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ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE COMMUNITY

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Better Health Partnership (BHP) has been a hallmark collaborative leader in Northeast Ohio since 2007.

Thanks to Dr. Randall D. Cebul, Founding President and CEO of BHP, many individuals have benefited from the rising tide he created to lift all boats to accelerate better care, better health outcomes and lower costs across the region. With his recent passing, he leaves behind a legacy that lives on through our incredible staff, board members and community partners and he will be greatly missed.

Our partners understand that complex health issues cannot be solved in silos and that effective cross-sector collaboration, led by invested stakeholders and informed by actionable data leads to positive, system-level change.

BHP provides the leadership, data analytics, care coordination and implementation science skills needed to enable and support their success.

With sincere gratitude for your continued partnership and support,

Rita Horwitz, RN
President & CEO

Collaborating for a Healthy Community

In this 2023 Annual Report to the Community, Better Health Partnership is proud to share key highlights from our collective health impact work throughout Northeast Ohio!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

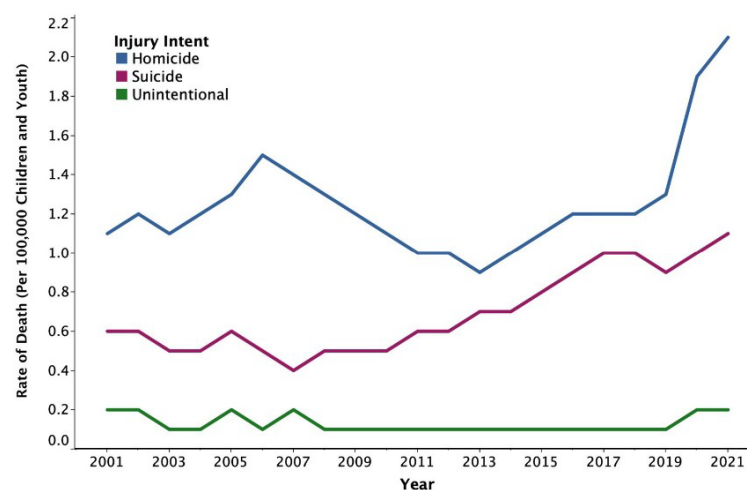


Better Health Partnership's geographic footprint includes Cuyahoga, Lake, Medina, Lorain, Summit, Geauga, Portage, Mahoning, and Stark counties with over 2,000 participating primary care providers committed to sharing data and improving performance for nearly 700,000 adult and pediatric patients they serve. We bring our health system partners together with other sectors including public health, payers, employers, schools, and community-based organizations to align and execute shared goals for: a) improving maternal/infant health and

youth wellness b) better management of adult chronic disease and reducing disparities c) providing equitable COVID testing/vaccination access, and d) implementing social determinant of health interventions through the Pathways Community HUB for at-risk populations, including minorities living in lower-income neighborhoods. Our partners have documented many successes in health and health care improvement and aspire to achieve exceptional health value and to eradicate health disparities in Northeast Ohio.

Children's Health Collaboration

Improving Youth Wellness



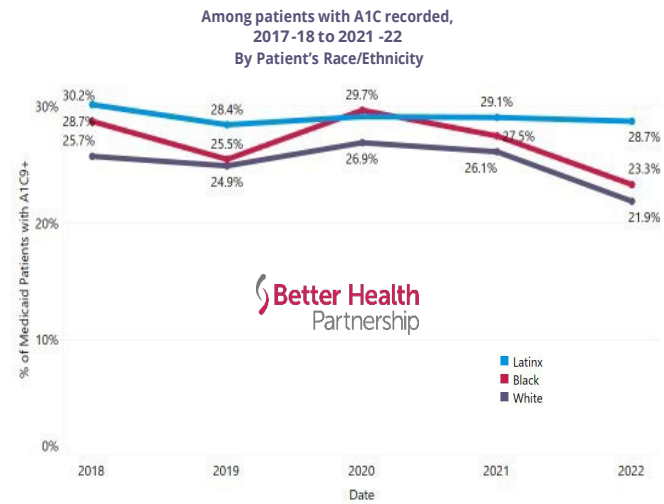
Firearm related deaths among 0-17 year olds in the US, by intent

BHP's 2022 learning collaborative featured the amazing work of our partners to address the growing behavioral health crisis with children, exacerbated by the pandemic. Suicide is the leading cause of death in Ohio's youth ages 10-14 and COVID-19 adversely impacted overall youth wellness. BHP is engaging experts from school systems, healthcare, payers, Pathway HUBs, and community organizations to help improve youth mental, physical and social wellness. Implementation of universal screening, access to effective data integration and activation systems, and early intervention are key to success.

