

Wyandotte County, KS



Community Health Improvement Plan

2018 - 2023



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Steering Committee

Overarching leadership

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

Health Equity Subcommittee

Builds capacity to evaluate how the CHIP applies the three Lenses: poverty, racism, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

UG Public Health Dept.

Backbone support

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

Action Teams & Lead Agencies

The Action Teams address the four CHIP priority areas. Lead Agencies are local organizations that coordinate each of the Action Teams. These Lead Agencies were selected based on subject-matter expertise and capacity to lead the work





The **CHIP Health Equity Subcommittee** builds capacity among the CHIP Action Teams to apply and evaluate work through the three **CHIP Lenses** of **racism**, **poverty**, **and ACEs**. To accomplish this, the Health Equity Subcommittee created a model and secured funding to conduct a community readiness assessment with the KU Center of Community Health & Development.

In CHIP Year 4 (2022), **CHIP Steering Committee** members participated in interviews assessing our team's understanding and readiness to apply the CHIP Lenses to the CHIP's strategies.

A critical component of community readiness is the **commitment** of **community members and leaders**, like CHIP partners, to own and influence the efforts that achieve and sustain long-term improvements of health outcomes. Below are some **recommendations** from the assessment; these recommendations will be considered by the CHIP Steering Committee to inform the **development of the 2024-2028 CHIP**:

- Convene leaders from UG departments to discuss the priority issues of the CHIP to better understand and identify contributions from each department
- Continue to advance and promote efforts to **declare racism a public** health crisis and ensure funding
- Define and **operationalize racism**, **ACEs**, **and poverty** within the context of health equity. Address health equity as an outcome not a cause
- Identify community sectors (e.g., faith community, youth/young adults, etc.) that are less represented on the CHIP Steering Committee and **provide opportunities for equitable involvement** including through compensation
- Employ and support community health workers through the CHIP to serve as **credible messengers** to community members
- Provide **mini-grants or other resources** to community organizations to advance strategies of the CHIP directly addressing poverty, racism, and ACES as components of achieving health equity

🎝 Year 4 Highlights



Jobs & Education

Developed an Industry Driven Career Guide, reaching 75 local high school students

Planned site visits for students to local manufacturing companies and KCKCC's FAME lab, including student scholarships, to highlight **career opportunities** in manufacturing and logistics Launched the Raising WYCO campaign highlighting the importance of quality, affordable child care

The Family Conservancy (Start Young Program) continues to work with Child Care Licensing and other providers to create an estimated **431 total new childcare spaces** for children 1-5 years old since the start of the CHIP

Health Care Access

Enrollment efforts resulted	Launched WYCO Health
in 375 new Medicaid,	Link, providing more than
Marketplace and SNAP	250 rides to medical
applications	appointments
Led a communications campaign to raise awareness of the Marketplace insurance open enrollment period totaling 160,000 impressions through social media content	WYCO Health Link provides fare-free rides to medical appointments to local safety-net clinics and one pharmacy in partnership with the Health Department, UG Transit, and Vibrant Health

Year 4 Highlights



Safe & Affordable Housing

Trained 75 community resource navigators on the Tenant's Rights Responsibilities Toolkit

Ist Community Land Trust home purchased, ongoing new builds and renovations

Hosted three trainings of the Tenant's Rights & Responsibilities Toolkit for community resource navigators— the training outlines the **rental process** and tenant rights protected by the State of Kansas WYCO's 1st Community Land Trust (CLT) home was completed and purchased, **CHWC** continues progress on new builds and renovations of **7 CLT homes**

Violence Prevention

REVIVE provided over 43 referrals to youth survivors of violence

REVIVE is a **hospital-based violence intervention program** for youth survivors of violence and a partnership between the KU Health System, ThrYve, Ad Hoc Group Against Crime, Community Corrections & the Health Department Implemented Community by Design tool with two neighborhood groups

Utilized the **Community by Design** tool with two neighborhood groups to assess, **identify and prioritize** potential neighborhood improvement projects

For more information please visit our website for the CHIP Year 4 Annual Report https://www.wycokck.org/chip







A healthier, more equitable Wyandotte County

The Wyandotte County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a 5-year (2018-2023) collaborative plan designed to address the social determinants of health in four community-identified priority areas: 1) Jobs and Education, 2) Health Care Access, 3) Safe and Affordable Housing, and 4) Violence Prevention.

