

2025 Learning Collaborative

From The Block Up: Community-Led Approaches to Connecting Kids to Care



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Session Objectives

- Describe how the Junction Coalition engages families to raise awareness about lead risks.
- Identify ways to strengthen community-based access to well-child care and lead testing in Cleveland.

Silo Busting

The Junction Coalition's Approach To Partnership, Eliminating Lead Poisoning In Children



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About me

Hi, I'm Archie Beasley Jr.

I am Archie Beasley Jr, Program Director at The Junction Coalition In Toledo, OH. We have a granted partnership with The Centers Of Disease Control And Prevention (CDC) to make Toledo a Lead-Free Community! Newborn to 6 Year Old screening and family + community education Is our focus.



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OUR PILLARS



ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Economic justice ensures equal opportunities for everyone to achieve financial stability, breaking down barriers created by systemic inequalities.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE is essential for ensuring that all communities especially marginalized and underserved populations like the Junction, have equal access to a healthy environment and are protected from environmental hazards.

PEACE EDUCATION

PEACE EDUCATION is the pillar which shapes our community into a society where understanding, tolerance, and harmony prevail. By integrating principles of peace, conflict resolution, and empathy into all we do, we foster a generation of individuals equipped with the social and emotional skills necessary to navigate diverse societies.

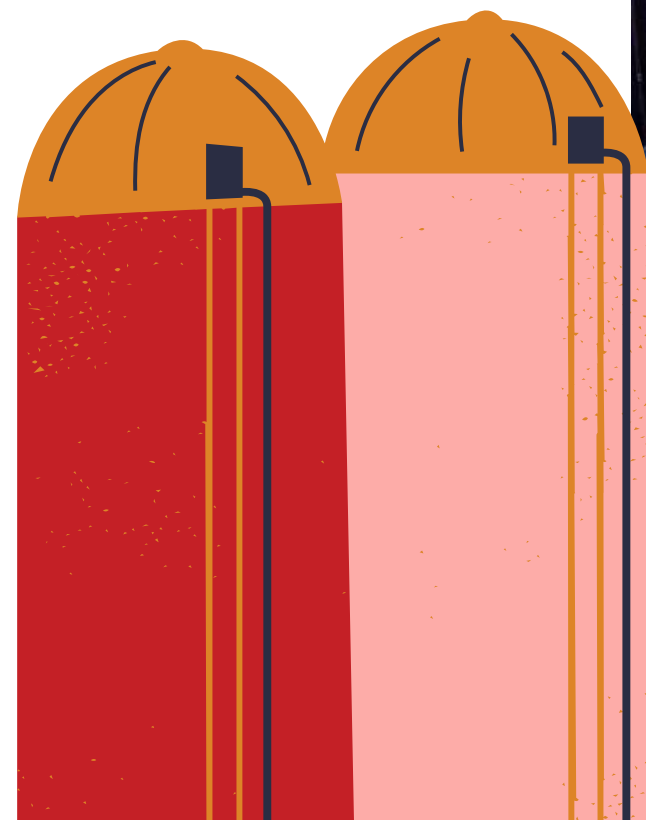
SOCIAL JUSTICE

SOCIAL JUSTICE is a critical pillar for nurturing a harmonious and inclusive society. It embodies the pursuit of equality and equity in rights, opportunities, and treatment for all individuals, regardless of their race, gender, age, or socioeconomic status.

Silo's Are For Grain. Not Public Health.

Building strong coalitions means connecting
Across geography, sectors, and communities. We
make sure to meet people where they are at!

