

Community Partnerships to Address Social Determinants of Child Health

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- Context for Partnership and Collaboration
- Housing and Loan Forgiveness Programs
- Workforce and Other Partnerships

SP20 Community Goal: Help Cincinnati's kids to be the healthiest in the nation through strong community partnerships



Partnerships – Key to Success in the Community



Infant Mortality and Premature Birth

- Every Child Succeeds
- Cradle Cincinnati

Education and Third Grade Reading

- Rockdale School Literacy Programs
- South Avondale School Programs
- Early Childcare Center Partnerships

Primary Care and Care Coordination

- All Children Thrive (ACT) Network
- School Base Health Centers
- First Ladies Initiative
- Gabriel's Place Jr. Chef Program
- Hirsch Recreation Center Health Programs
- The Community Builders Health Initiatives

Housing Collaborations

- Avondale Home Improvement Program
- Hickory Townhomes

Workforce and Training

- Collaboration with Workforce Programs, Messer
- Biomedical Research Internship for Minority Students
- Job Shadow Program



Expanding Partnership and Investment



Community Development

- Cincinnati Children's Financial Commitment: \$10M over 5 years
- May include residential housing, real estate and other community development
- Will work with Uptown Consortium and other partners



Capacity Building

- Cincinnati Children's financial commitment: \$1.55M over 5 years
- Capacity building grants for nonprofits serving Avondale
- Organizations advancing child and community health goals



Workforce Development and Economic Inclusion

- Maintain high standard of supplier diversity
- Encourage and align workforce development efforts to help meet real ongoing job needs
- Work to partner with others to amplify effort

Governance structure: *Three committees (12-15 members), inclusive of community members, hospital representatives, city representatives and funders.*

Housing and Loan Forgiveness Collaborations



Avondale Home Improvement Program (AHIP)

- Collaboration with Avondale Community Development Corporation
- Rehab and Loan Forgiveness



IDA Loan Program

- Collaboration with Home Ownership Center
- Loan Program for Low-Income Residents

Investment in Community Town Center (Retail, Housing, and

- Collaboration with The Community Builders
- Built on the Work of Choice Neighborhoods Initiative
- Leveraged Investment for National Build Award



Workforce and Other Partnerships and Investments



Early Education Centers

- Partnership and Investment in 3 early education centers
- Improve Quality Star Ratings

Social Innovation Center

- Partnership and Investment with the Urban League
- Expand Training and Youth Development Opportunities

Training of Workforce in the Community

- Partnership with RWB Construction/TCB, MORTAR, and the Urban League
- Training in Construction, Healthcare, Supplier Diversity



Highlights and Lessons Learned

- Partnership and planning takes time
- Balance between best practices and innovation
- Communication and engagement are critical
- Clarifying goals and objectives and measuring success are important
- Recognizing and managing setbacks is part of the process
- Assess capacity of staff and partners when developing the strategy
- Work with the community is dynamic and requires flexibility
- Celebrate success together

