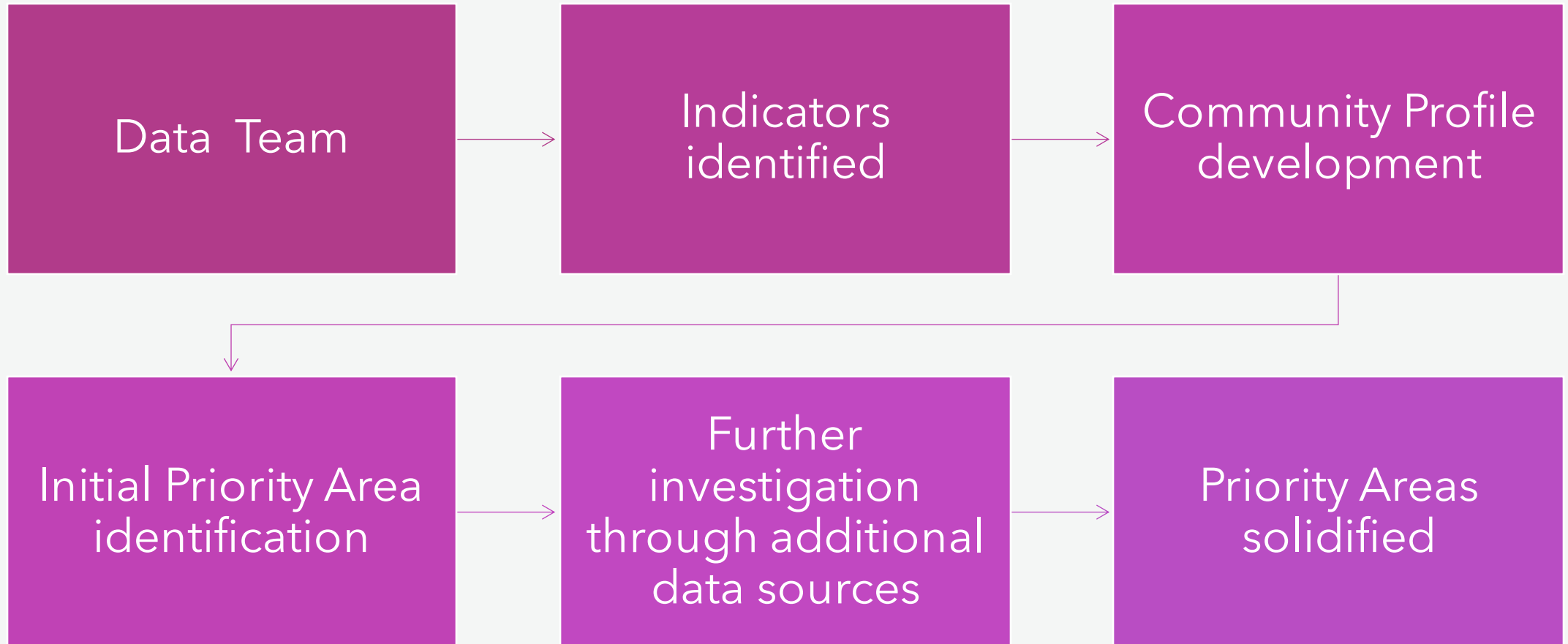


Community Health Assessment

HEALTHY
SOUTHWEST



Our Process





Data Team

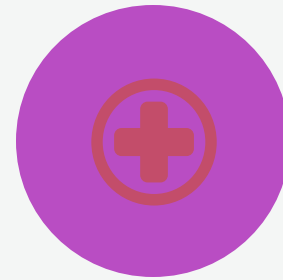
Summer 2021: Representatives from ITP, Esperanza and SWOP held a series of meetings with an Epi from CDPH to determine common indicators around the 6 SW issue areas pertinent to understanding the Health Equity landscape in each community area



Indicators to Community Profiles

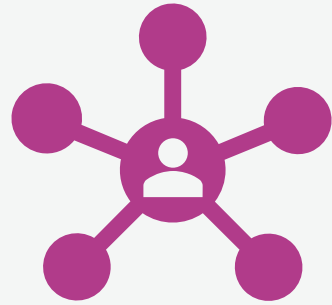


May 2022: Each Community Lead used the list of indicators to generate quantitative Community Profiles using the Health Atlas, Census data, CMAP and presented these profiles in their hyperlocal collaboratives



This kicked off the Community Health Assessment Process

Initial Priority Area Identification



Community Leads used community profiles to surface key indicators/priority areas in community areas that required further investigation



Each Hyperlocal collaborative determined additional methods and data sources to gather information on these priority areas from profiles

Methods

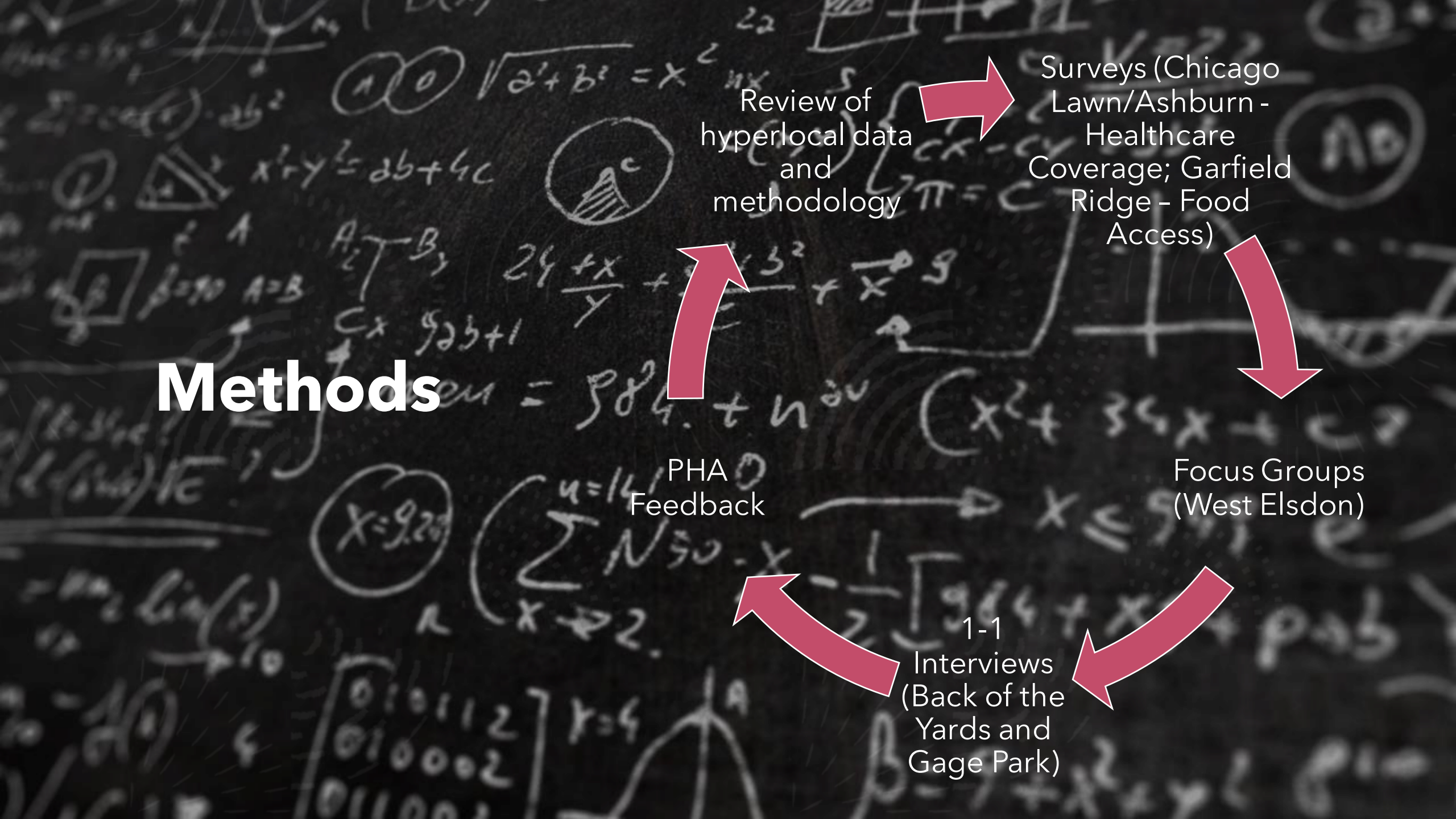
Review of
hyperlocal data
and
methodology

