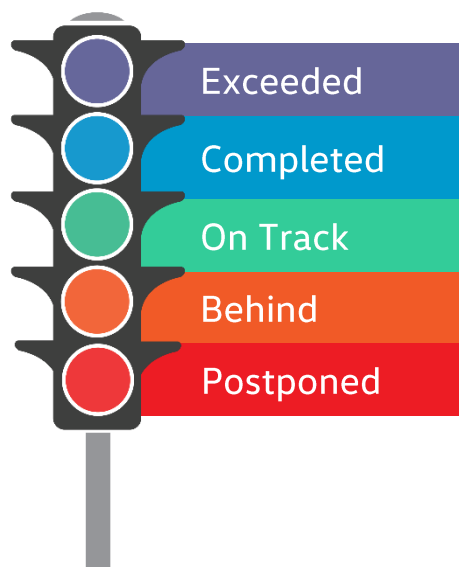


PROGRESS REPORT KEY:



Exceeded: Above benchmark.

Completed: Benchmark met.

On Track: Progressing as anticipated.

Behind: Behind benchmark.

Postponed: Delayed or re-prioritized.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTING | OVERALL PRIORITY STATUS

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PRIORITY AREA 1 – CHRONIC DISEASE & OBESITY

STATUS

GOAL 1: More people in Hamilton County will have access to healthy foods and safe opportunities for physical activity.

Healthy eating and active living strategies are primarily operationalized through Hamilton County Public Health's (HCPH) WeTHRIVE!SM initiative ([WatchUsThrive.org](https://www.watchusthrive.org)). The two priority communities for engagement in place-based healthy eating and active living strategies as part of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) pilot are North College Hill (NCH) and St. Bernard-Elmwood Place.

HCPH received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop a Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Accelerator Plan to address cardiovascular disease within the 10 highest concentrated disadvantaged communities in Hamilton County, including NCH and St. Bernard-Elmwood Place. The SDOH focus areas for the grant include built environment, food security, tobacco-free policies, and social connectedness. The end plan will provide communities with tangible strategies that can be implemented to address the SDOH-related needs within the community. Staff convened the SDOH Leadership Team during the progress period to review data and plan next steps. SDOH Leadership Team members include bi3, Interact for Health, Cincinnati Hamilton County Library, The Health Collaborative, Breast and Cervical Project, The Health Care Connection, Hamilton County Planning and Development, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and American Heart Association.

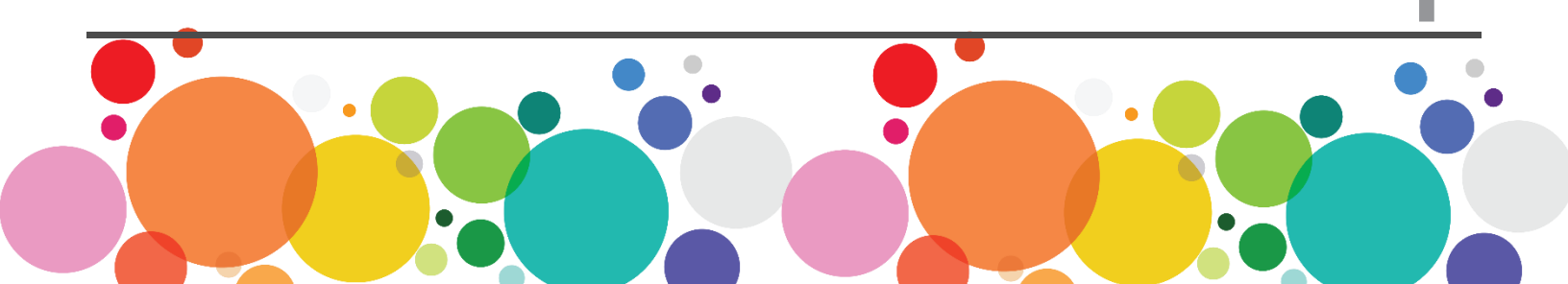
WeTHRIVE! Communities and Schools (that are not a part of the CHIP pilot) also experienced successes during the progress period worth noting. Three communities completed modules within the Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE) tool, including Forest Park (Physical Activity and Nutrition modules), and Cheviot and Amberley Village (Physical Activity module). The WeTHRIVE! team hosted its annual WeTHRIVE! Recognition Event on 12/6/2022, the first in-person event since 2019. Nineteen WeTHRIVE! communities and eight WeTHRIVE! schools were recognized and honored for their work in creating healthy communities throughout 2022. Five community champions were also announced.