From plan to action

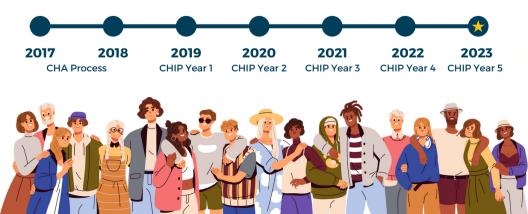
The Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) partners with four Lead Agencies, each with expertise in one of the priority areas, to build capacity for the CHIP strategies through the convening and coordination of CHIP Action Teams and Subcommittees. To guide our work, the CHIP has defined long-term goals and strategies.





Working together, under shared goals

The 2018-2023 CHIP was launched September 2018 as a result of the 2017-2018 Community Health Assessment (CHA). As a community, we are currently in the CHIP's fifth year of planning and implementation.



Action Team Goals & Strategies



Jobs & Education

Reduce barriers to entering the workforce and increase access to living wage jobs and educational opportunities



Increase access to quality and affordable child care

GOALS

- Increase the number of **full-day**, **full-year child care spaces** from 4,542 to 4,842
- Increase the **number of child care centers** or in-home providers participating in quality initiatives from 16 to 46
- Increase the number of **child care spaces** in centers or in-home providers participating in quality initiatives from 921 to 1,221

STRATEGIES

- Support the **retention and expansion** of quality childcare spaces and increase access for families
- In collaboration with the Unified Government, **remove barriers** to creating early childhood centers and childcare facilities in WyCo
- Implement **quality improvement** supports for early education providers, which contribute to school readiness for WyCo children



Increase proficiency in English, tailored to industry-specific communications

GOAL

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

STRATEGY

• Expand the customized Business ESL training program





GOAL

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

STRATEGIES

Criminal

History

- Identify supportive services to help reduce barriers to career/training and employment for justice-involved individuals including a local hub for resources
- Establish forums for employers to increase access to and appreciate the benefits of hiring and retaining qualified justiceinvolved individuals
- Support automated expungement as a workforce strategy, increase education on the expungement process, current services available, and benefits to individuals who have been involved in the justice system



Increase attainment of postsecondary education and training

GOALS

- 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 postsecondary program from 21.7% to 26% for population age 25+

STRATEGIES

- Support **college and career readiness** in the logistics, healthcare and manufacturing fields throughout all WYCO school districts to increase post-secondary credentials
- Increase community outreach and **enrollment for GED** and adult education training programs



Improve access to public and alternative transportation options for WyCo workforce

GOAL

 Increase the percent of residents who commute to work using public transportation from 1.05% to 2.8%

STRATEGIES

- Increase business investment in transportation solutions for job access by supporting micro transit route options, and developing customized solutions when possible
- Pilot an employer transportation council in Edwardsville



Health Care Access

Improve capacity of the health care system

GOALS

- Increase the percent of residents with a **usual primary care provider** from 67.5% to 75.3%
- Decrease the **ratio of population to primary care providers** from 780:1 to 546:1*

STRATEGIES



 Create a multicultural and multilingual education-toemployment pipeline for Wyandotte County students in the healthcare professions, connected to Wyandotte County employers



- Increase **care coordination** between primary, behavioral health, and other providers in Wyandotte County
- Improve knowledge and availability of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation to health care providers in the community



Health Care Access

Assure access to health care for all

GOALS

- Increase the percent of **residents with health** insurance from 77.5% to 79.7%
- Increase the percent of children who enter kindergarten with **required immunizations** from 78% to 85%
- Increase the percent of residents with a **usual primary care provider** from 67.5% to 75.3%

STRATEGIES



- Coordinate and improve efforts to increase community member enrollment in Medicaid & Marketplace health insurance plans
- Advocate for KanCare (Medicaid) Expansion



 Improve local health literacy through the development and implementation of community-engaged dissemination strategies about health services and other local health access issues



Increase available health services for youth, specifically in school settings





Safe & Affordable Housing

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

GOALS

- Reduce the percentage of residents living with **severe housing problems** (including: overcrowding, lack of kitchen, lack of plumbing facilities) from 21% to 13.6%
- Decrease the rate of residents that experience housing displacement through evictions from 5.6% to 3%
- Increase the use of **tax rebates** by Wyandotte residents (including: utility tax rebate for seniors and neighborhood revitalization) from 955 to 1,095