Surveys (Chicago
Lawn/Ashburn -
Healthcare
Coverage; Garfield
Ridge - Food
Access)

PHA
Feedback

1-1
Interviews
(Back of the
Yards and
Gage Park)

Focus Groups
(West Elsdon)



Priority Areas

Community Area(s)/Hyperlocal Collaborative	Priority Issues Emerging through Community Health Assessments
Archer Heights/Brighton Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Access to Healthcare•Healthcare Coverage•Resources to Navigate Medicaid
Back of the Yards/New City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Community Safety
Gage Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Access to Primary Care
Chicago Lawn/Ashburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Employment/Jobs•Healthcare Access•Food Access
Clearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Adult Smoking Rate•Lung Cancer Mortality Rate•Food Access
West Lawn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Crowded Housing•Rent Burden•Food Access
Garfield Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Food Access
McKinley Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Access to Healthcare
West Elsdon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Preventative Healthcare•Food Access/Security•Education



HEALTHY SOUTHWEST



**CHICAGO LAWN/
ASHBURN**

Access to Primary
Care, Jobs & Food



**BRIGHTON
PARK/ARCHER
HEIGHTS**

Supporting residents in
using full range of
Medicaid



**PRIORITY ACTION
AREAS BY
HYPERCOLLABORATIVE
COMMUNITY TABLES**

**GARFIELD RIDGE/
CLEARING/ WEST
ELSDON/ WEST LAWN**

Food Security:
Access & Education



MCKINLEY PARK

Mental Health



**BRIDGEPORT/
ARMOUR SQUARE**

Ensure healthcare
access to PCP for
annual screenings

**GAGE PARK/BACK
OF THE YARDS**

Public Safety



Regional Priority

Public Health Workforce Development



SCAN ME

HEALTHY CHICAGO EQUITY ZONE

The West Region





01

Introduction

HCEZ & Assessment Overview



Vision Statement

The Assessment Workgroup will collaboratively develop community assessments to understand the root causes of health inequities on the West Side.

We will establish a stronger coalition of support, align with priority health needs, and identify resources to create a collective effort to build healthier West Side communities.

