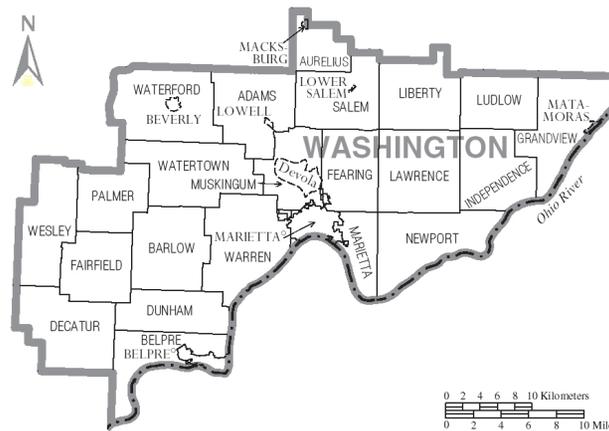


Washington County's Community Health Improvement Plan

2021-2023



Vision: “A respectful and encouraging community that advocates for health equity, collaboration, and inclusiveness between leaders, organizations, and individuals who strive together to make Washington County the healthiest county in Ohio.”

Purpose: Prevent Disease and Improve the Health of Washington County

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

“He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything.” Thomas Carlyle

The focus of the local Health Department is prevention; that the true measure of a community’s health is not in how well they respond to health concerns but rather in how they assess, educate and sustain long-term health improvement initiatives.

Local Health Departments and healthcare systems must be leaders in developing programs and services that create healthier communities. However, it is only through partnerships and collaborations with local community groups and that impactful lifestyle change is possible. These relationships are essential in developing both a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and the response to this assessment, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). It is only through a thorough and thoughtful Community Health Needs Assessment that the barriers to healthy living can be identified. The responsibility of the Community Health Improvement Plan is to isolate specific, achievable steps to overcoming these barriers. Together, these documents provide a foundation that the Washington Health Department can build upon that aligns with our vision of creating the “healthiest county in the state of Ohio.”

In order to prioritize health areas, partners needed to review the assessment results and prioritize issues that were important to address for the health of the community.

- Priority Area 1: Access to Healthcare and Healthcare Programs
- Priority Area 2: Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease
- Priority Area 3: Health Education/Community Outreach
- Priority Area 4: Mental/Behavioral Health and Addiction

Washington County Community Health Improvement Plan Action Plan 2021-2023

Introduction:

A broad array of public health stakeholders and community members from Washington County convened to conduct a Community Health Assessment by use of the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process. Through this process, completed four assessments: Forces of Change Assessment (“FOCA”); Community Themes and Strengths Assessment (“CTSA”); Local Public Health System Assessment (“LPHSA”); and Community Health Status Assessment (“CHSA”).

In order to prioritize health areas, partners reviewed the assessment results and prioritize issues that were important to address for the health of the community. Due to global pandemic created a barrier to be able to hold in person meetings with community partners due to the high transmission of the virus. The priority areas were determined based on the qualitative and quantitative data collected during the development of the Community Health Assessment. For example, Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease was mentioned more than Maternal and Infant Health. The following were the top four issues identified, Access to Healthcare and Programs, Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease, Health Education/Community Outreach, Mental/Behavioral Health and Addiction.

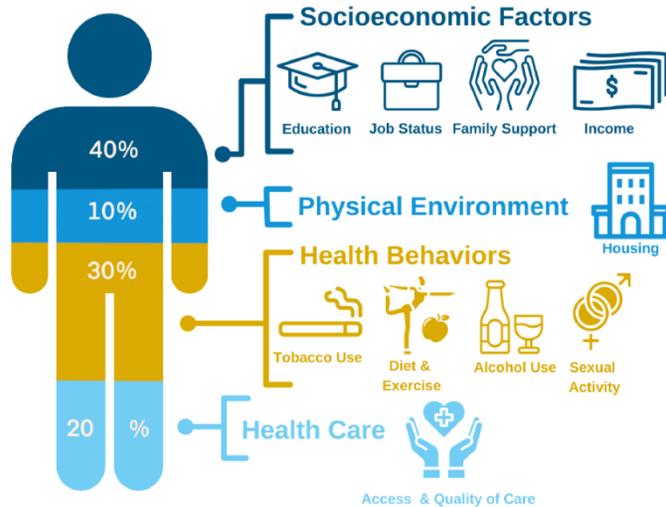
The Washington County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) work plan will be implemented by member agencies, organizations and stakeholders and the community will work together to complete the goals identified in the CHIP. The CHIP is defined with timelines and measurements to encourage accountability, direction, and quality improvement. Further, the Partners are committed to using the best practices and evidence-based interventions to achieve optimal outcomes.