HCPH, in partnership with Hamilton County Planning and Development, continued working with the City of Mt. Healthy and Village of Lincoln Heights on the Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) grant from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). The HEAL grant focuses on developing an active transportation plan. Staff are engaging these communities to develop goals, review data, develop an inventory of existing transportation conditions, as well as obtaining community feedback regarding their active transportation usage and needs.



GOAL 2: Fewer people in Hamilton County will report using tobacco products.

Tobacco-free living strategies are operationalized through a grant from ODH and HCPH's WeTHRIVE! initiative. In October of 2022, staff attended the Springfield Township Fire Department Open House to share information regarding tobacco cessation resources and the impact that smoking and vaping have on one's health. Over 200 community members attended that event. HCPH staff continued conversations with WeTHRIVE! communities and schools regarding tobacco-free policies during the progress period.





GOAL 1: More babies in Hamilton County will celebrate their first birthday.

The Ohio Equity Institute (OEI) addresses key drivers of inequities in infant mortality and prioritizes the populations most vulnerable to experience poor birth outcomes. The OEI team served 34 women during the progress period. OEI Navigators documented 422 hours of outreach during the progress period and reached 1,326 individuals through various outreach methods.

OEI Neighborhood Navigators continued to identify, screen, and serve women through non-traditional avenues. During the progress period, OEI Neighborhood Navigators hosted a Bringing Up Mothers in Pregnancy and Post-Partum (BUMPP) event where a childcare worker and certified nanny spoke to mothers about how to choose the right childcare provider. Low attendance continued to be challenge. The OEI team will address this challenge by hosting fewer events while utilizing a more robust marketing strategy in the next progress period.

The OEI team created an equity action plan that addresses areas for improvement identified within the agency's health equity staff survey. The action plan has three priority strategies, including: health equity training for HCPH staff; standardizing access and usage of translation and interpretation services; and developing a process for staff to address equity-related concerns within the workplace. Additionally, the OEI team will be partnering with the Hamilton County Community Action Team (CAT) to identify and advocate for adoption of policies that address the environmental and social determinants of health that contribute to poor birth outcomes among Black women and babies.

The OEI team partnered with Cincinnati Children's Hospital for a Breastfeeding Innovation grant from NACCHO that ended in November of 2022. Specifically, the OEI team developed and implemented the Breastfeeding Advocacy and Culture in Community Spaces (BACCS) program as a part of the grant. The goal of BACCS was to change the communities negative or indifferent attitudes on breastfeeding to increase duration of breastfeeding for moms and babies. OEI Neighborhood Navigator, Jamaica Gilliam, facilitated a "Breastfriend Training," an evidence-based curriculum on providing peer breastfeeding support.

The Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) and Child Fatality Review (CFR) case review teams met virtually. During the progress period, the FIMR team reviewed eight cases and conducted three maternal interviews. Three infant deaths, including one sleep-related death, were reviewed by the CFR team. The continued reviews and recommendations have allowed CAT to take a deeper dive into the resources available for families (e.g., community health workers, home visiting programs, etc.) to provide better linkage to services.

Lastly, HCPH collaborated with the Cincinnati Health Department and Cradle Cincinnati to conduct a deep dive analysis of sleep-related deaths in the county from 2017-2021. Despite a reduction in overall infant mortality, the analysis showed that Black babies are still dying at an alarming rate. Infant deaths resulting from unsafe sleeping environments remained constant since 2017, which provides an area of focus to further reduce infant deaths. HCPH will continue to collaborate with Cradle and continue our ongoing surveillance.





PRIORITY AREA 3 – MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION

STATUS

GOAL 1: Fewer Hamilton County residents will die of opiate-related overdose deaths.

During the progress period, 4,008 Narcan® kits were distributed to first responders, community members, and through mail order request.