TRANSPARENCY | EQUITY | ACCESSIBILITY | INCLUSIVITY | INNOVATION

The West Region

United for Healthier
West Side



POPULATION

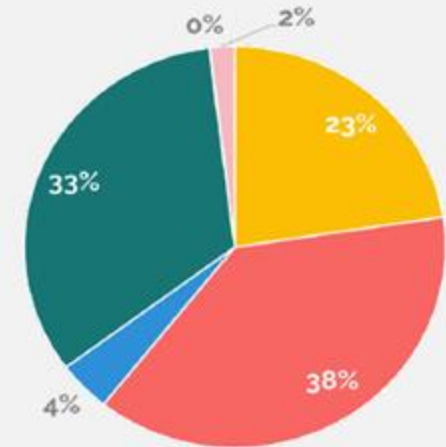
465,315

LIFE EXPECTANCY

73.1 YEARS

MEDIAN INCOME

\$64,003



Non-Hispanic White

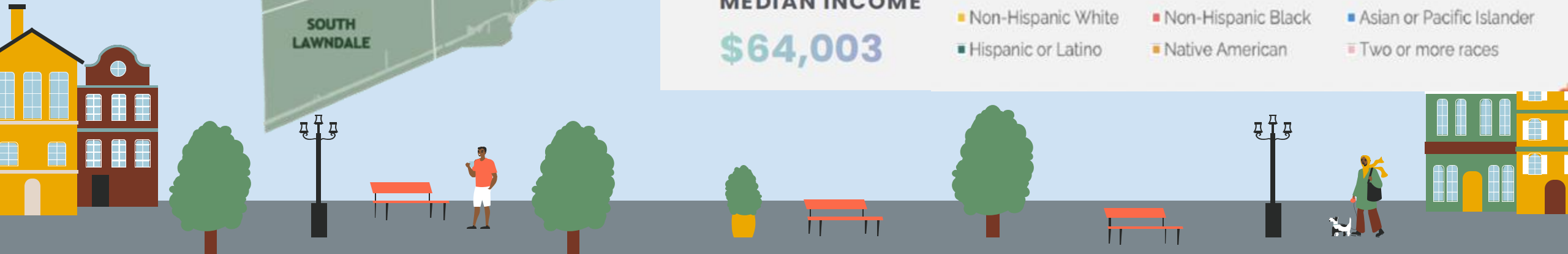
Non-Hispanic Black

Asian or Pacific Islander

Hispanic or Latino

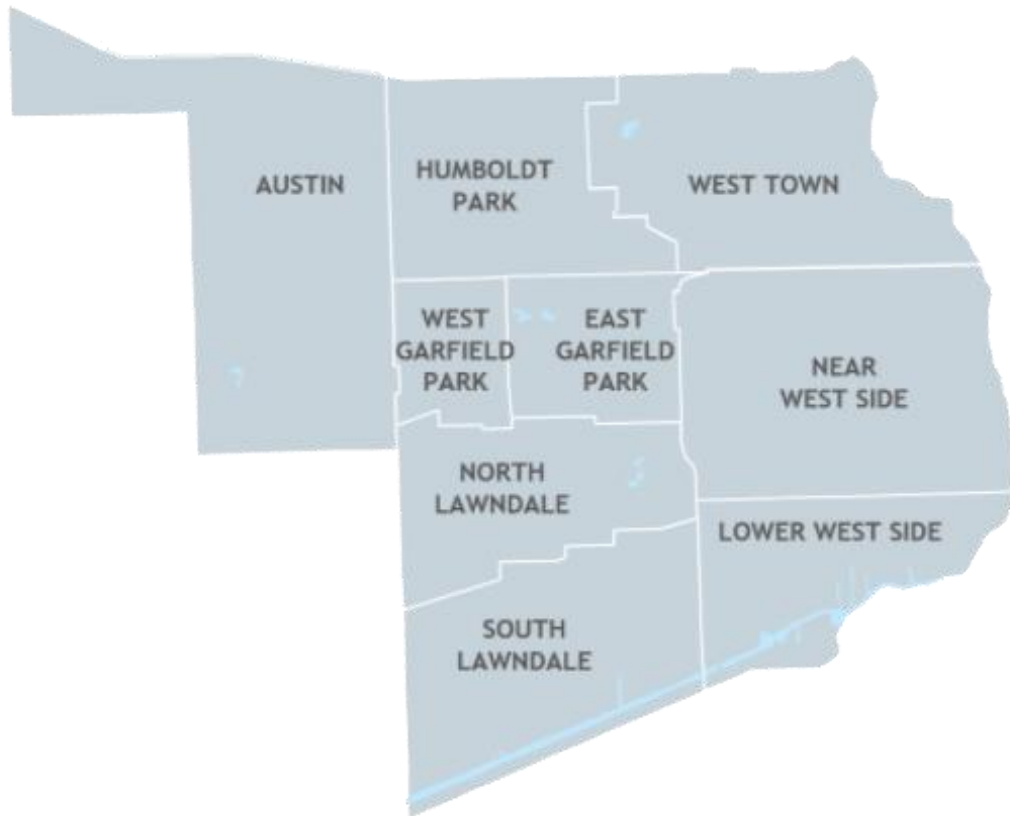
Native American

Two or more races



The West Region

9 Community Areas, 8 Community Leads



124

COMMUNITY PARTNERS ENGAGED



02

Data & Methods

HCEZ & Assessment Overview



Our Data

Quantitative

e



Priority Indicators

Required metrics
Chicago Health Atlas

Additional Indicators

Supplemental metrics for
community-specific issues

Community Input Survey

Designed and disseminated
by the West Region

AHE Data

Survey & focus group data
collected by Alliance for
Health Equity

Qualitative



Data Collection Process

RL: Regional Lead (=West Side United), CL: Community Lead

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 | Existing Data Review | The group reviewed the quantitative data and existing assessment reports |
| 2 | Areas of Interest Selection | Based on the data, each CL selected 3-5 areas to collect community input for |
| 3 | Tool selection | RL introduced different tools to collect community input; the group decided to conduct surveys |
| 4 | Data Collection Plan | Each CL developed a data collection plan (e.g. outreach strategy, target population, etc.) |
| 5 | Survey Development | RL met with each CL to design and develop a survey tailored to each CL's areas of interest |
| 6 | Review & Finalize | RL and CLs reviewed the survey with their internal teams and finalized the questions |
| 7 | Survey Dissemination | Community input surveys were disseminated by each CL through different channels |
| 8 | Survey Data Analysis | Once the survey was closed, each CL analyzed the results and drafted a survey analysis report |



Community Input Survey Overview

Data Collection Period: 10/17/22 - 11/7/22

Actual survey close dates vary; we kept the deadline flexible (\pm a few days) to accommodate community leads' schedules and capacity.

7

SURVEYS
CONDUCTED

974

RESPONSES
COLLECTED

8

COMMUNITY
AREAS

42

PARTNERS
ENGAGED

2 main sections, 8 topics covered.

Section 1: Same across all 7 surveys

- Demographics
- Community Health Needs (23 categories)
- Areas for Improvement

Section 2 was customized for the 3-5 areas of interest selected for each community area by CLs. The 8 health issues covered in this section are housing, healthcare access, youth, personal health, mental health, chronic diseases, healthy food, and neighborhood safety.

Community Input Survey Results

Priority Health Needs

28%

HOUSING
STABILITY

27%

MENTAL
HEALTH

23%

VIOLENT
CRIME

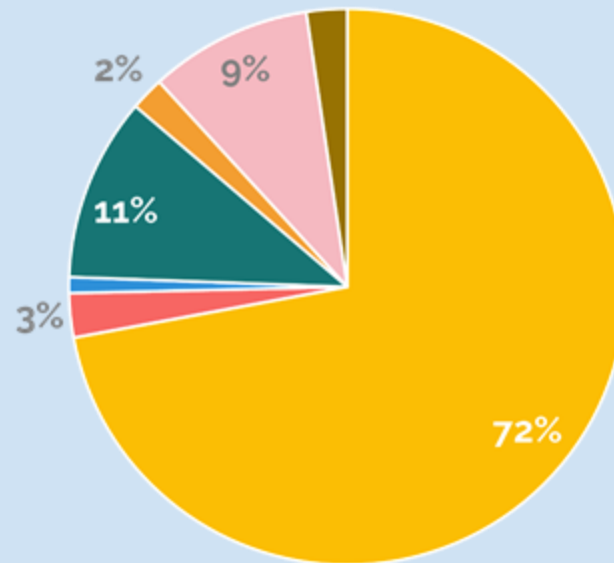
18%

COVID-19
RESPONSE

Race & Ethnicity

91%

OF OUR RESPONDENTS IDENTIFY AS BIPOC



- African American/Black
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Pacific Islander or Hawaiian Native
- White
- Other

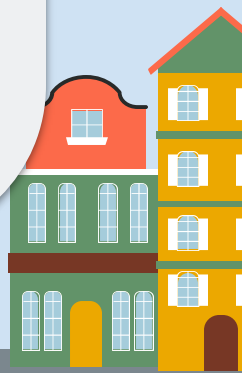
Capacity Building: How We Supported Community Leads

- Provided tools and resources to help build capacity around data literacy
- Hosted workshops, working sessions, and office hours to provide tailored support
- Helped CLs identify potential partnership opportunities
- Connected CLs with new partners to carry out HCEZ-related tasks
- Provided additional funding to support community input gathering activities
- Shared professional development opportunities
- Introduced new tools and resources for data collection and analysis

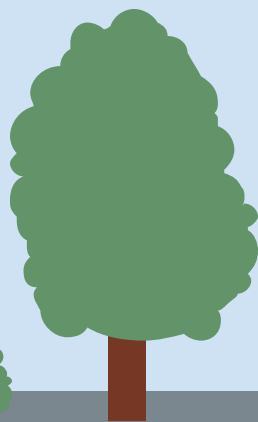
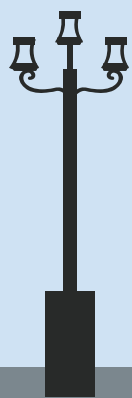


Top Priority Area in Each Community Area

Community Area	Top Priority Area
Austin	Mental Health Services
East Garfield Park	Food Access
South Lawndale	Financial/Economic Stability
Humboldt Park	Mental Health Services
Lower West Side	Mental Health Services
North Lawndale	Housing
West Garfield Park	Neighborhood Safety
West Town	Chronic Diseases
Near West Side	Chronic Diseases



Thank you!





