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Growing our Impact

Better Health's 22nd Community Report 2019



Our Vision

Northeast Ohio is one of the nation's healthiest places to live and best places to do business.

Our Mission

We provide a trusted foundation for health care and other stakeholders to collaborate and accelerate data-informed improvements for equitable population and community health.

Our Values

Making a difference in the communities we serve is a core value. We prize trusted collaboration, transparency, data, shared learning, and a culture of continuous improvement to advance health and health equity.

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TO THE COMMUNITY



Collaboration is the fuel that powers Better Health Partnership and its growing impact on health and well-being throughout the region. We apply collective knowledge and effective leadership to mobilize diverse, competitive stakeholders to achieve a common vision for Northeast Ohio to be one of the healthiest places to live and best places to do business. We are proud of our partners' commitment over the last 12 years to share data and best practices to advance equitable population and community health and improve the lives of the patients and communities we all serve.

In 2019, we begin to take our collaboration to new levels. We leverage our model to connect health care to new sectors to address mental health, social needs, educational achievement and economic stability of individuals and families. The task is daunting, but the investment is sure to yield abundant rewards for our community.

Thank you for your support of our collaborative partnership.

Growing our Impact

Better Health Partnership's growing reach extends to more than 440,000 children and adults in the care of about 2,000 primary care providers of 11 health systems. In 2019, we widen our lens to include the myriad factors that affect health. New programs, interventions and metrics that build on our work will target determinants of health, including health behaviors and social and environmental influences. New priorities include behavioral health, senior health, Summit and Cuyahoga County community health improvements and establishment of a Certified Pathways Community HUB model in Cuyahoga County. We see promising opportunities to move well beyond the estimated 20% impact on health that health care alone provides.

We play key roles in a growing number of initiatives in Northeast Ohio. Among them: Cleveland's Say Yes to Education program, United Way's Accountable Health Communities work, HIP-Cuyahoga's CDC REACH initiative, Case Western Reserve University's statewide cardiovascular disease collaboration, First Year Cleveland, and Community Health Needs Assessment and Improvement Planning.



Kerrigan

First Year Cleveland: Reducing Infant Deaths in Cuyahoga County

In Cuyahoga County, infant deaths in the first year of life have been over five times higher in black babies than in white babies. For more than a year, 11 "action teams" of First Year Cleveland (FYC) have worked to figure out why. FYC has over 460 community members searching for data-informed answers; Bernadette Kerrigan, Executive Director, notes promising progress to date and the hard work that remains. FYC assembles data, the best minds, parents, nonprofits, government, business, faith-based and health system leaders that otherwise compete, and thanks to Better Health Partnership, "for the first time, our health care leaders in our community are coming together with an expert on collaboration to help save our babies."

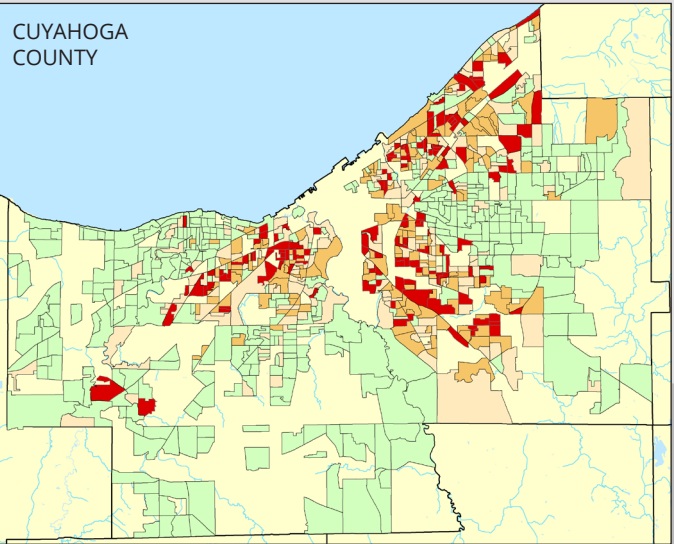


MetroHealth launches electronic referrals to United Way 211

Bridging the Divide: Linking Clinical Care to Community Resources to Improve Outcomes

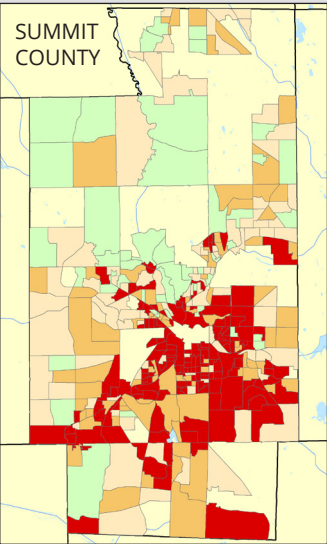
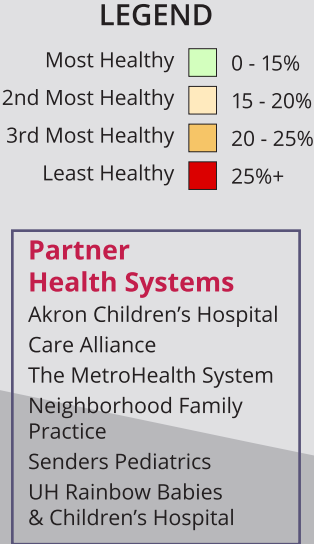
In the past year, Better Health's partners advanced a unique and replicable clinic-to-community electronic referral system to connect residents and patients to resources curated by United Way of Greater Cleveland's 211 helpline to better meet the health, social, economic and educational needs in our communities. MetroHealth successfully launched referrals to 211 at J Glen Smith with implementation to follow at MetroHealth Buckeye Health Center, University Hospitals Rainbow Center for Women & Children, and Care Alliance's Central Clinic.

Children ages 2-18 with an asthma diagnosis



16% Asthma diagnosis rate for children in Cuyahoga County

Data from July 2017 -June 2018. Source: Better Health Partnership Data Center



22% Asthma diagnosis rate for children in Summit County

Children's Health Initiative

Health disparities in children continue to light up maps of asthma prevalence in our urban communities in Cuyahoga and Summit counties. Better Health's neighborhood-level maps highlight common patterns of disparities in asthma diagnoses and exacerbations. In Cuyahoga County, 16% of children included in this report have an asthma diagnosis compared to asthma rates in Summit County of 22%. Collective actions and the voice of our partners create a strong call to action across sectors to improve environmental and housing conditions that correlate with costly asthma exacerbations and associated school absences. Better Health brings member practices together, along with United Way 211, Environmental Health Watch, public health agencies and community development organizations to align, inform and invest in solutions that work.

7.6% vs. 0.9%

Among 14,000 children with asthma in Cuyahoga County, we see gaping disparities in the exacerbation rates of Black children who live in low-income neighborhoods (7.6%) vs. White children who live in high-income neighborhoods (0.9%).

Summit County Collaboration Gains Momentum

Key leaders in Summit County are building momentum to advance health improvements in eight Akron neighborhoods. Better Health's collaborative model brings its quality improvement, data-analytics expertise and skill in convening diverse stakeholders to help plan, design, implement and evaluate neighborhood improvement initiatives.



Expanding our collaborative's reach at a Summit County Learning Collaborative, November 2018

Participating Organizations:

- Akron Children's Hospital
- AxessPointe Community Health Centers
- Huntington-Akron Foundation
- MKSK
- Pathways HUB Community Action
- Summa Health Care System
- Summit County Public Health
- Summit Education Initiative
- United Way of Summit County

  
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