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# Year 2



## Wyandotte County Community Health Improvement Plan

### 2018 - 2023

**Year 2 Updated CHIP  
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# Wyandotte County CHIP Background

## What is the CHIP?

The Community Health Improvement Plan, or CHIP, is a 5-year plan (2018-2023) to improve health in Wyandotte County (WyCo). It coordinates the efforts of many partners to make progress on the top 4 health issues identified in the 2017 Community Health Assessment. The CHIP also addresses three larger health "lenses," or cross-cutting issues that broadly affect health and quality of life.

## How does the CHIP work?

4 Action Teams work on the key issue areas in the CHIP. These teams are coordinated by Lead Agencies with expertise in each of these topic areas.

- **Jobs & Education** (led by Wyandotte Economic Development Council)
- **Health Care Access** (led by Vibrant Health)
- **Safe & Affordable Housing** (led by Livable Neighborhoods)
- **Violence Prevention** (led by Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault)

The Unified Government Public Health Department provides "backbone" support (resources, evaluation, technical assistance).

A CHIP Steering Committee, a multi-sector group with representatives from area organizations, provides guidance for both the UG Public Health Department and the Action Teams.

## Where are we now in the CHIP process?

The CHIP is a 5-year initiative, kicked off in September 2018. We've completed Year 1 of capacity-building and implementation, and are entering Year 2. We are proud of what all of our CHIP teams have accomplished so far, and we're looking forward to Year 2 when we'll have more capacity and progress will accelerate even more.

# CHIP Structure



*Overarching leadership*

## Steering Committee

Provides guidance and strategic oversight for the direction and implementation of the CHIP



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*"Backbone" support*

## UG Public Health Dept.

Provides technical assistance, raises resources, conducts evaluation, and ensures overall sustainability of the CHIP

## Action Teams & Lead Agencies

The Action Teams address the 4 key issue areas in the CHIP. Lead Agencies are local organizations that run each of these teams. The Agencies were selected based on subject-matter expertise and capacity to lead the Teams.



### Jobs & Education

Led by  
Wyandotte  
Economic  
Development  
Council



### Health Care Access

Led by  
Vibrant Health



### Safe & Affordable Housing

Led by Livable  
Neighborhoods



### Violence Prevention

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## Subcommittees



Each Action Team has several Subcommittees dedicated to addressing the specific **Focus Areas** and **Strategies** identified in the the CHIP.



# Lenses

Poverty

Discrimination

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

The Community Health Assessment (CHA) identified the top 4 issue areas that would be the main focus of the CHIP. During that process, 3 additional issue areas rose to the top: **Poverty, Discrimination, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**. Community members and partners felt that these issues were too important to leave out of the CHIP. Since they are deeply interwoven with each of the top 4 issues, the Steering Committee decided they would become “lenses” through which strategies were planned and implemented.

*Quotes collected from Community Health Assessment focus groups with community members at multiple locations across WyCo (2016-2017):*

“

Children are discriminated against, like young black boys. They are automatically pinpointed like, that is a hoodlum. If you are poor you are discriminated against, you are basically told you are bad. It is to the point that when you are told that enough then you believe you are bad. And, they become violent because ‘that’s what I’m supposed to do right?’

”

“

People in poverty have a harder time doing anything...lack of transportation, lack of employment...Even if there are places that are income-based it’s still a struggle.

”

“

On your application [you put you live] on 10th Street, Kansas City, Kansas. You get looked at some type of way because of the area you live in.

”

“

It’s a cycle, they come from abuse. Their parents were abusive, their grandparents were abusive, I am breaking that cycle...

”

# Examples of how the CHIP is addressing these lenses



## Jobs & Education:

Increasing quantity and quality of child care in WyCo

- Impacts **poverty** by helping parents get and keep jobs.
- Providing a safe, healthy, nurturing child care environment may create "positive childhood experiences," which recent research suggests may help mitigate the impact of **ACEs**



## Health Care Access:

Advocating for KanCare (Medicaid) expansion

- Lack of health care access more greatly impacts people living near the **poverty** level. KanCare expansion would help many lower-income residents access health coverage.
- It's important to have appropriate access to care for the health issues associated with **ACEs**.