PHALANX
FAMILY
SERVICES

Community Health Assessments and Plans

HEALTHY CHICAGO EQUITY ZONE:
FAR SOUTH REGION



August 18, 2023

Phalanx Family Services Building Strong Families

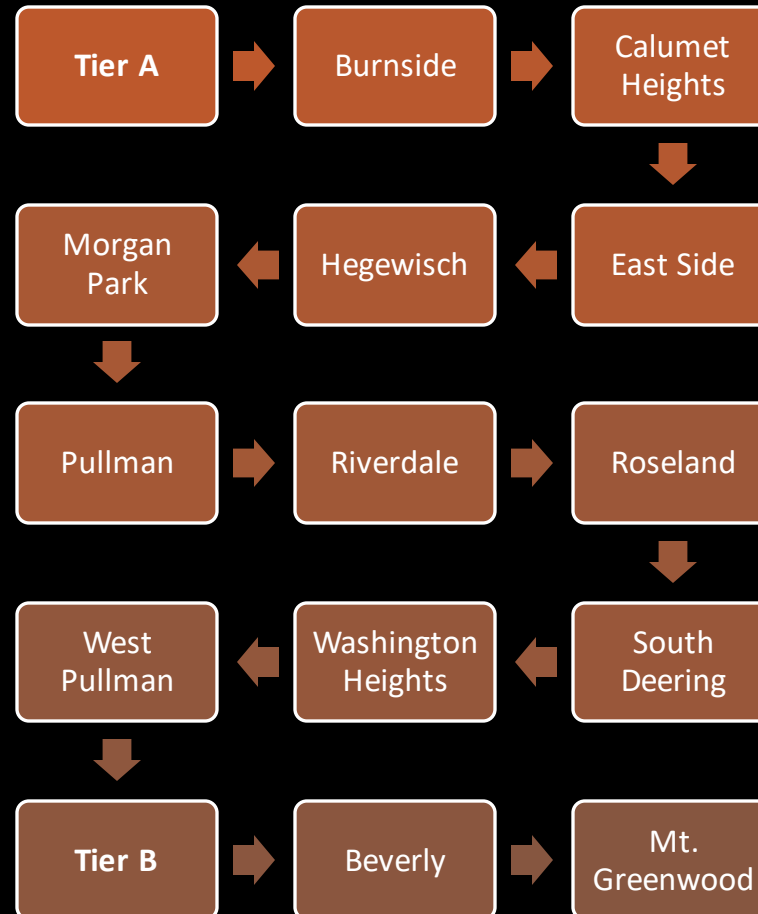
A CLOSE-KNIT BODY OF PEOPLE, UNIFIED BY A COMMON GOAL. FOUNDED IN 2003, OUR MANAGEMENT STAFF HAS MORE THAN 120 CUMULATIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE PROVIDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS AND STRENGTH-BASED SOCIAL SERVICES TO DISADVANTAGED AND AT-RISK POPULATION. PHALANX FAMILY SERVICES BUILDS EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY, SELF-SUFFICIENT FAMILIES IN A COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY CAN THRIVE.



The Far South Region

13 Community Areas

11 Community Leads




PARTNERSHIPS

CVCA High School
Hoyne Elementary School
7th Ward Alderman's Office
8th Ward Alderman's Office
10th Ward Alderman's Office
21st Ward Alderman's Office
State Representative Marcus Evans
State Representative Justin Slaughter
Advocate Trinity Hospital
Compassion Baptist Church
Chicago Police Department
316 Magazine
Beacon Light Ministries
Goddess Mentoring
People Helping People
Grant A Wish
South Chicago Medical Center
Morgan Park Roots Organization
Calumet Heights Homeowner's Assoc.
Graduates Over Guns
Kids off the Block
New Generation Fancy Drill Team

Phalanx Family Services
Hegewisch Nutrition
Roses in Roseland
Youth Advocacy Foundation
Hegewisch Business Association
Tamvakis Law
Steve's Catering/Banquet Hall
Hegewisch Veterans Memorial
South Shore Post #388
Instavaxx, Inc
Mission Inflatable, Inc.
Pallee Made
Roseland Community Hospital
University of Illinois (Chicago)
University of Chicago
Christ Our Light Parish
CPD-CAPS Unit
Rush Medical Center
Beverly Arts Center
Chicago Parks Foundation
Ada Park Advisory Council
Helping Communities Help Themselves
Project Brotherhood



Faith-based Partners



City-Hope Evangelistic Ministry
935 E. 134th Street
Chicago, IL 60827


Arnett AME Chapel
11218 S. Bishop Street
Chicago, IL 60643

Advocate United Church of Christ
10359 S. Avenue L
Chicago, IL 60617

Beth Eden Baptist Church
11121 S. Loomis
Chicago, IL 60643

Oakdale Covenant Church
9940 S. Vincennes
Chicago, IL 60643

Urban Comuniversity Center
9101 S. Jeffrey Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60617



MOTTO: We want to hear from you!

Listen to what the **community** has to say.

Join forces with **neighborhood** organizations, other **local leaders**, and **public health services**.

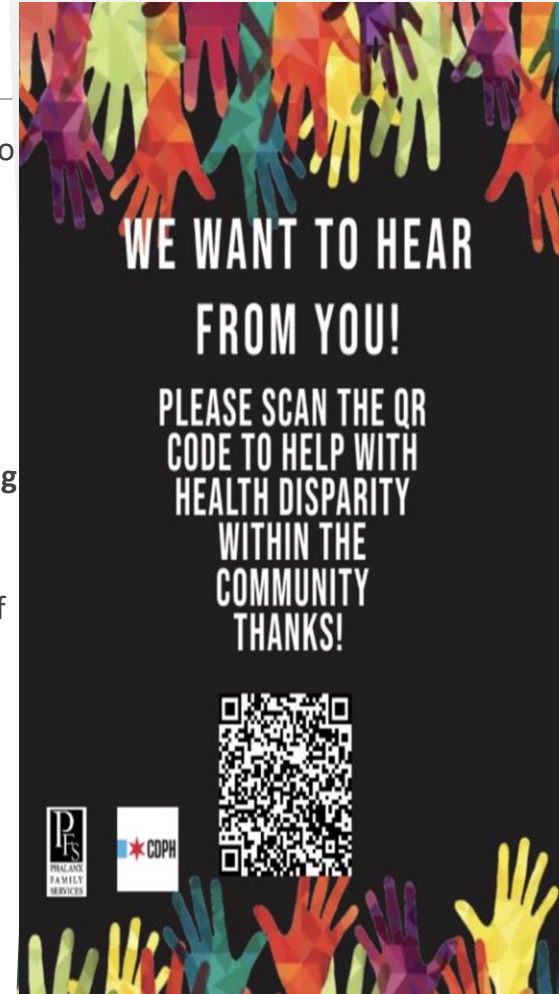
Educate yourself and **promote** change.

