

2025-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center



Home

Strategy 1: Invest in programs and services that increase housing stability and prevent homelessness.

1a. Partner to keep individuals and families housed (e.g., housing case management, rental assistance programs and education, supportive programming at low-income housing sites, schools, etc.) (HW)

1b. Advocate for the creation and preservation of low-income housing

Strategy 2: Reduce unsheltered homelessness through expanded shelter capacity.

2a. Increase access to services that address immediate needs of unsheltered individuals (e.g., shelter-based programs, hygiene services, respite, street medicine, and programming for specific communities).



Hope

Strategy 3: Grow access to mental health services and substance use prevention and treatment services.

3a. Increase protective factors for children, youth, and parents/caregivers especially for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQ+ youth (HW).

3b. Advance collaborations that expand access to evidence-based, trauma informed mental health services.



Care

Strategy 4: Reduce health equity gaps by improving care access and enhancing coordination.

4a. Sustain investments in community-based health workers such as community health workers, liaisons, birth workers, and peer navigators.

4b. Improve access to foundational community supports (e.g., perinatal care, vaccines, dental care, childcare).

4c. Actively partner to address leading barriers to care access, including cost, transportation, interpretation, health insurance status, and distance to care.



Nourish

Strategy 5: Increase access to nutritious, culturally appropriate foods.

5a. Maximize enrollment and utilization of existing benefit programs (SNAP, WIC, Meals on Wheels, free and reduced lunch).

5b. Help sustain and expand food distribution networks serving low-income and hard to reach people.

5c. Collaborate in prevention and management of chronic disease through total health education that encompasses nutrition as well as physical health and mental well-being.