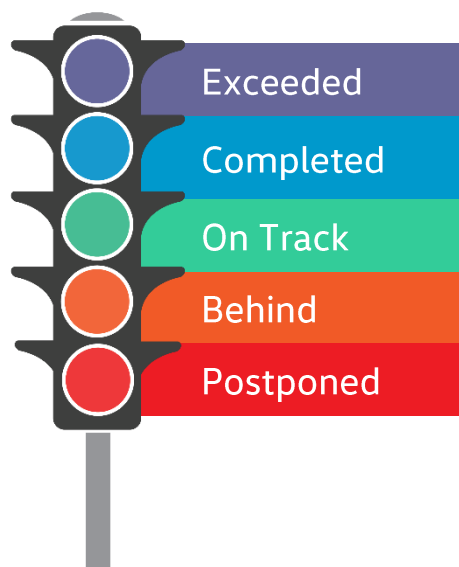


PROGRESS REPORT KEY:



Exceeded: Above benchmark.

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On Track: Progressing as anticipated.

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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. The NCH School District utilized results from the WellSAT assessment to revise their school wellness policy. NCH also hosted a district-wide Health and Wellness week for all students and staff. Activities included: Mindfulness Monday, Table Presentations (Tuesday), Walk it Out Wednesday, Safety Day (Thursday), and Fresh Fruit Friday.

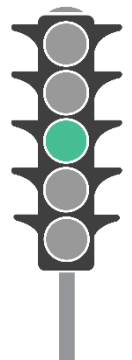
The WeTHRIVE! Child Care initiative launched to all active WeTHRIVE! communities during the progress period. One new childcare provider (Eager Achievers Learning Center) signed the WeTHRIVE! Letter of Support and began working on the Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (NAP-SACC).

WeTHRIVE! Communities and Schools (that are not a part of the CHIP pilot) also experienced successes during the progress period worth noting. Mt. Healthy City Schools updated their district school wellness policy based on their WellSAT assessment results. The School Health Index was completed within the Lockland City Schools and Northwest Local Schools. The Reading City Schools hosted a Professional Development Wellness Day for staff. The district plans to host similar events during the fall and spring semesters of the 2022-2023 school year due to the great success. Lastly, community WeTHRIVE! teams began planning for spring healthy eating and active living initiatives.



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

Tobacco-free living strategies are operationalized through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and HCPH's WeTHRIVE! initiative. Five trainings were provided during the progress period to various community partners, including the Princeton School District, Step-Up Anderson Coalition, WeTHRIVE! Implementation Team, and the Woodlawn and Delhi Township WeTHRIVE! teams. Training topics included youth vaping, tobacco-free parks, and tobacco-free retail licenses. Three counter marketing campaigns were implemented. Two campaigns focused on cessation; one campaign focused on youth vaping. Additionally, Ask-Advise-Refer (AAR) training and cessation resources were provided to the Urban Appalachian Coalition. AAR provides the tools and resources to support individuals on their tobacco cessation journey. Lastly, the partnership with the Oral Health Coalition (OHC) continued during the progress period. HCPH's tobacco health educator began reaching out to dentist office to provide training and support to providers around tobacco cessation, available cessation resources, and information on Medicaid reimbursement for tobacco cessation services provide. Initial feedback from the OHC has been positive and a much-needed resource for dental providers throughout the county.





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 started the new grant year serving 25 women during the progress period. OEI Navigators documented 378 hours of outreach during the progress period and reached 1,437 individuals through various outreach methods. The OEI Project Coordinator and Epidemiologist resigned from the agency and will be replaced during the next progress period.

The OEI team held two Bringing Up Mothers in Pregnancy (BUMP) events to identify and engage pregnant and post-partum women in Hamilton County. The partnership with Happy Hangouts allows the OEI team to host monthly BUMP events. Moms can bring their children to play while they connect with the OEI Navigators and attend the educational component of the BUMP event. Additionally, a new partnership with Kelly Youth Services was finalized which allows the OEI team to serve pregnant teen moms in Hamilton County.

HCPH, through OEI, continued its partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) to implement the NACCHO funded "Continuing of Care in Breastfeeding Support – A Blueprint for Communities." The OEI team is working with business, childcare providers and other locations identified by moms and community partners to create a PUSHBACCS List (People United in Sharing Helpful Breastfeeding and Chestfeeding Community Support). These individuals will help disseminate information about breastfeeding-friendly locations within Hamilton County, increase awareness and education around breastfeeding, and what it means to be a breastfeeding-friendly locations. OEI Navigators researched and developed toolkits for worksites, business, and childcare providers to become a breastfeeding-friendly location.