STRATEGIES



• Establish a **landlord risk mitigation fund** to increase utilization of **housing vouchers**, including engaging with community stakeholders and landlords



 Coordinate assistance and provide education on tenant's rights and responsibilities, home repair, and homeowner assistance programs





Safe & Affordable Housing

Increase the quantity of affordable housing for people with low and moderate income

GOALS

- Decrease the percent of households that spend **30% or more** of their income on rent or mortgage from 45.9% to 35%
- Decrease the rate of residents that experience **housing displacement through evictions** from 5.6% to 3%
- Increase the percent of housing in high opportunity areas^{*} that is affordable for low-income residents

STRATEGIES



 Engage community partners and other metro agencies in the development of a Wyandotte County Homelessness Response Plan to support a coordinated community response to homelessness and housing for at-risk populations



Community Land Trusts

 Support the development of shared equity housing models, specifically cooperative housing and community land trusts (CLT), including continued community education and outreach to support CLT development



• Explore and advocate for a **Source of Income Non**-**Discrimination** policy, to reduce barriers for individuals who participate in housing assistance programs

*Note: High opportunity areas are defined as neighborhoods with strong economic, environmental and educational outcomes, where affordable housing can be difficult to find for low to moderate income individuals & families.



Foster safer neighborhoods, free from violence

GOAL

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

STRATEGIES



- Coordinate efforts among residents, community organizations, and Unified Government (UG) agencies to implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies, through trauma-informed and equity-based approaches
- **Reduce and prevent violence** by fostering community connectedness through place-based strategies to create inclusive, safe, and beautiful public spaces

R Individual Level

- In collaboration with the UG Public Health Department, coordinate the **Youth Fatality Review Board** as a community violence prevention strategy
- Implement individual-level response and interventions for **survivors of interpersonal violence** and those at risk of perpetration of violence through REVIVE, a hospital-based violence intervention program





Promote community connectedness, resident supports and cultural norms that reduce violence

GOALS

- Increase the perception of **community connectedness** by Wyandotte County youth from 56.5% to 58.4%
- Increase **resident satisfaction** with law enforcement, first responders, & the judicial system from 3.4 to 3.6 out of 5 on the annual WyCo resident satisfaction survey

STRATEGIES

Youth Engagement

• Support **youth-led community advisory boards** to engage youth in community development and prevention strategies

Community & Justice Systems Relations

• Evaluate and improve **communication and relations** between community and the justice system

Norms Change

 Develop a positive norms change campaign to acknowledge gun violence and sexual violence among youth in Wyandotte County

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20/20/20 Movement	Friends of Yates
Ad Hoc Group Against Crime	Cateway Foundation
Aetna	Groundwork NRG
Alive and Thrive	Guadalupe Centers
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Alzheimer's Association	Health Forward Foundation
Argentine Betterment Association	Heartland Black Chamber
Armourdale Renewal Association	Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc
Avenue of Life	Humana
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Bethel Neighborhood Center	Johnson County Department of Corrections
BikeWalkKC	JUNTOS
Bishop Sullivan Center	Kansas Appleseed
Bishop Ward High School	Kansas Board of Regents
Board of Public Utilities (BPU)	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
Caritas Clinic (Duchesne)	Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Catholic Charities of Kansas	Kansas City Kansas Community College
Central Avenue Betterment Association (CABA)	Kansas City Medical Society Foundation
Central Solutions	Kansas City Kansas Police Department
Children's Mercy Hospital	Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools
Christmas in October	Kansas Department of Commerce
Community Care Network of Kansas	Kansas Department of Corrections
Community Health Council of WyCo	Kansas Legal Services
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Metropolitan Energy Corporation	Unified Government Public Works
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Mission Adelante	Unified Government Transit
Mission Vision Project KC	United Healthcare
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA)	United States Probation (KS & MO)
Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corporation	United Way of Greater Kansas City
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Pipe Fitters Local 533	Veronica's Voice
PREP-KC	Vibrant Health
Prescott/Nehemiah Properties/Presbyterian Church	Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County
Pre-Tech Corporation	Workforce Partnership
Project Eagle (Connections)	Wyandot Behavioral Health Network
RAN Development	Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office
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Unified Government Community Development	
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