Participate in **planning** and **assessing** community needs.

Engagement of the **community**, **empowerment**, and **modification** of societal norms.




Proactive not reactive (Get to the root)

GET TO WORK!



**WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

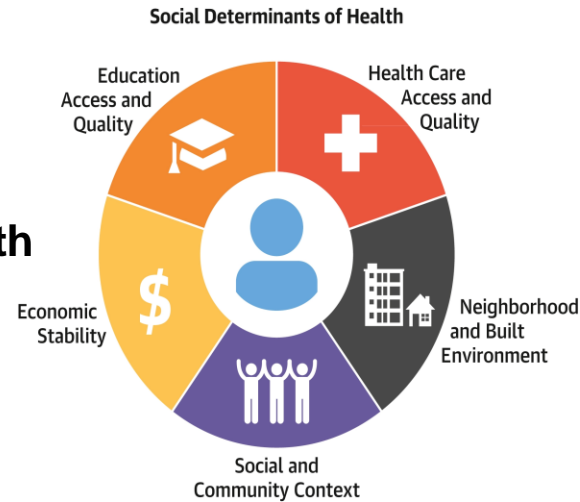
**PLEASE SCAN THE QR
CODE TO HELP WITH
HEALTH DISPARITY
WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY
THANKS!**





What are the disparities in OUR
Communities?

The Role of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) in Promoting Health and Health Equity



Providing education to our community leads to promote sustainability, and pave the way to equity

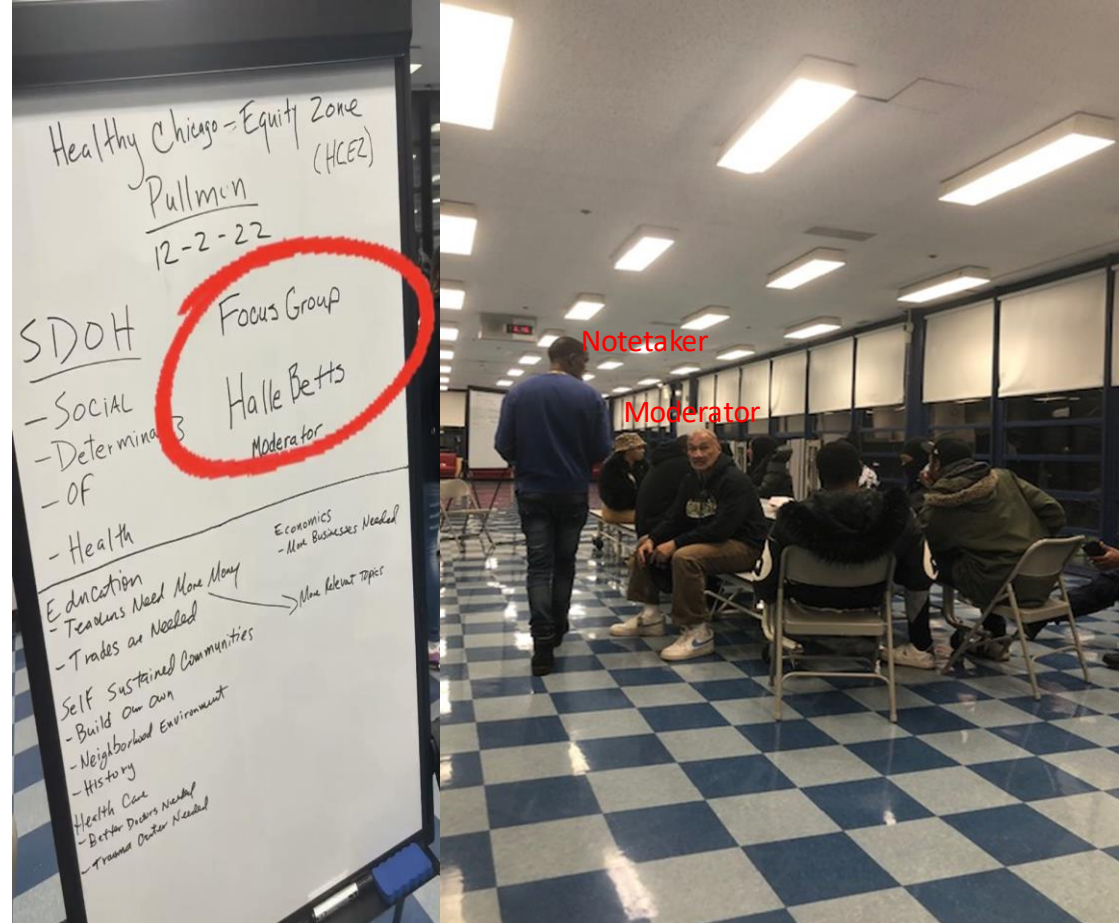
What is the root cause of social determinants of health? In 1906, W.E.B. DuBois noted that social conditions, not genetics, impacted the health of Blacks, causing racial disparities in mortality rates. Sep 22, 2020

Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks. SDOH can be grouped into 5 domains:

EACH COMMUNITY LEAD
Data Collection
Mixed Methods

300 Surveys

3 Focus
Groups



Pullman Focus Groups



Morgan Park Focus Groups

Top 6 Focus
Areas
Identified
in the Far
South Region

Violence Prevention

Mental Health

Diabetes

Cancers

Heart Disease/-strokes

Environmental Health



- **INCREASED VISIBILITY OF THE FAR SOUTH REGION AND OUR WORK** in community outreach and engagement.
- Large pool of community member volunteers.
- Phalanx has been accepted and welcomed to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program. We are conducting 2 Cohorts.
- Submitted abstracts that were accepted for presentation at American Public Health Association (APHA) in 2022 & 2023.
- Separate concentration of work for seniors and youth.
- All community leads are registered to take the BE CIRTification training program in human research protections which is offered by the UOC.
- Phalanx is an internship and field experience site for public health and health and human services students.

What we are most proud of...

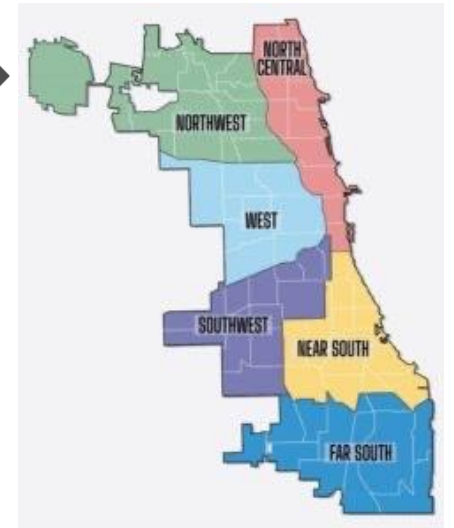
The End.





