

# community health improvement strategy update

June 2025



## Priority Area: Mental Health and Addiction

Priority Topic: Mental health and addiction		
<b>Strategy 1:</b> 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	2025 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><b>Priority Outcomes:</b> Reduce depression treatment unmet need. Reduce mental health stigma.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicators:</b> Percent of youth with major depressive episode who did not receive any mental health treatment (NSDUH<sup>1</sup>)</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (MHA<sup>2</sup>-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>The Movement continues to grow through new collaborations with schools, clinics, and cultural institutions. A kindergarten activity book was launched in clinical and school settings, and outreach included presentations to multiple community and professional groups, a wellness campaign during basketball season, and creative mental health resources like a wellness bracket and interactive art-based activities. Over 400 community members and educators have been engaged this fiscal year through program sign-ups, events, and resource distribution, including significant increases in email list participation and use of classroom materials.</p>

<sup>1</sup> National Survey on Drug Use and Health

<sup>2</sup> Mental Health America

Priority Topic: Mental health and addiction		
<b>Strategy 2: Integrate behavioral health throughout primary care</b>		
<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	2025 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><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Reduce mental health professional shortage areas</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> Percent of Ohioans living in health professional shortage area (HRSA<sup>3</sup>)</p> <p><b>Baseline (HRSA- 2022):</b> HPSA<sup>4</sup> Facilities: 284 HPSA Geographic Areas: 71 HPSA Population Groups: 133 Total Count of HPSAs: 488</p>	<p>Integration efforts continue to strengthen, with behavioral health team members actively participating in clinical care and training. A postdoctoral fellow supports both intervention and education. The team now includes integrated community staff and prioritizes real-time screenings and support within targeted clinics. Behavioral health staff had contact with over 900 patients each quarter in the past year, providing screenings and interventions during primary care appointments, with a focus on children in foster care and wellness clinics.</p>

<sup>3</sup> Health Resources and Services Administration

<sup>4</sup> Health Professional Shortage Area

Priority Topic: Mental health and addiction		
<b>Strategy 3:</b> Spread comprehensive school-based “Student Resiliency Coordinator” program		
<i>Goal: Develop resiliency characteristics for children in Dayton Public Schools</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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	2025 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><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Reduce depression treatment unmet need.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> Percent of youth with major depressive episode who did not receive any mental health treatment (NSDUH<sup>5</sup>)</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (MHA<sup>6</sup>-2022): 63.3% of youth with major depressive episodes did not receive any mental health treatment.</p>	<p>The program now includes 33 Student Resiliency Coordinators in 10 districts and 9 therapists in Dayton Public Schools. All staff have been trained in administering the screeners, substance use education, brief intervention and education for those screened. An average of 906 students were served each quarter across multiple schools with 100% receiving screeners. All eligible students were screened using validated tools for mental health and social risk factors. Program funding is in question for next year.</p>

<sup>5</sup> National Survey on Drug Use and Health

<sup>6</sup> Mental Health America

Priority Topic: Mental health and addiction		
Strategy 4: Spread comprehensive approach to suicide care (Zero Suicide)		
Goal: Reduce youth suicide for ages 12-18		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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.		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2025 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><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Reduce youth suicide deaths.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> Number of youth suicide deaths due to suicide per 100,000 population (ODH<sup>7</sup>)</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (ODH-2022): 11.0 youth deaths due to suicide per 100,000 population.</p>	<p>The Zero Suicide initiative continues to expand across Dayton Children’s outpatient and specialty clinics, and collaboration with data teams has advanced efforts to use suicide death statistics for regional monitoring. Implementation within new clinics is progressing, with process mapping and planning underway for Pulmonary and Allergy. Screening and assessment compliance has steadily increased in Neurology from 25% to 68%.</p>