## Safe & Affordable Housing:

Increasing the number of contractors on the minor home repair coalition to assist with home repairs

- In a community greatly impacted by **poverty**, this helps provide safer housing for residents who may not be able to afford needed repairs.
- Some of WyCo's oldest neighborhoods (with old houses that may need more repairs) are in areas that historically were targeted by **discriminatory** red-lining policies and practices.



## Violence Prevention:

Focusing efforts such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in areas with highest rates of reported violent crime

- The areas with higher rates of reported violence often have higher rates of **poverty** and have been targeted by red-lining and other **discriminatory** practices.
- Creating safer outdoor spaces can increase community connectedness, which can help build community resiliency in response to **ACEs** and other trauma.



# Jobs & Education

## Long Term Goals (2018-2023)



- Increase median **household income** in Wyandotte County from \$42,783 to \$54,935



- Increase the percent of the population that **speaks English "very well"** from 87.7% to 93.4%



- Increase the number of **full-day, full-year child care spaces** from 4,542 to 4,842
- Increase the number of **child care spaces** in centers or in-home providers participating in quality initiatives from 936 to 1756



- Increase the number of **child care centers or in-home providers** participating in quality initiatives from 12 to 25
- Increase the percent of residents who **commute to work using public transportation** from 1.05% to 2.8%



- Increase the **employment rate of justice-involved individuals** from 51% to 60%



- Increase the percent of residents with a **high school diploma or equivalent** from 78.8% to 80% for population age 25+
- Increase the percent of residents that have completed a **post-secondary program** from 21.7% to 26% for population age 25+

**Lead Agency:**

**Wyandotte Economic Development Council (WYEDC)**

WYEDC's Workforce Solutions Committee leads the Jobs & Education Action Team.

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# Focus Areas & Strategies

## Child Care

*Increase access to quality and affordable child care opportunities*

- Support **economic development** of quality child care spaces and **increase access** for families
- Support the implementation of a county-wide **quality improvement system** for early education facilities

## Criminal History

*Increase hiring of individuals with criminal history*

- Increase **training and education opportunities**, including support services to encourage retention, for individuals under supervision and beyond
- Establish **forums for employers** to increase access to and appreciate the benefits of hiring qualified individuals who have been involved in the justice system
- Broaden **awareness of expungement services** and how they may help a returning citizen's search for employment

## Language

*Increase proficiency in English tailored to industry-specific communication*

- Develop a multi-faceted, customized **Business ESL** training program
- Increase the number of **students enrolled in KCKCC and Donnelly College ESL training programs**

## Workforce Transportation

*Improve accessibility and frequency of public and alternative transportation options for Wyandotte workforce*

- Increase **business investment in transportation solutions** for job access by providing outreach and education to employers, assessing the needs of individual employers, developing customized solutions, when possible
- Pilot an **employer transportation council** in Edwardsville and Fairfax

## Job Training

*Increase attainment of post-secondary education/industry-recognized training*

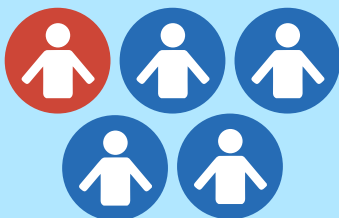
- Support & expand **college & career readiness** in all WYCO school districts to support post-secondary credentials.



# Health Care Access

## Long Term Goals (2018-2023):

### Access to Medical, Mental, and Dental Care



**About 1 in 5 (19.7%)** individuals living in Wyandotte County **are uninsured**, compared to 9.6% in Kansas.

- Increase the percent of **residents with health insurance** from 77.5% to 79.7%
- Increase the percent of residents with a usual **primary care provider** from 67.5% to 75.3%
- Increase the percent of children who enter kindergarten with **required immunizations** from 78% to 85%
- Decrease the **proportion of residents to available primary care physicians** from 2550:1 to 1785:1

**Lead Agency: Vibrant Health**

Vibrant Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center with 3 locations in WyCo, providing primary medical, dental, behavioral health care and women's health care.

