.</p> <p>Ensure training opportunities for standardized messaging across clinical settings when utilizing community health workers.</p> <p>Specific focus on utilization of CHWs for asthma patients with greatest health disparities.</p>	<p>Priority Outcomes: Increase local access to healthcare services.</p> <p>Priority Indicators: Health Professional Shortage Areas</p> <p>Baseline (HRSA¹⁵- 2022) Ohio has 182 Health Professional Shortage Areas, covering 47.87% of the population.</p>	<p>Dayton Children's has retained 9 Community Health Workers (CHWs). There has been a strong focus on the work of either asthma management or well-check adherence. These efforts have seen consistent engagement, with CHWs serving numerous patients and families across different programs.</p> <p>Early data from the asthma program suggests positive outcomes, with a significant reduction in emergency department encounters post-CHW involvement. Despite fluctuations in patient numbers, the CHW team has remained consistent.</p>

¹⁵ Health Resources and Services Administration

Place-Based Strategies (Northwest & West Dayton)

Geographic Priority Area: Northwest and West Dayton		
Priority Factors/Areas Identified by the Community		
Infant Mortality	Access to Care	Mental Health
Strategy 1: Integrate Hope Center Primary Care Practice/Dayton Children’s Pediatrics Northwest into Promise Zone initiative.		
Anticipated Impact: Leveraging the programs and resources housed in Dayton Children’s Pediatrics Northwest and throughout Dayton Children’s, support the goals of the Promise Zone initiative which aims to support a cradle-to-career continuum of services centered on creating measurable improved outcomes in education, economic stability, health and well-being and community growth.		
Action Steps	Hospital Resources	Planned Collaborations
Define Dayton Children’s role in the health/wellness group. Use neighborhood data gathered through the Community Health Needs assessment to define possible interventions and initiatives. Prioritize possible initiatives. Implement prioritized initiatives.	Dayton Children’s Pediatrics Northwest clinical programs. Project management and in-kind support for program planning, implementation, quality improvement, and evaluation of community-based initiatives.	Omega Community Development Corporation, Mini University, Promise Neighborhoods, Learn to Earn, Miami Valley Child Development Centers
2024 Update		
Dayton Children’s is fully integrated into the health and wellness workgroup with the Northwest Dayton Partnership and continues to influence goals of the group focused on access to care, community wellness, and maternal/infant health. This is an ongoing, five-year effort. Scaling adherence to preventive visits to Dayton Children’s Pediatrics Northwest is a multifaceted project that is currently underway. Actions have included re-prioritized patient access and restricted new patient appointments to those in the 45405 and 45406 zip codes. This reduced the time to a new patient appointment from 30+ days to 10-15 days. Dayton Children’s Pediatrics Northwest also partnered with Clinical Nutrition and Lactation to look at providing additional lactation/changing tables for clients at the Hope Center. Dayton Children’s Pediatrics Northwest is also working with Omega Community Development Corporation to create some co-branded materials for patients to get them connected with community resources.		

Geographic Region: West Dayton		
Priority Factors Identified by the Community		
Infant Mortality	Access to Care	Mental Health
Strategy 2: Define and implement targeted interventions in 45417 to reduce health disparities and improve access to pediatric primary care.		
Anticipated Impact: Improved access to preventative and primary health care can impact long-term health outcomes for children in this neighborhood.		
Action Steps	Hospital Resources	Planned Collaborations
Scope services to be offered and begin facility development. Identify strategic partnerships. Identify additional strategies to reduce health disparities within neighborhood.	Project management and in-kind support for program planning, implementation, quality improvement, and evaluation of community-based initiatives. Investment in facility development and operations.	Healthy Family Market/Sunlight Village, CityWide Development Corporation
2024 Update		
The hospital planning team has partnered with Sunlight Village and continues to work on the opportunity assessment and proforma for this project. A formal request for funding was submitted and the project overview was shared with the media. A location owned by the City of Dayton was identified for this project and work began to purchase the property for the project. With the new site available, building architects were re-engaged to start working on the new site design. Dayton Children’s is planning to have an Urgent Center at this site to offer acute care visits to families in the neighborhood. Enhanced services such as dental and behavioral health are being explored to meet the needs identified by the community. The goal is a groundbreaking by the end of calendar year 2024.		