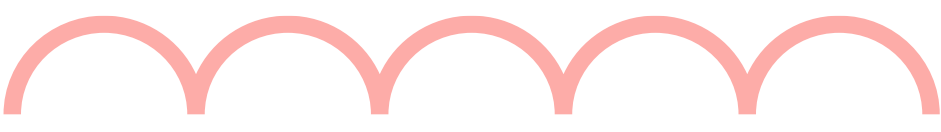
- Isolation
- Duplicated Efforts
- Inefficient
- Missed Opportunities



Overcoming Roadblocks To Cooperation

- Politics
- Past Failures
- Know Better Do Better
- Resources
- King Of The Hill vs Relay Team



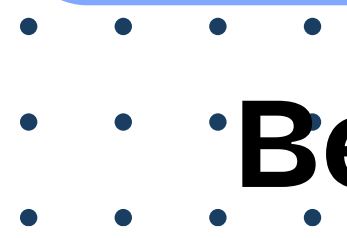
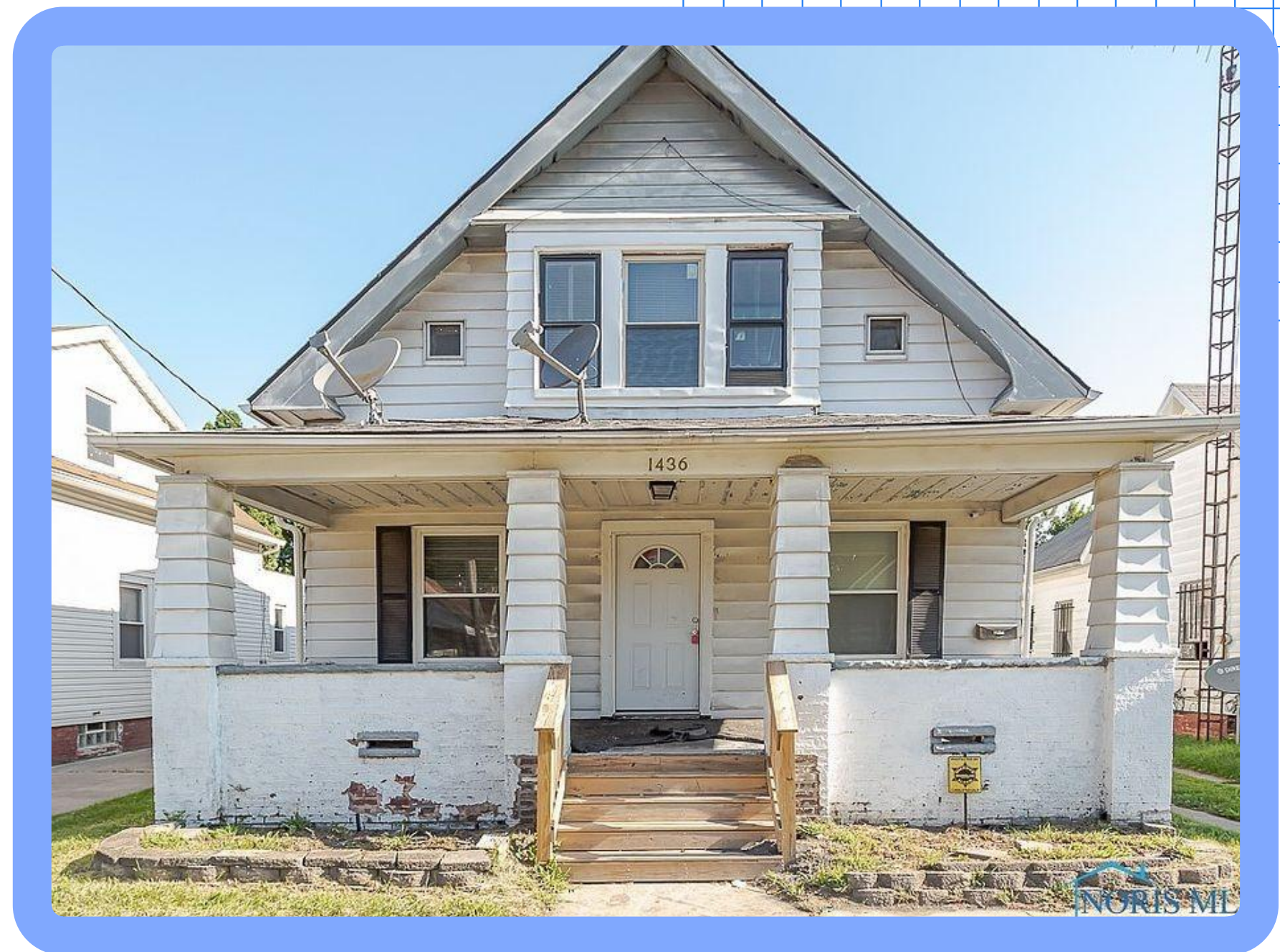


WHY LEAD?