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# Focus Areas & Strategies

## Assure access to health care for all

- Coordinate and improve efforts to increase community member **enrollment in Medicaid & Marketplace**
- **Expand KanCare** (Medicaid)
- Improve community knowledge and availability of **transportation** to health care providers in the community
- **Community education** on health literacy, availability of health services, and how to engage in services available to the community
- Increase available **health services for youth**, specifically in school settings

## Improve capacity of the health care system

- Increase **care coordination** between primary care providers and behavioral health providers
- Increase and maintain the current capacity and/or establish additional capacity for **outpatient therapy/counseling services in English, Spanish and other languages**
- Provide **training in cultural competence/humility and trauma informed care** for organizations in Wyandotte County
- Create a multicultural and multilingual **education-to employment pipeline** for Wyandotte County students in the health care professions, connected to Wyandotte County employers





# Safe & Affordable Housing



## Long Term Goals (2018-2023)

- Decrease the percent of households that spend 30% or more of their **income on rent or mortgage** from 45.9% to 35%
- Reduce the percentage of residents living with **severe housing problems** (including: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen, or lack of plumbing facilities) from 21% to 13.6%
- Increase the use of **tax rebates** by Wyandotte residents (including utility tax rebate for seniors and neighborhood revitalization) from 955 to 1,095
- Increase the supply of **affordable and habitable housing units**
- Increase the percent of **housing in high opportunity areas** that is affordable for low-income residents
- Reduce the percent of residents **disconnected from utilities** for non-payment
- Increase the **stability of home residency** and reduce the transiency/displacement of low-income residents



**Lead  
Agency:**

**Livable  
Neighborhoods**



Livable Neighborhoods Task Force aims to improve quality of life through organized neighborhood and government partnerships

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# Focus Areas & Strategies

## Increase the quantity of quality housing for low/moderate income people in high opportunity areas

- **Engage KCK Housing Authority** in identifying mutual goals to expand affordable housing
- Explore the development of a **community land trust**
- Explore the development of an **affordable housing fund**
- Work with KanCare MCO's and hospitals to **house the chronically homeless**
- Explore and advocate for state and local **policies that promote affordable housing**
- **Positive promotion of affordable housing:** facilitate guided discussions with neighborhood and other community groups and stakeholders

## Reduce the cost of accessing housing and associated costs of living in the home

- **Engage utilities** (BPU, WESTAR, Kansas Gas, Atmos) to learn what assistance is available, identify gaps and programs, and collaborate to develop strategies and interventions to prevent shutoffs
- Build coordination and financial capacity for **minor home repair** organizations
- Create **educational opportunities** by providing information on tenant's rights/responsibilities, hosting an annual housing summit and creating a positive promotional campaign on affordable housing
- Research and create **policy options on displacement analysis**
- Explore ways to increase **housing options for individuals re-entering the community from incarceration**



# Violence Prevention

## Long Term Goals (2018-2023)



- Decrease the **rate of reported violent crime** from 6.5 to 5.5 per 1,000 residents



- Increase the **perception of community connectedness** by Wyandotte County youth from 56.5% to 58.4%



- Increase residents **satisfaction with law enforcement, first responders, & the judicial system** from 3.4 to 3.6 out of 5

### Lead Agency:

**Metropolitan  
Organization to  
Counter Sexual  
Assault (MOCSA)**

**MOCSA**

Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

MOCSA works to prevent sexual violence and other forms of violence in our community.

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# Focus Areas & Strategies

## Foster safer neighborhoods, free from violence

- Coordinate effort among residents, community organizations, and UG agencies to implement **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)** strategies, with a special focus on neighborhoods experiencing the highest rates of reported violent crime.
- Support evidence-based violence prevention components (e.g. CPTED) through existing community-level strategies to promote **walkability and safety**, with a special focus on neighborhoods experiencing the highest rates of reported violent crime.

## Foster and promote community connectedness and resident supports

- Support **youth-led community advisory board** to engage youth in community development and prevention strategies
- Develop and implement **individual-level response and interventions** for survivors of interpersonal violence and those at risk of perpetration of violence
- Evaluate and improve communication and **relations between community and the justice system**

## Address cultural norms that tolerate or promote violence

- Collaborate with Unified Government (UG) Agencies to develop and implement **violence prevention programs, policies, and practices for UG employees**
- Identify, develop, and support **cultural norms change strategies** designed to reduce community violence

# Year 1 Highlights

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## 100+ expungements

Kansas City, Kansas Community College (KCKCC) partnered with District Attorney Mark Dupree and others to host free expungement clinics June-August.

## 475 new child care spots for kids age 1-5

The Family Conservancy (Start Young) worked with local child care vendors and partners to create new child care spaces.