Geographic Region: West Dayton		
Priority Factors Identified by the Community		
Infant Mortality	Access to Care	Mental Health
Strategy 3: Improve access to built-environment amenities for children.		
Anticipated Impact: Improved access to parks, sidewalks and other recreational amenities can improve health and wellness outcomes for children.		
Action Steps	Hospital Resources	Planned Collaborations
Define Dayton Children’s role within existing initiatives within the neighborhood. Leverage data and input from community feedback to enhance programs.	Project management and in-kind support for program planning and implementation.	Bike Miami Valley, The Miami Valley Urban League, CityWide Development, Carillon and Edgemont Neighborhoods, City of Dayton, Center for Health Equity Community Advisory Board
2024 Update		
Dayton Children’s has actively supported community initiatives, such as the adoption of the Active Transportation Plan by the City of Dayton in partnership with Safe Routes to School funding pursuits. Collaborations with the University of Dayton River Stewards led to the development of a Story Book Trail in West Dayton. The hospital continued its engagement by providing program planning support for infrastructure projects and promoting safety gear for mountain biking program graduates. Efforts included launching the "This is how we Roll" campaign and identifying partners for built environment projects in West Dayton, resulting in increased engagement over time.		

Place-Based Strategies (Old North Dayton)

Geographic Region: Old North Dayton		
Priority Factors Identified by the Community		
Infant Mortality	Access to Care	Mental Health
Strategy 1: Implement Kinship Housing Project in Greater Old North Dayton		
Anticipated Impact: The purpose of the Kinship Care Housing Project is to provide safe and affordable housing to kinship caregivers so they can best care for children in their care. By providing appropriate housing to kinship caregivers, significant health disparities can be addressed while keeping children in stable home environments and giving them the opportunity to thrive.		
Action Steps	Hospital Resources	Planned Collaborations
Finalize funding and financing for the project. Partner with neighborhood and kinship caregivers to design space and support services. Break ground on housing project. Define program support services.	Project management and in-kind support for project planning and program implementation.	Greater Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association, CityWide Development, Model Group, Kinship Caregivers, Davinci Investors, City of Dayton, Center for Health Equity Community Advisory Board
2024 Update		
Partnering with organizations like CityWide Development, Model Group, and ATA Beilharz Architects, the initiative seeks to build 13 structures accommodating two families each, featuring three bedrooms, ADA compliance, and shared greenspace for residents. By providing accessible, affordable, and family-friendly housing options, the Kinship Project strives to empower caregivers and enhance the overall well-being of kinship families in the Dayton region, addressing a pressing need for secure and supportive living environments. Application for Ohio Housing Funding Agency (OHFA) funding has been submitted, the Model Group, the developer for the project, continues to work with OHFA on the final pieces of funding. Interviews with property managers were conducted and zoning for the new project was approved by the City of Dayton. There were also several meetings with community members/residents to give input on the project design at this stage. The goal is a groundbreaking by Fall 2024.		

Geographic Region: Old North Dayton		
Priority Factors Identified by the Community		
Infant Mortality	Access to Care	Mental Health
Strategy 2: Build community network to support families in Old North Dayton.		
<p>Anticipated Impact: Greater coordination of services and improved communication for families can decrease isolation and ensure families can connect to the assets in the neighborhood. Special attention will be paid to families who are new to the United States and often choose Old North Dayton as their home and families who are served by Kiser Neighborhood Schools Center.</p>		
Action Steps	Hospital Resources	Planned Collaborations
<p>Assess existing resources within the Old North Dayton neighborhood.</p> <p>Identify information and communication needs of families.</p> <p>Identify strategic partners to address the needs of families.</p>	<p>Project management and in-kind support for project planning and program implementation.</p>	<p>Welcome Dayton, El Puente, Kiser Neighborhood Schools Center, Kroc Center, E.C. Doren Library, Center for Health Equity Community Advisory Board, Catholic Social Services</p>
2024 Update		
<p>Dayton Children’s has been engaged in community initiatives, including supporting a community block grant application and addressing issues related to Superfund sites through partnerships with neighborhood associations. The hospital actively participated in events like the Vapor Intrusion Open House, collaborating with various partners to inform families about free mitigation resources and engaging with local contractors for home mitigation. These efforts demonstrate the hospital's commitment to community involvement and advocacy for public health issues.</p>		

Place-Based Strategies (East Dayton)