Ohio ranked second nationally for elevated blood lead level (BLL) rates among children in a recent study in JAMA Pediatrics.

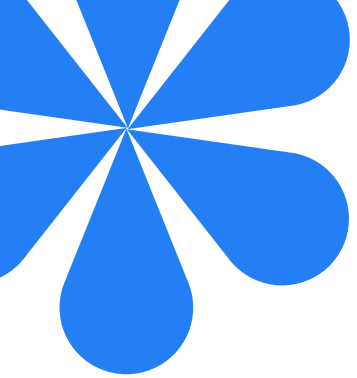
Toledo, Ohio's fourth largest city, has all zip codes designated as high risk for childhood lead poisoning by the Ohio Department of Health.

The Junction Neighborhood has 88% percent pre- 1980 housing compared to the US 52%, including 51% pre-1940 housing compared to the US 12%. Our community has 67% of children below the Federal Poverty Limit.



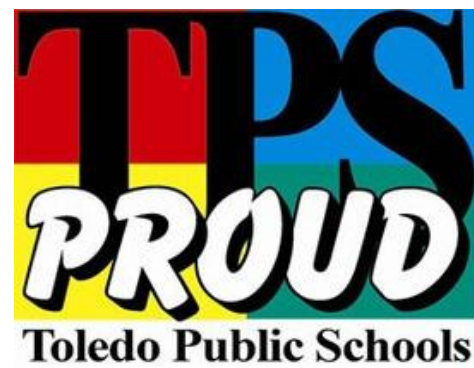
**Because Our Children
Deserve Better!**





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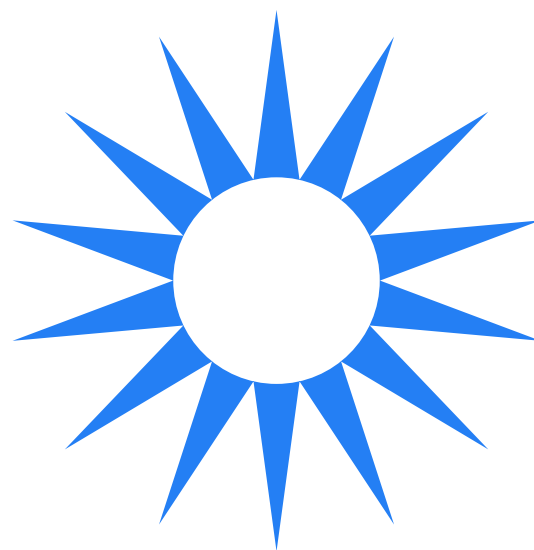
Foundations Of Our Partnerships

- Shared Vision
- Aligned Mission
- Mutual Respect
- Magnify Strengths
- Defined Roles
- Accountability To The Mission



Get The Lead Out Of The Holidays

Our partner, Neighborhood Health Association, not only provided their new and spacious Nexus Healthcare Facility, but also 3 Nurses who conducted Free Lead Screening for the children in attendance. 53 Children were screened, with another 37 appointments made due to time constraints and overwhelming interest. The Junction Coalition and the Lead Detective provided parents valuable and culturally competent information to keep their families safe. Other partners, including The Library and University of Toledo donated toys, books, and gifts for giveaway. The coalition provided grocery gift cards as another incentive!