## 3 Medicaid Expansion events

Hosted 3 Medicaid expansion events to promote resident advocacy efforts for expansion with 75 Wyandotte County residents attending.

## Education-to-employment pipeline for health care

KC Medical Society led the creation of a county wide asset map for the education-to-employment pipeline for health care professions, and the Employer Engagement team planned a speed networking event between educators and employers.



## Increased number of home repair contractors

Increased the number of contractors on the Minor Home Repair Coalition to assist residents with needed home repairs that they may not be able to afford.

## Held a Housing Summit

Held a housing summit on June 22, 2019 with 70 attendees that provided information to the community on the land/housing trust, the state of KCK housing, tenant programs and innovative development ideas.



## Trained local leaders in CPTED

Hosted a 40-hour Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) training for stakeholders and neighborhood leaders across the county.

## "Stories on Stories" pilot in Rosedale

The initial pilot of the Stories on Stories program was completed, placing a mural designed by Rainbow Summer Youth Program students on a currently vacant building in the Rosedale neighborhood.

# Thank you to our CHIP Participants!

- 20/20/20 Movement
- Adhoc Group Against Crime
- Aetna Better Health
- Argentine Betterment Corporation
- Avenue of Life
- Bethel Neighborhood Center
- BikeWalkKC
- Bishop Sullivan Center
- Bishop Ward High School
- Blue River Church of Christ
- Board of Public Utilities
- Caritas Clinics: Duchesne
- Catholic Charities
- Central Avenue Betterment Association
- CEVA Logistics
- Chief Properties
- Christmas in October
- Community Health Council of Wyandotte County
- Community Housing of Wyandotte County
- Community LINC, Inc.
- Congresswoman Sharice Davids District Office
- Connections to Success
- Cornerstones of Care
- Cradle KC
- Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Inc.
- Culture Journey, LLC
- Donnelly College
- Douglas Sumner Neighborhood Association
- Downtown Shareholders of Kansas City, KS
- Economic Opportunity Foundation, Inc.
- El Centro, Inc.
- Enterprise Holdings
- Evap Tech Inc.
- Express Employment
- The Family Conservancy
- Frank Williams Center
- Friends of Yates, Inc.
- Gateway Foundation
- Greater Kansas City LISC
- Greater KC Coalition to End Homelessness
- Habitat for Humanity Kansas City
- Historic Northeast Midtown Association
- Humana
- Johnson County Department of Corrections
- JUNTOS Center for Advancing Latino Health
- Kansas City Anti-Violence Project
- Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
- Kansas City Kansas Community College
- Kansas City, Kansas Police Department
- Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (USD 500)
- Kansas Department of Commerce
- Kansas Department of Corrections
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Legal Services
- Kansas Manufacturing Solutions
- Kansas Public Health Association
- Kansas State University
- KC Medical Society
- KCK Public Schools, Homeless Liaison
- Kim Wilson Housing
- KU: The Educational Opportunity Center
- Leavenworth Road Association
- Livable Neighborhoods Task Force
- Mayor Alvey's Office
- Mercy and Truth Medical Missions
- Metropolitan Ave United Methodist Church
- Metropolitan Energy Corporation
- Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry
- Mid-America Regional Council
- Midland Care
- Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault
- Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corporation
- NBC Community Development Corporation
- Northeast Economic Development Corporation
- Pipe Fitters Local 533
- Planned Parenthood Great Plains
- PREP-KC
- Prescott / Nehemiah Properties
- Private Citizen
- Project Eagle (Connections)
- RAN Development
- Renaissance Management, Inc.
- River of Hope Church
- Riverview Health Services
- Rosedale Development Association
- Salvation Army
- Security Bank of Kansas City
- Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care
- Sunflower Health Plan
- Swope Health Services
- The Village Initiative, Inc.
- ThrYve
- Trane
- Turner Community Connection
- U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services
- Unified Government Department of Corrections
- Unified Government Public Health Department
- Unified Government SOAR program
- Unified Government Transit Department
- United Healthcare
- United Way of Wyandotte County
- University of Kansas Health System
- University of Kansas Medical Center
- University of Missouri- Kansas City
- Vibrant Health
- Workforce Partnership
- Wyandot Behavioral Health Network
- Wyandotte Economic Development Council
- Wyandotte Health Foundation
- YouthBuild

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