The CHIP is a living document; therefore, new opportunities and hurdles will be reflected in the “Outcomes” portion of each activity. To access the latest version of the Washington County Health Assessment and the Washington County Health Improvement Plan, please visit www.washingtongov.org/health.



The Washington County Community Health Improvement workgroups continuously uses **Evidence Based Public Health Practices, Policy, System, and Environmental Changes** to address **Social Determinants of Health** in the community.

A formal definition of what concepts and frameworks work groups were asked to consider during the generation of the workplans follows:



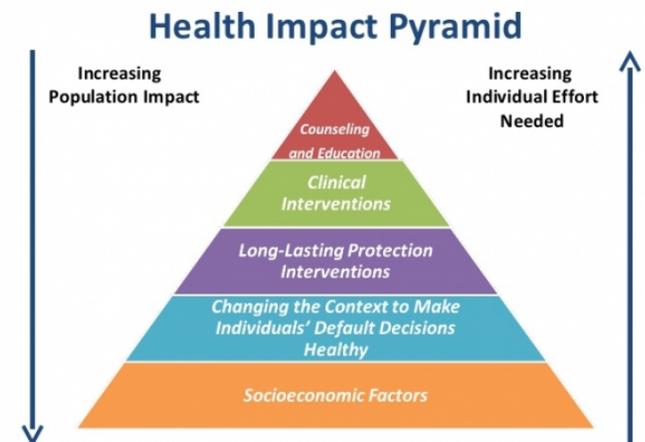
The Social Determinants of Health are factors in a community that cause higher health risks and poorer health outcomes of specific populations, and health inequities. They include conditions such as economic stability, education, community and social context. Addressing these at the community level will improve health, well-being and quality of life.

Evidence Based Public Health Practices: These are tested programs, policies, and interventions that are proven to be most effective in successfully changing behavior. They create sustainable changes to improve

health.

Policy, System, and Environmental Changes: These are changes in laws, rules, and the environment that impact the health of a community and change the context to make the healthy choice the default choice. Policy, systems and environmental changes are sustainable and long lasting. In particular, work groups considered policy changes that would most greatly impact vulnerable populations and address the causes of higher risks on those populations.

The Health Impact Pyramid describes the effectiveness of different types of public health interventions. Interventions focusing on socioeconomic factors, at the base of the pyramid, have the greatest potential to improve health. Although interventions at the higher levels have less of an impact on health, the likelihood of long-term success is maximized at all intervention levels.



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Consideration was taken to ensure the health issues of the Washington County CHIP align with the current State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and Healthy People 2030 national priorities.

The following document outlines the strategies that community groups and stakeholders are working on together in order to improve the overall health and well-being of residents that live, work and play in Washington County.

A community health improvement plan (or CHIP) is a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems based on the results of community health assessment activities and the community health improvement process. A plan is typically updated every three years. CHIP is aligned with national and state public health practices, using Healthy People 2030 and the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) as a model.

PRIORITY ONE: Access to healthcare and Healthcare Programs

Why is this a priority? Access to healthcare is a critical component a population's overall health and well-being. Having adequate and reliable access to health services can assist with the prevention of disease and disability, detect and treat illnesses, improve overall quality of life and extend life expectancy. Primary care providers (PCP's) play a crucial role in ensuring the health and safety of our community. PCP's develop meaningful and sustained relationships with patients and provide a breadth of healthcare services while practicing within the context of family and community. Having a reliable, consistent PCP is associated with greater patient trust, effective patient-provider communication and an increased likelihood that patients will receive appropriate care. Healthcare education, focused on preventive care and developing healthy behaviors, is essential in facilitating long-term, beneficial life change. In addition, access to health screenings, classes/seminars on relevant health topics including fitness, nutrition, tobacco cessation and chronic disease management, exercise classes and pre and post-natal coaching must be included as part of any plan to address our most vulnerable population. According to the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), the cost of healthcare-related services, location and availability of providers, and the perception of available resources are environmental factors that significantly affect access to healthcare in rural and Appalachian communities.