<sup>7</sup> Ohio Department of Health



## Priority Area: Chronic Disease

Priority Topic: Chronic Disease		
<b>Strategy 1: Implement healthy food initiatives to reduce impact of chronic disease</b>		
<i>Goal: Increase access to healthy food</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> <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	2025 Update
<p>Continue healthy food initiatives led by Dayton Children's, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooking demonstrations and recipe creation within the Demonstration Kitchen</li> <li>Support for specific patient populations/families with chronic disease.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Reduce childhood obesity.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> Percent of children who were obese by BMI classifications.</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (NSCH<sup>8</sup>-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>Class offerings in the Community Teaching Kitchen continue to expand following earlier staff transitions. Group medical nutrition therapy and general classes are now available online, with growing participation as community outreach and booking systems improve. More than 50 cooking and nutrition classes have been offered this fiscal year.</p>

<sup>8</sup> National Survey of Children's Health

Priority Topic: Chronic Disease		
<b>Strategy 2: Improve health disparities for children with asthma.</b>		
<i>Goal: Implementing holistic strategies to improve asthma outcomes in underserved communities by minimizing allergen exposure and reducing hospital visits.</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> <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	2025 Update
Engage community partners through the Dayton Asthma Alliance to develop and implement collaborative, community-based strategies that support asthma management and reduce hospital utilization.	<p><b>Priority Outcomes:</b> Reduce childhood obesity. Reduce Child asthmas hospitalizations.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicators:</b> Percent of children diagnosed with asthma. Emergency department visits for pediatric asthma, per 10,000 children ages 0-17</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (CDC<sup>9</sup> 2019): 7.8% children living with asthma in Ohio.</p>	Progress continues toward reframing the Dayton Asthma Alliance through interviews and surveys aimed at refining partner's goals and commitment. All partners were included in interviews or surveys with 16 partners on the listserv and 9 active members as shown by meeting attendance. Planning is underway to implement a new initiative that will address disparities in asthma care for children across the region.

<sup>9</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Priority Area: Maternal and Infant Health

Priority Topic: Maternal and infant health		
<b>Strategy 1: Increase the use of safe sleep practices</b>		
<i>Goal: Increase safe sleep education</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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	2025 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><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Reduce infant mortality due to unsafe sleep conditions.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> Rate of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (ODH<sup>10</sup> - 2020): 6.7 deaths per 1,000 live births.</p>	<p>Dayton Children's continues to support families facing emergency safe sleep needs through equipment distribution and community education. Outreach remains active, with new partnerships established to expand ambassador training and presentations to underserved groups. Dayton Children's has distributed 28 pack n plays (safe sleep equipment), provided 2 community presentations, and trained 29 ambassadors and 87 clinical staff to reinforce messages.</p>

<sup>10</sup> Ohio Department of Health



Priority Topic: Maternal and infant health		
<b>Strategy 2: Increase human milk feeding breastfeeding and provide lactation support</b>		
<i>Goal: Increase breastfeeding duration - (understandable, simple, changing wording does not really expand to donor milk, etc.)</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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	2025 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><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Increase lactation duration.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> % of infants receiving breastmilk exclusively at 3 months % of infants receiving any breastmilk at 6 months</p> <p><b>Baseline (ODH<sup>11</sup>-2019):</b> 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>Lactation services remain consistently strong across inpatient and outpatient settings, with high engagement in proactive support. Dayton Children's was recognized as a leading hospital in breastfeeding support, and multiple team members attended the Ohio Lactation Consultant Association in March 2025. Ninety-six percent of eligible inpatients received lactation services, and there was an average of 72 monthly visits to the Lactation Clinic and an average of 106 at Dayton Children's Pediatrics.</p>