Advancing Health Equity in Adult Chronic Disease



People with Diabetes and A1C 9 or Above



Learning and sharing best practices is central to BHP's success over the years. Together with Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Medicine (SOM), Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), and Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), Better Health Partnership is excited to build upon its current **Adult Health Leadership Team's** work in Northeast Ohio by helping to lead a new Ohio Department of Medicaid MEDTAPP 5 year grant initiative titled **Regional Quality Improvement Hubs in Ohio**. This initiative brings additional funding and support for enhancing the region's quality improvement infrastructure and for advancing the implementation of evidence-based best practices in healthcare systems to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities in adult chronic disease.

Celebrating and Expanding Capacity with Community Health Workers!

National Community Health Worker Day



Organizations that employ, train and support Community Health Workers (CHWs) across the state of Ohio celebrated **Community Health Worker Day on June 6th** with over one hundred CHWs enjoying recognition lunches, the reading of proclamations, and self-care activities. In Cuyahoga County, Better Health Partnership, Cuyahoga Community College, and Cleveland State University School of Nursing hosted a luncheon where Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish officially declared June 6th Community Health Worker Day.

Working collaboratively with community care agencies and community health workers (CHWs), the **Better Health Pathways HUB** addresses socio-economic barriers with community residents to help them achieve better physical, social, and behavioral health outcomes. In 2022, CHWs engaged and helped clients with 720 education pathway opportunities, met more than 1,000 social service referrals needs, including helping clients access food benefits, connect with needed transportation and gain digital access.

In 2023, enabled by a \$3.0 million grant from HRSA, regional partners will work together to recruit, train, and employ 240 CHWs over the next 3 years!

	Referrals ✨	% Successfully Completed ✨
Medical/Medication Assistance	35	86%
Job/Employment Assistance	26	85%
Education Assistance	18	83%
Furniture	48	83%
Transportation Assistance	202	79%
Cellular/Internet Connectivity	187	79%
Food Pantry/Food Bank	70	79%
Insurance Assistance	244	77%
Financial Assistance	76	76%
Baby Items	126	76%
Food Benefits/Assistance	412	76%
Misc.	162	75%
COVID Testing	4	75%
Housing Assistance	110	73%
Pregnancy/Parenting Resources	51	73%
Utilities Assistance	117	66%
Legal Assistance	86	64%
Clothing Assistance	86	62%

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The MetroHealth System
Health Action Council
The Center for Community Solutions
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Akron Children's Hospital
Asian Services in Action
AcessPointe Community Health Centers
Care Alliance Health Center
The Centers
Cleveland Clinic Health System
Crossroads Health
The MetroHealth System
Neighborhood Family Practice
Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services (NEON)
Senders Pediatrics
Signature Health
Summa Health Care System
UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital
VA Northeast Ohio Health Care System

FOUNDATIONS

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The George Gund Foundation

EMPLOYERS AND HEALTH PLANS

AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio
Buckeye Health Plan
CareSource
Health Action Council
Humana
Medical Mutual of Ohio
Molina Healthcare
UnitedHealth Group
Vitamix

COMMUNITY

Beech Brook
Bright Beginnings
Carmella Rose Health Foundation
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood
Cleveland Department of Public Health
Cleveland Metropolitan School District
Cleveland State University
Cuyahoga Community College
Cuyahoga County Board of Health
First Year Cleveland
Greater Cleveland Food Bank
Institute for H.O.P.E.™
Joseph and Mary's Home
Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition
Neighborhood Leadership Institute
Ohio Association of Community Health Centers
Ohio Commission on Minority Health Ohio
Ohio Department of Medicaid
Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation
Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center
Say Yes to Education
Summit County Public Health
The Community Builders
United Way of Greater Cleveland
Village of Healing
Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging



Our Vision

Better Health Partnership, the region's most trusted health improvement collaborative, achieves exceptional health value and eradicates health disparities in Northeast Ohio.

Our Mission

We bring health care providers, social services, and other sectors together to share best practices and accelerate data-informed improvements in 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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