Goals: To remove barriers to accessing quality health care.

Consideration of SHIP: Access to Care

Consideration of National Priorities: Health Care Access & Quality

Priority Population Impacted: Low-income families (Less than \$25,000 annual household income). The Ohio department of Health indicates that 45.1% of low-income earning individuals self-report as being in fair or poor health.

Our plan: Utilizing data drawn from the Community Health Needs Assessment and incorporating existing stakeholder relationships, build and promote a network of partner resources that will address health care service availability, mental/behavioral health, and health insurance enrollment barriers.

Resources and Assets: 2-1-1, Behavioral Providers, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Common Pleas (Drug Court Docket) Educational Institutions, Healthcare providers/programs, Hopewell Health Centers, Marietta/Belpre City Health Department, Memorial Health System, Municipal Court (Mental Health Docket), Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, Senior AmeriCorps, Senior Center, Washington County Health Department, Washington Morgan Community Action.

Priority 1: Access to Healthcare and Healthcare Programs

Objective	Activities	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Evaluation Measures	Outcomes
1.1: Expand access to primary care providers	1.1.1: Explore options for the use of telehealth services offered by Memorial Health System for PCP's	Memorial Health System	2021-2024	Number of PCP's who are trained to use telehealth services	
	1.1.2: Expansion of Online scheduling	Memorial Health System	2021-2024	Examine activity logs for trends	
	1.1.3: Expand the number of appointments outside of normal hours	Memorial Health System	2021-2024	Number of appointments increase	
	1.1.4 Assist families of children with medical handicaps to receive necessary healthcare services	Washington County Health Department	2022	Number of active caseload	
1.2: Expand and enhance contact center services	1.2.1: Contract center schedules follow up with PCP or specialist	Memorial Health System	2022	Number of tasks being accomplished	
	1.2.2: Nurse line to provide healthcare information	Memorial Health System	2022	Easier access to schedule appointments	
1.3 Increases access to transit services for healthcare services	1.3.1 Increase the awareness of transportation needs, coordination of transportation options to meet needs, and building sustainable and healthy communities by integrating transportation into planning and programs.	Buckeye Hills Regional Council	2022	The number of residents who access the service	
	1.3.2 Advocate and link residents with healthcare services by providing transportation through case managers	Behavioral Providers	2022		

1.4 Increase Access to Dental Care	1.4.1 Enroll school districts into the dental sealant program and provide services to all students with permission	Washington County Health Department	2022	Percentage of participation	
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PRIORITY TWO: Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease

2021 Indicator	Washington Co.	Ohio
Heart Disease	7.2%	6.7%
High Blood Pressure	35%	34.7%
Mortality - Lung Disease(/100,000)	41.4	48.4
Diabetes	10.7%	12.2%
Adult Obesity	36%	34.8%

Why is this a priority? Almost of U.S adults reported having at least one of six chronic illnesses – cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, diabetes or arthritis.^[1] Unsurprisingly, chronic diseases are the leading cause of death in the United States. As a general rule, Southeast Ohio trails most other areas of the state when reviewing chronic disease indicators. Many of these observations were included as part of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Washington County has a Diabetes prevalence rate of 14.6%; far exceeding that national rate of 10.5%. According to the CHNA, more than 1/3 of all Washington County residents (36%) self-report a Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than 30%. The widespread use of tobacco in Washington County is a serious concern. Currently 25.3% of County residents admit to using some form of tobacco. As a state, Ohio trails only West Virginia (22%) and Kentucky (20%) in prevalence of adult smoking. A shortened life-span is a very tangible consequence of poor health but there are very direct financial costs attributable to these consequential health risks as well. Health insurance is more expensive to obtain; additional medication and treatment are required, and the ability to generate income through employment may also be jeopardized.