Northwest Region

Chicago Health Equity Zones



NORTHWEST

Edison Park

Norwood Park

Jefferson Park

Forest Glen

North Park

Albany Park

Portage Park

Irving Park

Dunning

Montclare

Belmont Cragin

Hermosa

Avondale

Logan Square



HEALTHY
NORTHWEST



NORTH WEST REGION COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT



NW REGION'S TOP THREE ISSUE AREAS



NORTHWEST CENTER: BELMONT CRAGIN



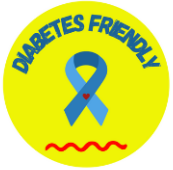
160% INCREASE IN PEDIATRIC DIABETES

16% OF CHILDREN IN CHICAGO HAVE ASTHMA

NORTHWEST CENTER: BELMONT CRAGIN COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER LED INTERVENTIONS



HEALTHY HOMES



DIABETES FRIENDLY
MENU ITEMS



BASED ON COMMUNITY FEEDBACK, MFS CREATED PROGRAMS AND INTERVENTIONS TO TARGET PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE IRVING PARK COMMUNITY.



Mexican Music Program
MFS partnered with Sones de Mexico to create a Mexican music program, aligned with community call for alternative spaces and activities for youth.



The Gang Resistance Education and Training Program, is a gang and violence prevention program, intended as immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership for children.





NORTH RIVER COMMISSION: ALBANY PARK

Many of the collected city-wide data does not reflect the current public safety concerns within our Albany Park community. Through focus groups and gathered community intelligence, our community members have voiced their needs for:

- Expanded violence prevention programming and survivor resources
- Advocating for alternative ways to deal with conflict and violence
- Identify and address street deficiencies that make areas of Albany Park unsafe.





NORTH RIVER COMMISSION: ALBANY PARK

Through focus groups and gathered community intelligence, our community members have voiced their needs for expanded violence prevention programming, advocating for alternative ways to deal with conflict, and addressing street deficiencies that make Albany Park unsafe.

What public safety projects has NRC started to respond to community voice?

Healing Village/ Restorative Justice Circles

Healing Villages carve out intentional space to connect and help prevent the circle of violence through the lens of restorative justice.



Mental Health First Aid

MHFA increases access to mental health resources for social service organizations that interact with community members prevent further community trauma.



#LightUpAlbanyPark

Using a youth-led peer mentorship program, this collective initiative identifies street deficiencies in Albany Park through social media and helps increase the sense of safety.



What other work is NRC doing to address public safety?

- North River Youth Council
- Parent Mentor Program
- Apprenticeship Program
- Lot Jams & Public Art
- Community Health & Safety Meetings
- Victim Family Support Services
- Light Up Albany Park Campaign

Palenque LSNA: Hermosa and Logan Square



Palenque LSNA Youth Council

"Housing is the base for everything. If you don't have shelter you can't be well." - Logan Square Resident





Thank You!



GREATER AUBURN GRESHAM
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**HEALTHY CHICAGO EQUITY ZONES
NEAR SOUTH REGIONAL
COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT**

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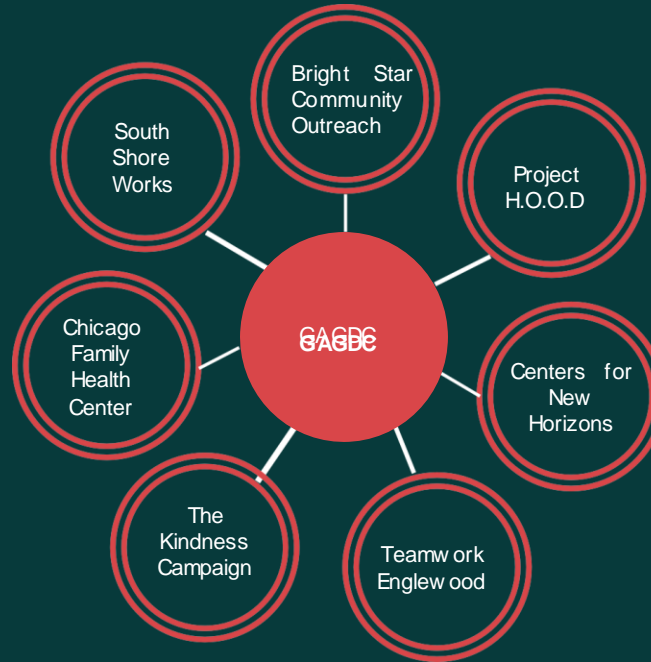
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"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." – Andrew Carnegie



HCEZ Near South Regional Structure

ECO MAP

The Healthy Chicago Equity Zones initiative deploys hyper-local strategies to confront the social and environmental factors that contribute to health and racial inequity – with the ultimate goal of closing Chicago’s racial life expectancy gap.

Efforts begun with the community leadership of COVID-19 vaccination campaigns. This included outreach and engagement during 2021 where there was a focus on increasing COVID-19 vaccination rates, and have now evolved to confront factors that contribute to health and racial disparities. This includes healthcare and social service access, food access, housing conditions, community safety, and the physical and built neighborhood environment.

Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation (GAGDC) is the regional lead for the HCEZ Near South Region. GAGDC has assigned a corresponding Community Lead for each neighborhood in the Near South Region, and we take pride in these cross community collaborations.



Near South Community Leads

NEAR SOUTH COMMUNITY LEADS



BRIGHT STAR
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our mission is to empower residents to share in the responsibility of building community through resource development and collaborative partnerships. We envision today's underserved communities becoming self-sufficient livable communities for individuals, families and organizations.

To ignite in people the pure quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate by leading with acts of kindness. We envision a future where compassion is at the core of all human interaction.



Founded in 1971, Centers for New Horizons, Inc. (Centers) is a nonprofit organization that assists children, youth, and families in becoming self-reliant, improving the quality of their lives, and participating in rebuilding their community.

The South Shore Works Planning and Preservation Coalition (hereinafter referred to as South Shore Works) is an emerging 501(C)(3) community-based organization dedicated to the revitalization and restoration of the South Shore community.



Our mission is to improve the quality of life of the residents and stakeholders of Englewood by facilitating economic, educational and social opportunities. We build community capacity by collaborating with local and potential stakeholders to create an environment that fosters the tenants for a healthy and vibrant Englewood.

At Project H.O.O.D., we provide mentorship, training, and community for residents of Woodlawn and Englewood. We care for our neighbors through services that empower.



The UChicago Medicine mission is to provide superior health care in a compassionate manner, ever mindful of each patient's dignity and individuality.

Chicago Family Health Center promotes health while working to prevent disease and provide treatment, through the delivery of quality and accessible primary healthcare, that is culturally sensitive, affordable, and responsive to community and individual needs.



