

Snapshot of Cleveland, Ohio

July–December 2021 Progress Report



Goals

- Foster a community collaborative to facilitate community engagement for education and linkage to nutrition resources and health services
- Implement a pilot program to improve access to and use of food and health-empowering resources through Community Health and Empowerment Navigators
- Build community capacity for a coordinated effort toward food advocacy and structural reform



By the Numbers

- 296 individuals provided with referrals to nutrition and support services (COVID-19 assistance, financial guidance, legal aid and housing) through Community Health and Empowerment Navigators
- 1,329 residents reached through flyers, emails and phone calls conducted by navigators

Success Story

Nine new Community Health and Empowerment Navigators were recruited and trained in Cleveland. They've successfully integrated into communities, which has deepened connections and relationships between navigators and the residents they serve. These navigators were also placed at local community hubs, such as local barber shops and libraries, where they engaged with community residents and provided or received referrals for 120 individuals.

"Our community partners have collaborated with owners or leaders of these hubs to allow our [navigators] to be present at the hubs in-person on a regular basis. This community outreach method has aided in building trust and visibility of our navigators within the community and continues to allow us to reach new audiences."

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