The primary objectives of the local health department (LHD) can be effectively summarized as preventing chronic disease and promoting health. There are four commonly accepted risk factors associated with contributing to chronic disease; tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke, lack of physical activity, excessive alcohol use and poor nutrition, including diets low in fruits and vegetables and high in sodium and saturated fats. Current Health Department efforts focus on developing and contributing to policies that help mitigate these risk factors, education and programming that encourages residents to implement preventative care, and improvements within local environments that will allow individuals and families to pursue and participate in healthier activities. Investing in education that focuses on physical activity, tobacco use and nutrition will lead to healthier communities. Similarly, by removing environmental factors that contribute to decreased health indicators - including Access to Healthcare as identified in priority 1 – the LHD can eliminate barriers to improved health. By fulfilling our roles of prevention and promotion, the health department has the ability and responsibility to significantly impact the prevalence of chronic disease in our community.

^[1] *Healthy People 2020, General Health Status, 2011*

Goals: Decrease the incidence and prevalence of chronic disease rates in Washington County; and improve health behaviors of the residents.

Consideration of SHIP: Chronic Disease Prevention

Consideration of National Priorities: Overall Health & Well-being

Priority Population Impacted: The Ohio Department of Health indicates that 45.1% of low-income earning (less than \$25,000 annual household income) individuals self-report as being in fair or poor health.

Our plan: We will invest in resources that educate our residents to improve health behaviors, create a culture of health, reduce hospital admissions and improve quality of life in Washington County.

Resources and Assets: 2-1-1, Beverly/Waterford Farmer’s Market, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Community Garden, Community

organizations (YMCA, Betsey Mills, Boys and Girls Club), Food Pantries, Free/reduced lunch and breakfast, GoPacks, Marietta/Belpre City Health Department, Memorial Health Systems, OSU Extension Office, River City Farmer’s Market, River Valley Trails, Senior Centers, The Right Path, Washington County Behavioral Health Board, Washington County Health Department

Objective	Activities	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Evaluation Measures	Outcomes
2.1: Sustain Department of Community Health and Wellness to support chronic disease management education and programming	2.1.1: Identify health partners to implement Memorial Health System chronic disease management software to identify and engage high risk patients	Memorial Health System	2021	A summary report of the software being implemented	
	2.1.2: Provide education classes and programs	Memorial Health System, OSU Extension Office	2022	Number of residents who attend the program	
	2.1.3: Provide community screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar and weight for a low cost or no cost at all	Memorial Health System, Washington County Health Department	2021	Number of screenings completed	
	2.1.4: Lifestyle Medicine practice focusing on treating people with Diabetes	Memorial Health System	2022	Improved lifestyle for 10% of patients	
	2.1.5: Identifying and scheduling high risk diabetic patients for clinic appointments	Memorial Health System	2022	An increase in residents who can manage their diabetes	
2.2: Reduce the rate of preventable hospital stays	2.2.1: Memorial Health System primary care providers transition to Patient centered medical home model of Care	Memorial Health System	2022	100% of Memorial Health System primary care providers are PCMH certified	
	2.2.2: The Changed Plate community cooking classes	Memorial Health System	2022	Increase in ability to cook healthy foods for those with diabetes, cancer, and	

				heart disease	
	2.2.3: Implement the use of Balance and mobility classes	Memorial Health System, O'Neill Senior Center, YMCA, Washington County Health Department	2022	10% decrease in hospital readmissions for participating patients	
	2.2.4: Community health partners will increase education and awareness with educational presentations	Memorial Health System	2022	Increase in knowledge for exercise, blood pressure, blood sugar and weight management	
2.3: Improve the status of Washington County residents' health behaviors	2.3.1: Increase access to affordable healthy foods through policy, system, and built environment	Creating Healthy Communities coalition, OSU Extension Office, Farmer's Markets, The Right Path	2021-2023	Increase access to fresh healthy foods through farmers' markets, community gardens, and number of food policy guideline	
	2.3.2: Increase access to affordable physical activity through policy, system, and built environment	Creating Healthy Communities coalition, Village of Beverly, City of Marietta	2021-2023	Increase active living policies and plans through Active Transportation Plans, Safe Routes to Schools and Complete Streets. Improve built environment through biking/walking infrastructure, and playgrounds.	