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 one case. Seven infant deaths, including three sleep-related deaths, were reviewed by the CFR team. FIMR staff worked on development of a case status dashboard that will allow for a more streamlined and efficient program flow for case review preparation. The FIMR and Community Action Team (CAT) began working with a Masters in Public Health (MPH) student from the University of Cincinnati. The student analyzed policy, systems, and programmatic recommendations submitted to CAT by the FIMR team following case reviews and developed an action plan to address reoccurring recommendations. Lastly, the FIMR team participated in the second cohort of the National FIMR Storytelling Learning Collaborative to learn how to leverage stories around fetal and infant loss to impact change in the community. The local team consisted of FIMR staff, a family served by FIMR, and partners from the Fatherhood Initiative at Job & Family Services and Cradle Cincinnati. The Learning Collaborative consisted of four extensive cohort meetings that brought together FIMR teams from across the country.





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

During the progress period, 1,286 Narcan® kits were distributed to first responders, community members, and through mail order request. The Hamilton County Addiction Response Coalition held its annual press conference on 3/25/2022 to share progress from all the collective harm reduction efforts from 2021.

The newest initiative of the harm reduction division is the Recovery Friendly Hamilton County (RFHC) initiative. Existing research indicates that individuals in recovery bring businesses and organizations a multitude of advantages – they absorb less healthcare costs, take fewer sick days, and are dedicated workers. With more than 23 million Americans in recovery, the goal of this initiative is to provide addiction and recovery support to Hamilton County businesses and their staff. Through RFHC, Hamilton County employers will be empowered to adopt recovery friendly workplace practices by providing substance use disorder-related trainings, harm reduction supplies such as Narcan®, linkage to care for employees, formal designation from HCPH as a Recovery Friendly Workplace, as well as ongoing consultation and guidance at no cost. In exchange, designees are asked to make an open declaration of commitment to the initiative, promote our offerings to their employees, and continue to work with HCPH staff to maintain their designation and continuously improve their recovery friendly practices.

The harm reduction team also worked with the UC Wellness Center to promote Narcan® after learning of an overdose at a fraternity party. Even recreational users of cocaine or meth may not be aware of the potential for fentanyl related overdose. Signage was created and displayed around campus where students can access Narcan®. Staff conducted a Trauma Informed Care and Narcan® training for student leadership from six fraternities and sororities at UC.



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

Hamilton County saw a 33 percent increase in black overdose deaths from 2020 to 2021, likely due to (1) the substances that individuals are using, intentionally or unintentionally, are changing, and (2) there is evidence that black individuals do not identify as being at risk because they are not injection drug users. As a result, and to better engage people of color, the syringe services program has been rebranded as SAFE Services (Stigma-free Access for Everyone) to expand our reach to other communities. This name change removes the connotation that services are solely for people who inject drugs – and allows for better outreach to those who use other drugs such as cocaine, crack, or methamphetamine perhaps via other routes of administration (i.e., ingesting, smoking, snorting). The SAFE Services program served 3,684 clients during the progress period. A total of 226,560 syringes were exchanged and 3,990 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 16 Hepatitis C and 79 HIV tests administered. SAFE Services were expanded to include Walnut Hills. Partnership was established with Equitas health to park the mobile unit and offer services while having the ability to refer to Equitas for health-related services.





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. As many COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, community testing has increased. A total of 620 individuals were tested for HIV across 26 testing sites. Additionally, the HCPH clinic provided services four days per week, with increasing demand for appointments. Two hundred and three individuals sought STI testing at the clinic. Rates of early syphilis increased statewide and nationally. HCPH disease investigation specialists make every effort to treat individuals as quick as possible to reduce spread and identify contacts that can benefit from testing and/or treatment. During the progress period, 90 percent of all syphilis cases were started on treatment within 14 days, many of which began treatment within 1-2 days. HCPH is slowly expanding advertising of clinic services to high-risk populations while keeping a balance with the clinic's current capacity limitations. Hiring new staff and creating an additional exam room are short term goals that will allow for an increase in patient volume. HCPH became an approved Prevention Assistance Program Interventions (PAPI) provider which allows for reimbursement from ODH for providing Pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV to individuals without insurance. As a PAPI provider, HCPH will draw in more high-risk individuals for testing services. Lastly, the Ohio Health Modernization Movement's (OHMM) mission is to mobilize a broad coalition, including individuals and communities who are disproportionately impacted by HIV, to replace fear-based, stigmatizing laws that criminalize HIV-status with evidence-based, nondiscriminatory laws that protect public health. HCPH staff were asked to provide education to OHMM that will ultimately help improve policy and laws around HIV.



PRIORITY AREA 5 – ORAL HEALTH

STATUS

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

The Oral Health Coalition (OHC) began working its new Dollars for Dentures program. The program aims to facilitate funding dentures and flippers using two methods: (1) approach dental laboratories seeking a percentage fee reduction for the costs of flippers and dentures, relying on scale and humanitarian assistance, and (2) seek funding to pay for reduced laboratory costs for safety net organizations.

The OHC's partnership with HCPH's tobacco health educator continued during the progress period. Stakeholders within the target community were identified by the OHC. A brief survey was distributed to the stakeholders to identify dental offices in need or interested in tobacco cessation training and resources. Interested offices will receive Ask-Advise-Refer training and cessation resources.



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