<sup>11</sup> Ohio Department of Health

Priority Topic: Maternal and infant health		
<b>Strategy 3: Implement the Ohio Better Birth Outcomes Project</b>		
<i>Goal: Expand awareness of parenting programs and resources offered by Dayton Children's</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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	2025 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><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Reduce infant mortality. Reduce Prematurity.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> Rate of infant deaths per 1,000 live births (ODH<sup>12</sup>)</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (ODH-2020): 6.7 deaths per 1,000 live births</p>	<p>Momentum continues as Dayton Children's prepares to launch funded projects under the <i>Partnering for Change: Reducing Infant Mortality in Ohio Communities</i> grant for \$250,000 per year for three state fiscal years. Strategic alignment is being finalized, and implementation planning for QI interventions is underway in partnership with the Maternal and Infant Health Task Force through the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association and Montgomery County.</p> <p>Foundational efforts are focused on system alignment, community engagement, and the design of collaborative initiatives. These efforts are supported by new state grant funding (Partners for Change) and are intended to address disparities and improve outcomes in maternal and infant health through sustained data-informed strategies.</p>

<sup>12</sup> Ohio Department of Health

## Priority Factor: Community Conditions

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<b>Strategy 1: Outreach and advocacy to maintain or increase enrollment in federal food assistance, housing, and poverty reduction programs</b>		
<i>Goal: Address social needs through resource connection</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> <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	2025 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><b>Priority Outcomes:</b> Reduce poverty.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicators:</b> Children living in poverty. (American Community Survey)</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (Children's Defense Fund- 2021) 18.4% of children living in poverty</p>	<p>Enrollment numbers remain consistent with expected timelines for Aged, Blind or Disabled/Supplemental Security Income application processing. Outreach by financial counselors and Partners for Kids continues to identify and support eligible families in accessing long-term poverty relief programs. In the first three quarters of the year, 503 families were served through collaborative poverty reduction programs. These numbers reflect work initiated up to a year prior, due to lengthy application timelines.</p>

Priority Factor: Community Conditions		
<b>Strategy 2: Launch collective impact initiative to address health and educational needs of children birth to five</b>		
<i>Goal: Connect children to kindergarten readiness programs</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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.		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2025 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><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Improve kindergarten readiness.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> Percent of kindergarten students demonstrating readiness (Ohio Kindergarten Readiness Assessment)</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (HPIO<sup>13</sup>- 2018-19) 40.9% of kindergarten students demonstrating readiness</p>	<p>The Imagination Library continues to expand, bolstered by strong enrollment, community engagement, and new funding streams. Over 62 percent of children in targeted zip codes are enrolled in the Imagination Library. Additionally, one new initiative, Be Ready By 5, has officially launched led by Preschool Promise and Dayton Children’s with many community partner organizations focused on providing resources to help children be kindergarten ready.</p>

<sup>13</sup> Health Policy Institute of Ohio

Priority Factor: Community Conditions		
<b>Strategy 3: Continue development and execution of programs to address food insecurity</b>		
<i>Goal: Reduce Food Insecurity</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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.		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2025 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><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Reduce food insecurity.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> Percent of households that are food insecure (Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap)</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (Feeding America- 2020): 22.7% of households in Montgomery County were food insecure.</p>	<p>Participation declined in early 2025 due to seasonal shifts and temporary financial relief. The produce delivery program paused briefly at the end of February but was able to restart in March. Engagement strategies remain in progress. The food pantry served about 80 families monthly, Food Pharm boxes reached around 50 families, and 13 families participated in produce prescriptions.</p>

## Priority Factor: Access to Care

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<b>Strategy 1: Promote connections to primary/preventive care</b>		
<i>Goal: Improve access to preventive care</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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.		
Action Step	Priority Outcome & Indicator	2025 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><b>Priority Outcome:</b> Reduce unmet needs, medical care.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicator:</b> Percentage of children who are up to date on preventive care.</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (HPIO<sup>14</sup>- 2019): 71% had access to medical and dental care.</p>	<p>Two new providers joined Dayton Children's Pediatrics in February, helping to manage increased demand following the closure of a recently closed pediatric practice. Recruitment efforts are ongoing for one additional pediatrician to further support access at the Northwest Dayton location. Efforts continue to ensure families can obtain timely, community-based care. The target is to reduce wait times for new patient appointments to fewer than 30 days. From July through March, the average wait time was 42 days, then improved to 31 days, followed by a slight increase to 33 days.</p>