Geographic Region: East Dayton		
Priority Factors Identified by the Community		
Infant Mortality	Access to Care	Mental Health
Strategy 1: Build community network to support families in East Dayton.		
<p>Anticipated Impact: Greater coordination of services and improved communication for families can decrease isolation and ensure families can connect to the assets in the neighborhood. Special attention will be paid to families who are new to the United States, whose first language is not English and often choose East Dayton as their home.</p>		
Action Steps	Hospital Resources	Planned Collaborations
<p>Assess existing resources within the East Dayton neighborhoods. Identify information and communication needs of families. Identify strategic partners to address the needs of families.</p>	<p>Project management and in-kind support for project planning and program implementation.</p>	<p>Welcome Dayton, Dayton Dream Center, Ebenezer Healthcare Access, Burkhardt/Springfield Neighborhood Association, With God’s Grace, Stepping Stones Learning Center, City of Dayton, Preschool Promise, Catholic Social Services, Center for Health Equity Community Advisory Board</p>
2024 Update		
<p>Collaborative efforts focused on assessing the right time to engage partners, particularly in relation to the Ohio Health Improvement Zone (OHIZ) community action team. Anticipation grew for new partners and funding opportunities through Ohio Health Improvement Zones (OHIZ) Phase II grants, but clarity on proceeding with work and partnerships remained elusive. Key milestones involve identifying a community group, developing a collaborative work plan, and implementing a community-based idea, with metrics indicating increasing partner engagement and progress in work plan items over time.</p>		

Geographic Region: East Dayton		
Priority Factors Identified by the Community		
Infant Mortality	Access to Care	Mental Health
Strategy 2: Complete Ohio Health Improvement Zone (OHIZ) community assessment and asset map to identify community-driven health improvement initiatives.		
Anticipated Impact: Through the Ohio Health Improvement Zone (OHIZ) pilot project funded by the Ohio Department of Health, Dayton Children’s will engage with community partners and residents who live in the Burkhardt/Springfield Neighborhood to assess their current health needs, highlight their community assets and prioritize area of focus for future collaborative work.		
Action Steps	Hospital Resources	Planned Collaborations
<p>Continue work with the OHIZ advisory group to complete the OHIZ community assessment and asset map.</p> <p>With project partners, identify community-driven health improvement initiatives in the Burkhardt/Springfield Neighborhood.</p> <p>Explore funding and other support opportunities for improvement initiatives.</p> <p>Plan and execute prioritized initiatives.</p>	<p>Project management and in-kind support for project planning and program implementation.</p>	<p>Ohio Department of Health, Center for Health Equity Community Advisory Board, Dayton Dream Center, Ebenezer Healthcare Access, Burkhardt/Springfield Neighborhood Association, With God’s Grace, Stepping Stones Learning Center, City of Dayton</p>
2024 Update		
<p>Progress was made in data collection for the community health assessment and asset map, culminating in the submission of the Year 1 project impact report to the Ohio Department of Health. Following assessment findings, the Community Action Team prioritized youth mental health and wellness initiatives, collaborating with various organizations. Moving forward, key milestones include finalizing assessment data analysis, submitting the Year 1 Impact Report to the Ohio Department of Health, and implementing prioritized health concern activities based on assessment results.</p>		

Geographic Region: East Dayton		
Priority Factors Identified by the Community		
Infant Mortality	Access to Care	Mental health
Strategy 3: Improve access to built-environment amenities for children and families.		
<p>Anticipated Impact: Improved access to parks, sidewalks and other recreational amenities can improve health and wellness outcomes for children. Specific attention should be paid to neighborhood maintenance which was identified as a need of the community.</p>		
Action Steps	Hospital Resources	Planned Collaborations
<p>Define Dayton Children’s role within existing initiatives within the neighborhood. Leverage data and input from community feedback to enhance programs.</p>	<p>Project management and in-kind support for project planning and program implementation.</p>	<p>Burkhardt/Springfield Neighborhood Association, City of Dayton, East End Community Services, Center for Health Equity Community Advisory Board, Mike’s Bike Park, Five Rivers MetroParks, Walnut Hill’s Neighborhood Association</p>
2024 Update		
<p>Dayton Children’s supported the adoption of the Active Transportation Plan by the City of Dayton, while also organizing educational initiatives like the "Learn to Bike" program and providing pedestrian safety education. Development of a new active transportation safety campaign, "This is how we Roll," with extensive partner engagement was implemented. Key achievements included identifying built environment projects in East Dayton and fostering stronger partnerships, leading to increased engagement with partners throughout the year.</p>		