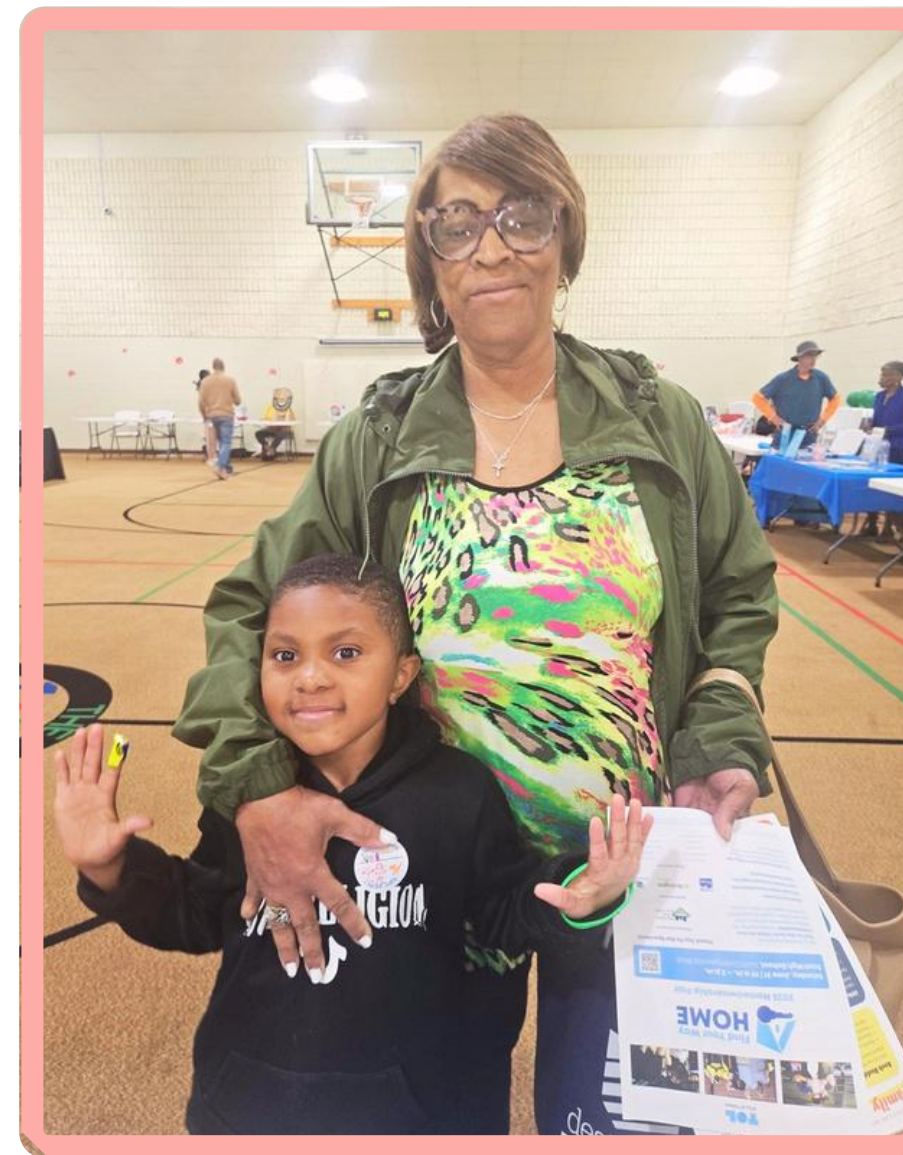


Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Screening Event



Lead Screenings

40 Children Were Screened For Lead Exposure, 23 Newborn to 6yrs Old. 17 7 to 15 yrs old. The Toledo Lucas County Health Department Screened The Newborn To 6-year-olds, While + to NHA Screened The 7- to 15-year-olds.



Lead Testimonials

Multiple Families Provided Video Testimonials On Why They Felt It Was Important To Get Their Children Screened For Lead Exposure. Sharing Their Stories Was Insightful And Powerful.