HCEZ NEAR SOUTH REGION

DATA COLLECTION

PHASES & PROCESS

01

Coalitions

There were 8 coalitions formed across the Near South Region, and our Community Leads also joined pre-existing coalitions to ensure that all community partners were aware of the vision and values of this Community Assessment.

02

Surveys

Surveys were disseminated

through Community Lead outreach programs, partners that were identified through resource mapping, and additional online outreach efforts via social media.

03

Focus Groups

There were more than 20 focus groups that were led by Community Leads to have candid conversations about healthy communities.

04

Interviews

Community Leads in the Near South Region have conducted hundreds of interviews in regards to this Community Assessment, whereas some are recorded videos and others are verbal testimonials.



Mayor Lori Lightfoot participated in a Violence Prevention focus group on October 10, 2022. The Mayor and her staff took time to understand the experiences and testimonies of Target Area Development, St. Sabina's Strong Future's/SCAN, True Believers/Stay L.I.T, GAGDC, 79th St Corridor Ambassadors and WWON.

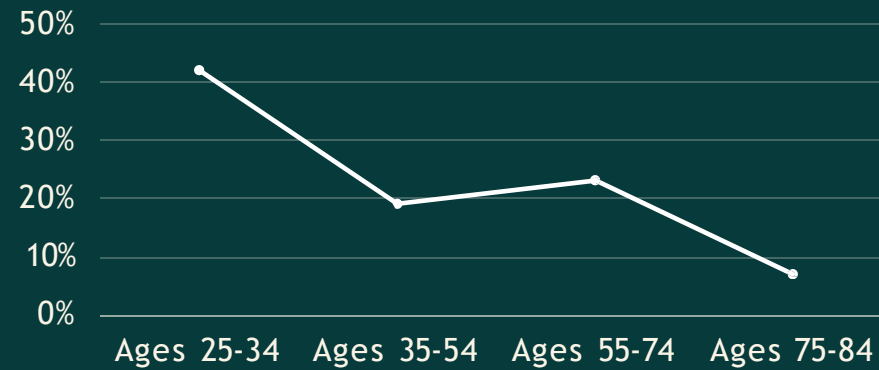
Near South Region Data Overview

Collection & Analyzation

1,719
Survey
Respondents

20+
Focus Groups

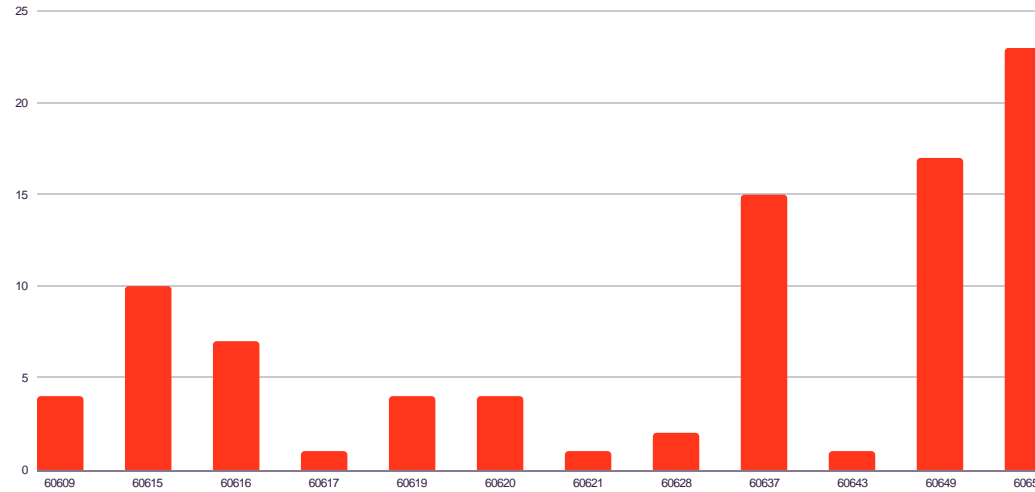
100+
Interviews



THE NEAR SOUTH REGION OF CHICAGO'S HEALTHY EQUITY ZONES SERVES OVER FIFTEEN ZIP CODES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO. HERE IS A BREAKDOWN OF OUR SURVEY RESPONDENTS ACROSS COMMUNITIES.



SURVEY RESULTS BY ZIP CODE



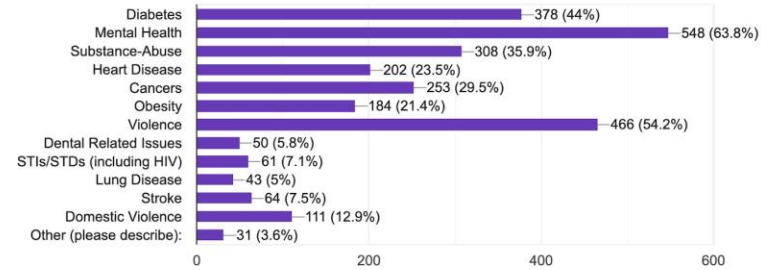
Majority of our survey results were from the community zip codes of Bronzeville, South Shore, Greater Grand Crossing, Kenwood, Douglas, Chatham and Auburn Gresham.

SURVEY RESULTS

HEALTH ISSUES

What do you think are the three most important health problems in your community? (Choose top 3):

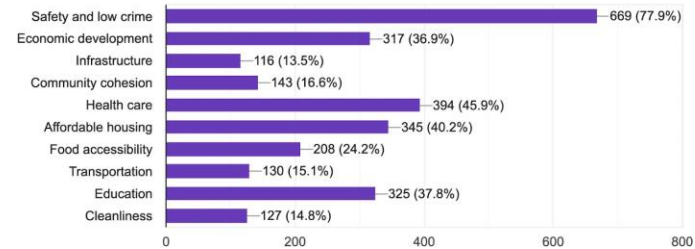
859 responses



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

What are the top three things that you would like to see improved in your community?

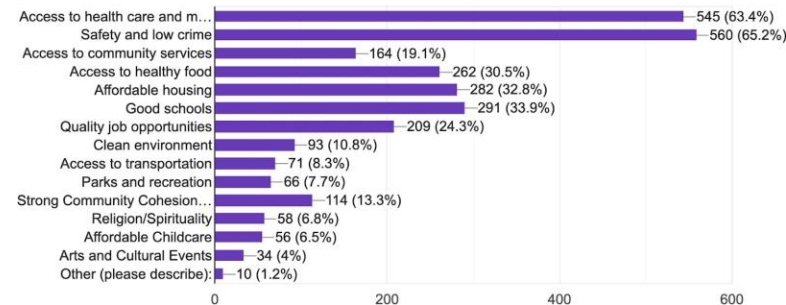
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HEALTHY COMMUNITY NEEDS

What do you think are the three most important concerns that are necessary for a healthy community? (Choose top 3):

859 responses



SURVEY FINDINGS

With more than 1,700 surveys completed by the Community Leads in the Near South Region, we were able to assess that 90% of the respondents were African American with over 40% being between the ages of 25-34. Surveys were circulated online through eblasts and social media, at events, at focus groups, and during general community canvassing outreach by Community Leads.