PRIORITY THREE: Community Outreach /Health Education

Why is this a priority? The Health Education and Community Outreach prioritization results from the findings of both Priority 1 (Access to Health Care) and Priority 2 (Chronic Disease) in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Specific to this CHIP, insufficient outreach and health education have been identified as barriers to overall health and well-being.

For many people, the mention of Appalachia conjures a vision of poverty and poor health. Tobacco use, lack of educational opportunities, and homelessness negatively impact the health of many residents in rural areas of Washington County. Many health programs are currently being offered county-wide to directly address these barriers, including case management, health screenings and facilitating access to healthcare services. This health education plays a critical role in improving and extending the reach of activities that improve the health of Washington County residents. It is the responsibility of a health-focused community to ensure that a collaborative effort to provide health education through community outreach is effective and far-reaching.

Community health programs address disparities by ensuring equitable access to health resources. Such disparities include living in an isolated rural area with limited healthcare providers or being unable to afford health insurance. Community health centers often serve as the primary care provider in communities where health equity is limited by socioeconomic factors.

The current pandemic has highlighted the crucial role public health plays in providing health education to our communities. It is paramount that the community health sector takes a leadership role in providing accurate, factual information and it is only through partnerships and collaborations with community stakeholders that this message can be most effectively communicated. Washington County is comprised of twenty-nine cities, villages and townships. Each of these areas is entitled to participate in the Improvement Plan process and only by being intentional in outreach and education efforts can we, as a health-focused community, ensure all residents have access to quality health-care and information.

Goals: Though partnerships and stakeholders' collaboration, community health organizations will provide a range of health services and programs that encourage and support healthy living and wellness for everyone in Washington County. Health education and community outreach is important in addressing physical, mental, emotional and social health.

Consideration of SHIP: Health Behaviors

Consideration of National Priorities: Overall Health & Well-being

Priority Population Impacted:

Our plan: To offer services and programs that build skills and knowledge to improve and maintain health, prevent chronic disease, and reduce risky behaviors of residents in Washington county

Resources and Assets: 2-1-1, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, CHARMED (County Harm Reduction Education), Community organizations (YMCA, Betsey Mills, Boys and Girls Club), Educational Institutions, Family and Children First, Food Pantries, GoPacks, Life and Purpose Resource Center, Marietta/Belpre City Health Department, Memorial Health Systems, OSU Extension Office, Public libraries, Senior Centers, The Right Path, Washington County Behavioral Health Board, Washington County Health Department, Washington County Homeless Project, Washington County Sheriff's Department, Washington-Morgan Community Action

Objective	Activities	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Evaluation Measures	Outcomes
3.1: Reduce Tobacco Use	3.1.1 Establish a specialized work group comprised of community partners and those who Identify as low SES	Washington County Health Department, Memorial Health Systems	2022	Established workgroup	
	3.1.2: Adopt tobacco free policy for schools and community areas	Washington County Health Department	2021-2024	Number of policies adopted	
	3.1.3: Increase accessibility of cessation services to those of the low SES community.	Washington County Health Department	2022	The number of residents accessing cessation services	
	3.1.4 Create and finalize a 5-year strategic plan implementing the vision, mission statement, and strategies	Washington County Health Department	2022	A finalized strategic plan	
3.2: Expand community educational offerings	3.2.1: Stop the bleed class offered to community	Memorial Health System	2021-2022	Offer the class two times a year at least	
	3.2.2: Create STD educational brochures to distribute to the community and provide referrals to treatment options	Memorial Health System; Washington County Health Department	2022	Increase the number of residents who receive education on prevention of sexual transmitted diseases and treatment options	
	3.2.3 Provide education on ensuring safe home environment for children	Family and Children First Council	2022	The number of safety kits provided to families who successfully completed the educational portion	