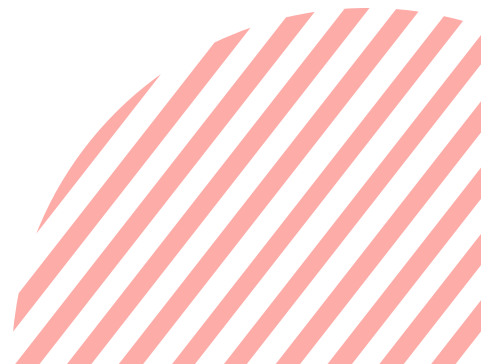
Sock Hop Screening Event

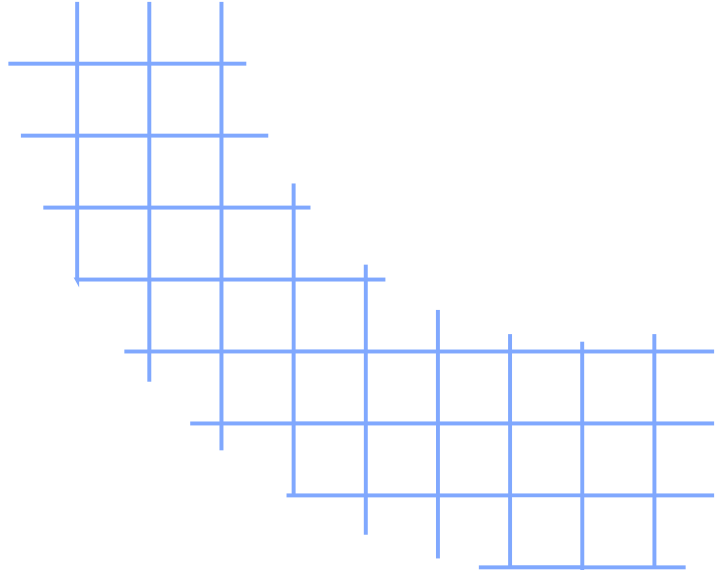


Multiple Partners From The Toledo Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition, Fair Housing Center, Toledo Lucas County Health Department, University of Toledo Medical Center, And Wayman Palmer YMCA helped get 11 children screened at this event. We had family friendly activities, plenty of food for everyone, and culturally competent lead education as well!

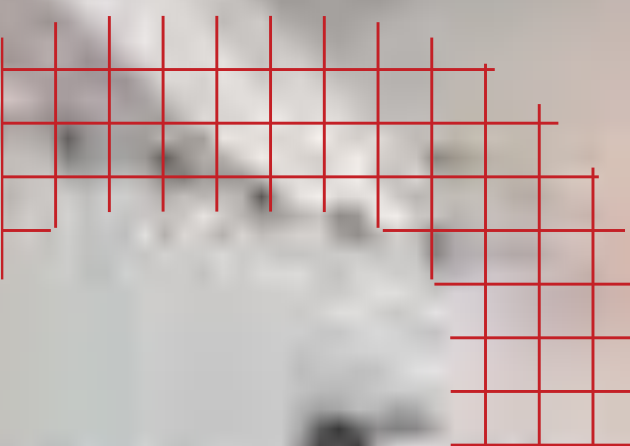


Unfortunately, 64% of the screened children showed elevated levels of lead in their blood. This activated The Toledo Lucas County Health Department's Lead Team To get veinous testing and home visits scheduled.





Let's Blow Up Silos Together!



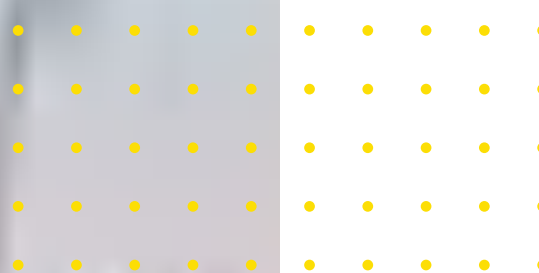
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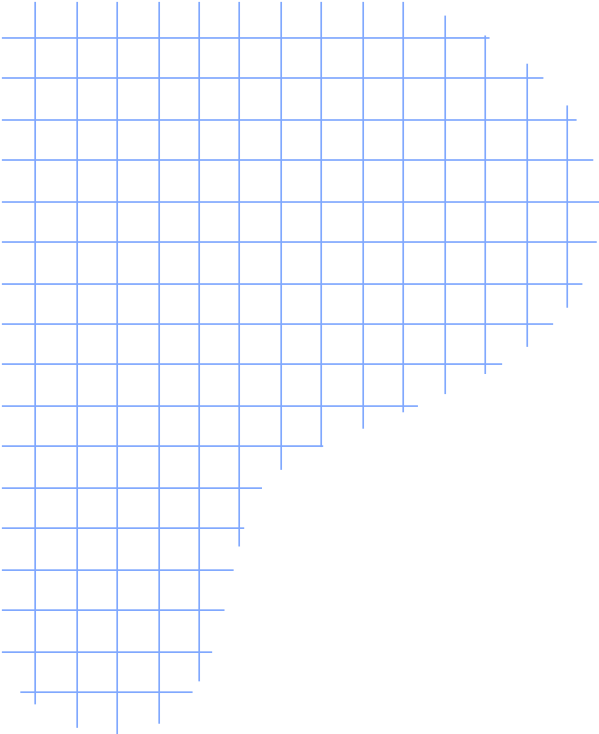