The survey results allowed us to assess the residents current view of whether or not they live in a health community, and provide insight on what they acknowledged as the needs to achieve a healthy community. That main need is for safer communities, and improved public safety. 44% of our participants determined that violence prevention is a concern that needs the most attention in their communities.

The survey responses with the largest percentages were for violence, safety and low crime. Our residents want a safe community with low crime, and they identified violence as the most important health problem. Public safety in a neighborhood is an important determinant of health, and we now understand the importance for it to become a priority in the Near South Region.



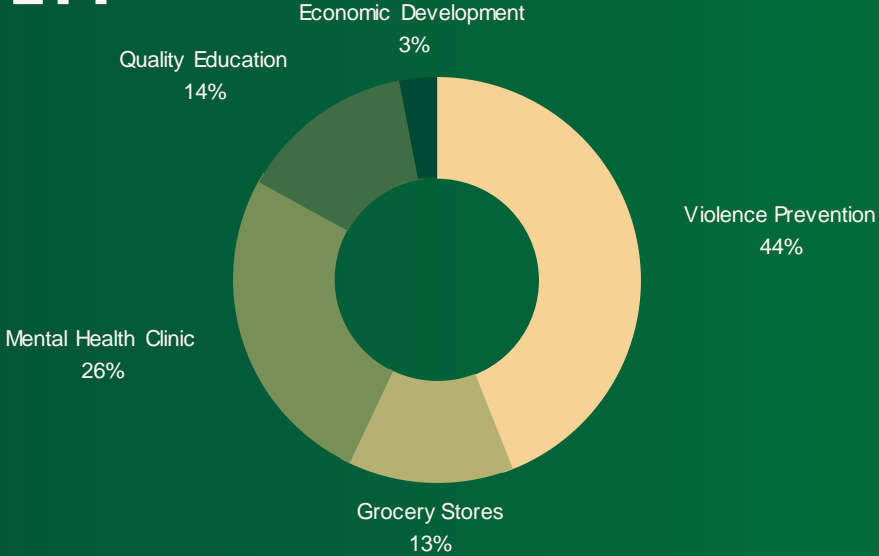
Survey results also revealed that 49% of residents in the Near South Region do not feel as though they have healthy eating options, and only 33% believe that they do have healthy eating options in their local communities. Many respondents associated gas stations and convenient stores as access to food instabilities.

40% of participants confirmed that they or someone they know needs mental health services. In reference to the barriers to receiving the healthcare services they need, 48% identified costs as the barrier with 37% deciding transportation was the main barrier.

On a positive note, 44% of residents agreed that they have good access to local healthcare through hospitals, urgent cares, and doctor offices. We are also pleased to report that 53% of participants said that no one in their household had a serious health condition, and only 25% has someone in the household with a serious health condition.

THERE IS A NEED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

"Public health and safety are essential for residents to feel protected and cared for as individuals- and as a cohesive community. Every year thousands of Chicagoans die earlier than they would if there were no health inequities. The inequities continue to persist and are more common for violence-related deaths, especially involving the city's pervasive gun violence. Thousands of violent incidents every year result in hundreds of deaths and injuries, as well as trauma for individuals and communities." -GAGDC



QUESTION

Of the options provided- which do you feel needs the most attention in your community?

**HCEZ Near South Regional
Community Assessment**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Our coalitions developed a consensus to decide public safety as our regional priority issue after our analyst assessed the data, and it was apparent that violence prevention was the most vocalized need for a healthy community. This decision was hard because the second most vocalized concern was mental health, but after further assessment of the data it was noticed that the communities whole-heartedly believe that gun violence has a correlation with mental health issues. Therefore we decided to focus on the direct impact of public safety on the macro level, with the goal of developing a trauma resiliency approach that will address both public safety and mental health.

Exposure to crime and violence can truly take a burden on families and neighborhoods. This is the most pertinent issue to address, particularly due to the relationship it has with the life expectancy gap. Residents of all ages are being affected by gun violence, and are seeking violence prevention efforts that will make a real difference in their communities.

“To close the racial life expectancy gap, people affected by inequities must have power to decide how we measure and monitor our city’s progress.” - Chicago Department of Public Health

KEY INDICATOR	GENERAL CONSENSUS	DATA
Survey Results	A safe community is necessary for a healthy community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 77% believe that safety and low crime is a top priority.• 44% believe that violence prevention needs the most attention.
Focus Groups	Residents believe that gun violence causes long term trauma.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men, women, and youth were vocal about the fear for violence in their communities. There is a need to have a healthy community with low crime.
Interviews	Youth and adults fear for their lives daily while trying to navigate the communities where they live.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The consistent theme in all interviews were violence prevention requests, and the continuous rise in crime potentially being related to unaddressed mental health issues.

NEXT STEPS

True public safety requires a collaboration between law enforcement and the community.
-Betsy Hodges

During a youth focus group hosted by UChicago Medicine, participants described their neighborhoods as "risky, divided, dangerous, toxic, wild and unpredictable." They talked about how "it is impossible to exercise or spend time outside because of the violence and crime." This is a perfect example of why public safety must be the focal point because all communities deserve to feel safe, and we must begin to implement the necessary strategies to shift the paradigm.

The life expectancy gap is evidently unbalanced when it comes to residents of the Near South Region, due to an abundance of our population dying from gun violence before age thirty. There is research that discusses how gun violence is also a mental health issue. Therefore although public safety has been identified as our priority issue, we will also work diligently with partners to address the mental health aspect of it.



1. — Better Relations with Police

There is a lack of trust and reliability within communities with the Chicago Police Department that needs to be rectified. We must implement opportunities for collaboration between the community and local police officers to build better relations that result in residents feeling safe to contact the police in any event of their public safety being compromised.



2. — Community Accountability

Creating public safety initiatives that will last for decades has to be rooted in community outreach, and everyone taking accountability when violence takes place. We have to hold our fellow residents accountable, and uphold standards of safety. We all have to be an investor, and play the role of stakeholder in order to achieve low crime communities.



3. — Action & Commitment

Once we have identified the best options to increase our public safety footprint and ways to deter gun violence in our individual communities, it is imperative that we put those solutions into action with the police department and local community organizations. There are a vast majority of individuals implementing violence prevention initiatives, but we must work together to create the change we want to see.



We have been able to accomplish this great work through our partners and coalition members who assisted with surveys, focus groups, interviews and events. Most importantly, we were able to complete this Community Assessment because of the residents of HCEZ's Near South Region who participated in the focus groups, surveys, and interviews. We thank you for your honest responses, dedication to community, and resiliency to strive towards developing healthy communities.

Special thanks to the Community Leads for your hard work and effort to execute the 2022 Near South Regional Community Assessment.

We appreciate CDPH for the opportunity to assess the needs of our Near South Region, and achieve this measurable goal of developing healthy south side communities.



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