				of the program	
3.3: Reduce the number of residents living in homelessness	3.3.1: Provide a place for people to receive daytime help. (i.e., a place to wash clothing, shower, eat, job search, etc.	Washington County Homeless Project	2020	Day Center opened	
	3.3.2 Provide a Homeless Crisis Response Program, Section 8 HUD program, assisted housing programs, and home weatherization assistance program	Washington-Morgan Community Action	2021-2024	The number of residents who use the programs	
3.4: Falls Prevention Older Adult population, 55+	3.4.1: Expand collaboration efforts with local community organizations to provide opportunities to reduce the risk of falls, fear of falling, and falls-related injuries	Washington County Health Department, Appalachian Ohio Falls Prevention Coalition	2021-2024	Gain support and increase members of the Appalachian Ohio Falls Prevention coalition by 10%	
	3.4.2 Promote evidence based programs to expand access to resources and programs to reduce falls in the community	Memorial Health System, Washington County Health Department	2022	Increase in participants in balance and mobility classes	
3.5 Provide parent support program	3.5.1 : Incorporate early pre-natal and well-baby care, as well as parenting education through formal “Help me grow” program	Family and Children First Council	2022	The number of trainings provided	

PRIORITY FOUR: Behavioral Health/Mental Health/Addiction

Why is this a priority? Substance Abuse, including alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, impacts everyone at all levels of the community. It not only leads to negative health outcomes but causes many other issues, including loss of economic productivity and decreased quality of life. In addition, substance abuse was identified as one of the top health issues in the community. has a higher rate of drug use and drug overdose death than the state of Ohio. Substance abuse also affects the most vulnerable among us, children. It impacts people across the span of their childhood, from babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome to children being cared for by their grandparents due to parental drug use.

Some of the most alarming health findings are indicated in reviewing the prevalence of Mental and Substance Use Disorder Mortality and Heavy Drinking. Washington County has a Mental and Substance Use Disorder mortality rate of 21 per 100,000 population (male) and 8.8 per 100,000 (female). The national levels occur at 18.7 (male) and 8.2 (female). Similarly, males in Washington County have a 13% higher prevalence rate for Heavy Drinking nationally. Oddly, females in Washington County are considerably less likely (5.3% prevalence) to engage in Heavy Drinking than their counterparts nationally (6.7%). The adverse health effects of drug use and excessive alcohol consumption are well documented. As a leader in providing health education, the Health Department must continue to focus our educating students on these long-term health impacts.

Goals:

Consideration of SHIP: Mental Health and Addiction

Consideration of National Priorities:

Priority Population Impacted:

Our plan:

Resources and Assets: 2-1-1, Alcoholics Anonymous – Narcotics Anonymous, CHARMED, Common Pleas (Drug Court Docket), EVE, Family and Children First, Hopewell Health Center, House of Hope, Integrated Services, Life and Purpose Behavioral Health, Life and Purpose Resource Center, Municipal Court (Mental Health Docket), Rigel Recovery Services, The Right Path, Washington County Behavioral Health Board, Washington County Health Department, Washington County Homeless Project, Washington County Sheriff’s Office

Objective	Activities	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Evaluation Measures	Outcomes
4.1: Increase public knowledge and reduce stigma associated with mental illness and addiction in Washington County	4.1.1: Provide factual information on mental health and addiction through multiple channels of communication including radio ads, social media, website, newspaper, and in-person events.	Washington County Behavioral Health Board Washington County Health Department	2021-2023	The number of views and insight from social media The number of radio/TV ads ran per year The number of behavioral health matters articles submitted to the newspaper The number of events attended to provide in-person education	
	4.1.2: Provide training on mental health and addiction including Mental Health First Aid, Question Persuade Refer Suicide Prevention, Crisis Intervention Team Training (law enforcement)	Washington County Behavioral Health Board Washington County CIT Steering Committee (including law enforcement and BH treatment agencies) Suicide Awareness Alliance (County Suicide Prevention Coalition)	2021-2023	Number of trainings provided	