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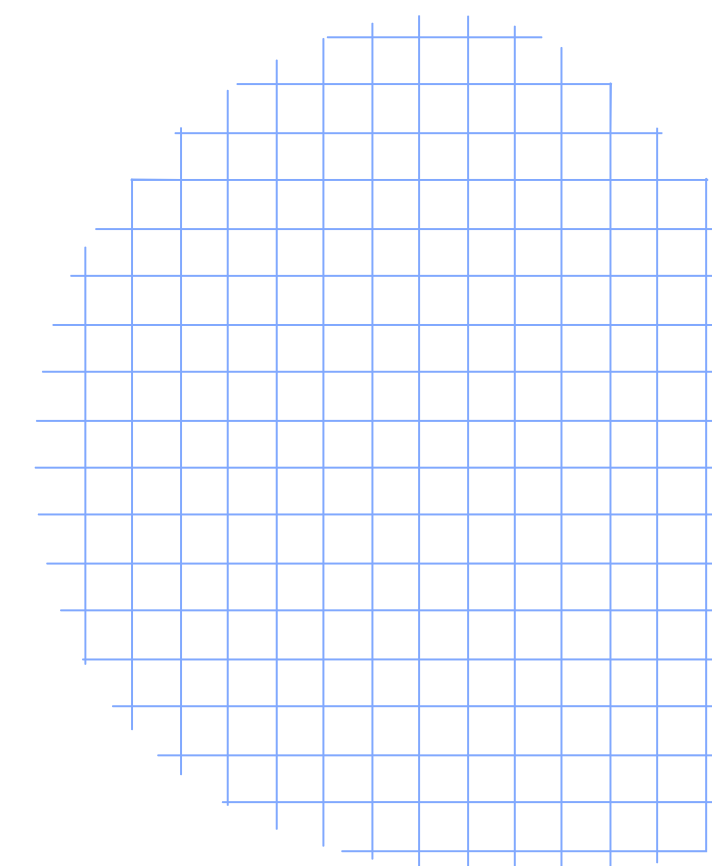




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Peace Education + Social, Economic & Environmental Justice

Questions?

How are we doing on lead testing kids in Cleveland?

Our Goal: 79% of children with a well visit are tested before their 2nd birthday

72%

For children with a
Well Child Visit
(12-23 mo of age)
4,342 / 6,004

69%

For children with
Any Office Visit
(12-23 mo of age)
4,480 / 6,496

64%

For children with
Any Encounter
(12-23 mo of age)
4,528 / 7,015

57%

For children who
Exist in Cosmos
(12-23 mo of age)
4,604 / 8,132

Notes:

- Children who live in high-risk zip codes or have Medicaid **must be tested at 1 years old and 2 years old (Ohio law)**
- Recommended well-child visits occur at 12 mo, 15 mo, 18 mo of age
- Data source: Cosmos Database
 - Epic Electronic Health Record
 - De-identified, de-duplicated
 - City of Cleveland ZIP codes
 - Data updated on 10-23-25; reflects data as of 09-30-25)



Breakout Discussion

Introductions

- Share your name, where you call home, and what *community* means to you.

Discussion Questions

1. What about The Junction Coalition's presentation stood out to you?
2. What local strengths or partnerships in Northeast Ohio reflect what we heard from the Junction Coalition?
3. How could we build and expand partnerships and bust silos to reach more families with lead prevention education, testing, and connections to support?

Discussion Reflections