<sup>14</sup> Health Policy Institute of Ohio



Priority Factor: Access to Care		
<b>Strategy 2: Further integrate community health workers (CHWs) into clinical services</b>		
<i>Goal: Increase the use of community health workers to advocate for at-risk populations</i>		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> <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	2025 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><b>Priority Outcomes:</b> Increase local access to healthcare services.</p> <p><b>Priority Indicators:</b> Health Professional Shortage Areas</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> (HRSA<sup>15</sup>- 2022) Ohio has 182 Health Professional Shortage Areas, covering 47.87% of the population.</p>	<p>An evaluation of community needs and funding opportunities was conducted this year. New initiatives were launched to improve documentation, standardize services, and develop specialized programming for key populations. Seven certified community health workers are providing services. Program activities included assessments, service optimization, and expanded collaboration with internal departments and external partners.</p>

<sup>15</sup> 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.		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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
2025 Update		
Despite staffing transitions, Dayton Children's maintained timely access to care by reallocating providers. Continued alignment with Promise Zone priorities supports improved outcomes for children in the region. Wait times reduced from 29.05 to 22.08 days for new patient visits.		

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.		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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.	CityWide Development Corporation
2025 Update		
Dayton Children’s finalized construction and contracting for the West Dayton Urgent Care and the official groundbreaking took place in May 2025.		

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.		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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
2025 Update		
Progress includes new infrastructure funding to connect community assets near Louise Troy School, a Bike Friendly Community designation for Dayton, continued engagement through educational programs, and new helmet distribution partnerships to support youth biking in Carillon. Eighteen partners have been engaged in these efforts.		

## 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		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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
2025 Update		
Construction of the Kinship Housing Project began following the official groundbreaking in December. Despite weather challenges, the project remains on schedule for an October lease-up. Dayton Children's is coordinating with Wallick Communities to finalize leasing details and prepare for outreach efforts in the coming months. Key metrics include project construction underway, a December groundbreaking completed, and lease-up plans currently in development.		

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.		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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.		
Action Steps	Hospital Resources	Planned Collaborations
Assess existing resources within the Old North Dayton neighborhood. Identify information and communication needs of families. Identify strategic partners to address the needs of families.	Project management and in-kind support for project planning and program implementation.	Welcome Dayton, El Puente, Kiser Neighborhood Schools Center, Kroc Center, E.C. Doren Library, Center for Health Equity Community Advisory Board, Catholic Social Services
2025 Update		
Partnerships with Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association and Greater Old North Dayton continue to grow, with ongoing efforts to improve the Patriots War Memorial and prepare a financial literacy course at Kiser. A spring partner meeting strengthened collaboration and shared community health needs assessment findings to guide future work.		



## Place-Based Strategies (East Dayton)

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.		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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>
2025 Update		
<p>The Ohio Health Improvement Zone project concluded with completion of asset mapping and post-survey collection. Planning for the Community Development Block Grant project is underway with partner programming in development and volunteer recruitment in progress. Tool development is advancing with three community partners and aligns with the Youth Strategic Plan and Dayton Children's mental health priorities. Key metrics include 5 online signups and 2 in-person trainings for the On Our Sleeves program, 15 partner interviews completed, and youth engagement efforts not yet started.</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.		
<b>Anticipated Impact:</b> 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.		
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 project planning and program implementation.	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
2025 Update		
The City of Dayton completed a corridor assessment of Wayne Avenue and earned a silver designation as a Bike Friendly Community. Dayton Children’s continues to support city efforts by participating in committees and providing health education in East Dayton. The “This Is How We Roll” campaign remains active and continues to serve families in the area. Thirteen partners have engaged in this work.		