	4.1.3: Provide certification training for peer recovery supporters to promote recovery is possible and educate the public from a perspective of lived experience with mental health and/or addiction.	Washington County Behavioral Health Board	2021-2023	Number of peer recovery supporters trained at annual trainings	
	4.1.4 Increase community education (training) on warning signs and symptoms on overdose and how to properly access and administer naloxone	Washington County Health Department Project DAWN	2021-2023	Number of Project Dawn trainings	
4.2: Decrease harm for high risk intravenous drug users through education, information on treatment, naloxone training/access, and sterile syringes	4.2.1: Partner with local services to provide harm reduction education, local treatment availability, and syringe exchange program	Washington County Health Department Washington County Behavioral Health Board (funders) Rigel Recovery Services	2021-2023	Increase in the number of residents accessing the program	
	4.2.2 Increase referrals to local Quick Response Team (Washington County Recovery Engagement Team & Marietta City Recovery Engagement Team) to connect those with recent high risk incidents (crime and/or overdose) to naloxone and/or mental health and addiction treatment	Washington County Behavioral Health Board Washington County Sheriff's Department Marietta City Police Department Peer Recovery Supporters Life and Purpose Behavioral Health Hopewell Health Centers Rigel Recovery Services Washington County	2021-2023	Increase the number of referrals and follow up visits post drug related crime/overdose	

	services	Health Department			
4.3: Increase participation with Project DAWN	4.3.1: Provide additional naloxone training	Washington County Health Department	2022-2023	Increase the number of providers to provide naloxone	
	4.3.2: Meet with law enforcement, behavioral health stakeholders, and other partners to discuss possible implementation	Washington County Health Department ; Marietta Belpre Health Department ; Washington County Behavioral Health Board	2021-2022	Meeting Minutes and hosting two meetings in the year	
4.4 Ensure prevention programs and services are in place to improve outcomes and reduce behavioral health challenges.	4.4.1 Fund PAX Good behavior Games for all Washington County school districts for grades Kindergarten through 6 th .	Washington County Behavioral Health Board Hopewell Health Centers OSU Extension	2021-2023	Number of teachers trained in PAX	
	4.4.2 Actively support and collaborate with the Right Path for Washington County to provide education and event opportunities to families that support healthy youth development.	Washington County Behavioral Health Board The Right Path for Washington County	2021-2023	Events hosted	
	4.4.3 Actively support and collaborate with Family and Children First Council and mental health providers to offer wrap around coordination and mental health treatment for high risk children.	Children Services Washington County Behavioral Health Board Family and Children First Council Integrated Services for Behavioral Health Life and Purpose Behavioral Health Hopewell Health Centers	2021-2023	Meeting minutes	
	4.4.4 Fund prevention programs to be accessible in the schools	Washington County Behavioral Health Board Local School Districts Hopewell Health Centers Life and Purpose Behavioral Health	2021-2023	Prevention contracts Provider contracts	

4.5: Improve Continuum of Care	4.5.1: Assess and identify gaps in the Washington County Continuum of Care semi-annually.	Washington County Behavioral Health Board	2021	Completed Assessment done semi-annually	
	4.5.2: Increase the quality of behavioral health services	Washington County Behavioral Health Board	2021-2023	Number of new trainings provided Provider Audits	
	4.5.3: Community health partners will increase education and awareness activities to support community mental health initiatives	Memorial Health System & Partners	2021-2023	Increase participation in the annual medication take back day Increase referrals to behavioral health services (as appropriate)	
4.6: Ensure continuity of care is available and accessible for all Washington County Residents for mental health and addiction treatment services	4.6.1 Fund and retain a continuity of services through provider contracts	Washington County Behavioral Health Board	2021-2023	Provider contracts	
	4.6.2 Offer financial assistance for Washington County residents based on a sliding fee scale	Washington County Behavioral Health Board		Non-Medicaid payment files/GOSH billing claims	
	4.6.3 Coordinate and support opportunities that strengthen the behavioral health workforce including continuing education, certification, and licensure.	Washington County Behavioral Health Board		Scholarships and workforce development grants	
	4.6.4 Fund treatment in the local school districts to be accessed by youth	Washington County Behavioral Health Board Local School Districts Hopewell Health Centers Life and Purpose Behavioral Health		Contracts Use of Student Wellness Funds (LSDs)	

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