The harm reduction division continued its partnership with the University of Cincinnati by attending Halloween safety events and training pharmacy students on harm reduction efforts. Staff also participated in a county news conference announcing 14 businesses and organizations participating in the Recovery Friendly Hamilton County (RFHC) initiative.

Six candidates were interviewed to provide contract services as part of the new Stigma Education and Training program established in partnership with fire and EMS departments across the County. The persons selected are Hamilton County residents with lived experience in addiction. The Stigma Education and Training is designed specifically to address the unique needs of first responders. HCPH staff met with the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association to assist in the design of the program. The team is scheduled to present at three fire departments.

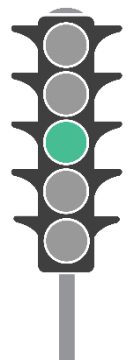
The harm reduction division was awarded two grants during the progress period. HCPH was one of three awardees for the Safe States Alliance Partnership in Action Seed Grant Program. The goals of the grant are to: 1) develop substance use disorder specific workplace policies that are legally sound for the state of Ohio, cater to a diverse range of industries, and which can be shared with all current and future RFHC constituents as part of the initiative's toolkit; and 2) develop a RFHC technical guidebook with input from select and existing constituents, and composition by the Workforce Innovations Center. The second grant awarded was the Reducing Overdose through Community Approaches from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). Harm reduction and epidemiology staff will serve as mentors to two local health departments in other regions of the country.



GOAL 2: Fewer people who inject drugs will contract an infectious disease in Hamilton County.

The (Stigma-free Access for Everyone) SAFE Services program served 3,595 clients during the progress period. A total of 246,925 syringes were exchanged and 4,130 fentanyl test strips were distributed. Clients are encouraged to get tested by educating them on the importance of knowing their Hepatitis C and HIV status. There were eight Hepatitis C and 83 HIV tests administered.

The SAFE Services program began providing services at a local housing for persons who are HIV positive. This brings the mobile services to eight locations in the county. SAFE Services will also be spearheading expansion of HCPH's harm reduction work/supplies by adding three vending machines in 2023. Planning was completed with the vendor and are expected to be delivered in April of 2023.





PRIORITY AREA 4 – HIV & SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

STATUS

GOAL 1: Prevent HIV & Syphilis infection and related illnesses among Hamilton County residents.

HIV & Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) prevention strategies are primarily operationalized through grant funding from the ODH. A total of 677 individuals were tested for HIV. Eighty-nine percent contacts were notified of potential HIV exposures, 84 percent of which were tested for HIV. The HCPH clinic provided services five days per week, with increasing demand for appointments. During the progress period, 332 appointments occurred in the STI clinic. Clients included individuals who are considered high-risk; those who are requesting routine screening for health maintenance; as well as individuals experiencing symptoms.

Syphilis rates statewide and regionally are significantly higher than in recent years. HCPH Disease Investigation Specialists (DIS) make every effort to treat individuals as quick as possible to reduce spread and identify contacts that can benefit from testing and/or treatment. Approximately 1,402 cases have been assigned to DIS to date in 2022. Current data indicates 87 percent of all syphilis cases were started on treatment within 14 days and 78 percent were interviewed by DIS for partners within 14 days.



PRIORITY AREA 5 – ORAL HEALTH

STATUS

GOAL 1: Hamilton County residents will have improved access to oral health care.

The Oral Health Coalition (OHC) continued its collaboration with the Clark County Oral Health Coalition (CCOHC). A joint meeting between the Hamilton County OHC and the CCOHC was held on 11/10/2022. The meeting included a presentation from national speaker, Dr. Alice Horowitz. Dr. Horowitz discussed the social determinants of health and how dental disease is affected by more than just individual care. Also highlighted was low oral health literacy among the population at large, as well as healthcare providers and systems. Dr. Horowitz stressed the importance of integrating oral health care into general health care, the ability to assess oral literacy, and engaging education programs in the process.

Work continued on the Dollars for Dentures program. For the program to be successful, strong relationships with the dental lab industry is essential. As such, the OHC director contacted the Greater Cincinnati Dental Lab (GCDL) to discuss a partnership. GCDL agreed to a fair and beneficial price schedule to aid in the OHC's work aimed at delivering dental prosthesis to individuals in need.



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