

The healthcare delivery system within The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati's 20-county service area has many assets: federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs); private, public, and hospital-based resources; and other community providers all committed to providing care to uninsured and underserved populations. However, these resources are not evenly distributed throughout the region, and people in some areas do not have access to healthcare services. Having access to healthcare results in better health and a better quality of life.

Over the last several years, communities throughout the country have developed solutions to improve access to healthcare. The time has come for Greater Cincinnati to do the same, and the Health Foundation has brought together over 50 healthcare providers and community leaders to form Access Health 100.

The goal of the Access Health 100 is to achieve 100% access to primary care within our region. To accomplish this impressive goal, the Health Foundation has gathered a diverse group of stakeholders to develop an integrated delivery system that will:

- increase the number of children and adults who have a regular place to get medical and dental care by looking at ways to redistribute healthcare resources in the region;
- reduce the number of uninsured by creating affordable coverage options for low-income working families and employees of small businesses; and
- increase appropriate use of healthcare resources by improving access to specialty services in underserved areas and stabilizing medical and dental providers who devote all or a significant portion of their resources to serving the uninsured.

The Access Health 100 Steering Committee determined that there are critical connections and infrastructure improvements that must be in place as part of restructuring the regional safety net and improving service integration. These are tied to best practices for demonstrating not only improved access to primary care but significant return on community investment. The priority areas are:

- Developing Pathways to Quality Primary Care
- Building Access to Healthcare Coverage for Small Businesses and Low-Wage Employees
- Creating Community Connections for High Risk Populations
- Integrating Private Practice Physicians into Primary Care Networks for the Uninsured
- Building the Information System Support for Access Health 100

Who is affected by access to care?



I see many uninsured and underinsured patients at the health center where I work. I often have to recommend treatment or medication that my patients can't afford.

They have to choose between eating or keeping a roof over their heads and healthcare.



I m not covered, but my kids are on CHIP. The closest doctor who takes CHIP patients is 30 minutes away, and

the office isn't open in the evenings or on weekends. I have to take time off work without pay to get my kids care.

Funded Projects

To date, the Health Foundation has awarded 19 grants to organizations in Greater Cincinnati to begin the work of Access Health 100 and address the priority areas. Each priority area also has a number of critical activities that need to be accomplished. The grant projects for each priority area and critical activity are:

Developing Pathways to Primary Care

- Avoid preventable ER visits and hospitalization

Funded Project	Lead Organization	Collaborating Partners	Outcomes
Medical Navigator Interventions	The Workforce Development Collaborative of Northern Kentucky, Inc.	HealthPoint Family Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect frequent ER users with a medical home
Increasing Medical Home Capacity	HealthCare Connection	Mercy Health Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce preventable ER visits and hospitalizations • Connect people to a medical and dental home
Medical Outreach Program	West End Health Center	Winton Hills Medical & Health Center, University Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create medical and social outreach programs for the uninsured and ER users • Connect people to a medical home
Community Care Access Network	Mercy Health Partners of Southwest Ohio	FQHCs, hospitals, and supporting organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce ER use and connect uninsured and low-income people to medical homes

- Improve access to preventative and primary health care services by providing a seamless system of services

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Strengthening the Core Safety Net in Cincinnati and Hamilton County	Cincinnati Health Department	FQHCs, hospitals, and supporting organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish coordinated and integrated service delivery between and among core safety net providers to eliminate fragmentation and reduce cost
McMicken Health Collaborative	Cincy Smiles Foundation	McMicken Dental, Center for the Homeless, Cincinnati Health Network, Health Resource Center, Drop Inn Center, Freestore Foodbank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to coordinated mental, dental and medical care, and benefits assistance in one site for people and families who are homeless

- Increase medical and dental home capacity

Funded Project	Lead Organization	Collaborating Partners	Outcomes
Primary Care Collaborative for Central and Southeast Cincinnati	Neighborhood Health Care, Inc.	Crossroad Health Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize readily available resources to provide medical homes for the uninsured • Access excess capacity among providers
Westside Cincinnati Health Access	Crossroad Health Center	Good Samaritan Hospital, Legal Aid Society, Oral Health Council, Care Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of residents with a medical home • Eliminate barriers to obtaining primary healthcare

- Increase medical and dental home capacity (*continued*)

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Community Care Access Network Expansion	Mercy Health Partners of Southwest Ohio	HealthSource, Mercy Franciscan, Mercy Hospital Mt. Airy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of low-income and uninsured people who have a medical home
Dental Urgent Care Feasibility Analysis	Cincy Smiles Foundation	University Hospital, Legal Aid Society, Care Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the feasibility of creating and financing a dental urgent care program
A Healthy Start for Life/ Butler County	Butler County Community Health Consortium	Butler County Head Start, Middletown City Schools, United Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a medical and dental home for Head Start children and their families
Community-Based Family Practice Residency Program Planning	HealthSource	A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Ohio University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an implementation plan for a community-based, family practice residency program

- Provide access to transportation for uninsured and low-income populations

Funded Project	Lead Organization	Collaborating Partners	Outcomes
Coordinated Transportation and Medical Services System	Lifetime Resources	Indiana County Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect people to a medical home
Medical Transportation Planning	Everybody Rides Metro	ACT, AVOC, Catholic Social Services, SC Ministry Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify best practice transportation models • Develop a business plan

Building Access to Healthcare Coverage for Small Businesses and Low-Wage Employees

- Implement coverage models across the region

Funded Project	Lead Organization	Collaborating Partner	Outcome
Ohio Healthy Workers and Premium Assistance Program	Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to affordable health coverage for uninsured working Ohioans and their dependents
Defined Health Benefits Feasibility Analysis	Northern Kentucky Chamber Workforce Collaborative	HealthPoint Family Care, NKU, Patient First, Summit Medical Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate an educational and awareness campaign that will inform businesses about the Defined Health Plan product. • Offer coverage for primary care and dental services
CincyCare Initiative	City of Cincinnati Health Department	Health Alliance, Legal Aid Society, Cincy Smiles Foundation, CareSource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to primary care for Cincinnati uninsured residents

Creating Community Connections for High-Risk Populations

- Build community health outreach programs and a community network for the region

Funded Project	Lead Organization	Collaborating Partners	Outcomes
Planning for Community Health Workers	Healthy Moms and Babes	Social service agencies and primary care providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enroll uninsured or underinsured people in programs• Provide assistance to navigate or access community resources

Integrating Private Practice Physicians into Primary Care Networks for the Uninsured

- Integrate services through better organized and streamlined delivery of donated physician care

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Greater Cincinnati Area Physicians Uncompensated Care Survey	The Foundation of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess the level of uncompensated care provided by private practice primary care and specialty physicians in Hamilton County

For More Information

For more information on Access Health 100 and efforts to increase access to healthcare, please visit our web site at <http://www.healthfoundation.org/accesshealth100.html> or contact Judith Warren at 513.458.6615 or jwarren@healthfoundation.org.