



**Access Health 100**

Cincinnati, Ohio

*Community Size:* 20-county service area serving Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky

*Program Started:* In 2003, the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati began working with healthcare providers and community leaders to increase primary care access and specialty services in underserved areas, and to explore affordable coverage options. This group became *Access Health 100*, which kicked off in the Spring of 2006.

**Overview & Structure**

*Access Health 100* is an initiative of the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati.

The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati developed *Access Health 100* in response to the need for stabilizing the safety net, or the medical and dental providers who devote all or a sufficient portion of their resources to serve the uninsured. *Access Health 100* was also created due to the growth of uninsured and immigrant populations who lack timely access to primary care. There is also a need for affordable insurance coverage options for low-income working families. The goal of *Access Health 100* is to achieve 100% access to primary care within our region.

To accomplish the impressive goal of 100% access, the Health Foundation has convened a diverse group of stakeholders who provide leadership in the development of an integrated delivery system capable of closing the health care access and service gaps. This group became the *Access Health 100* steering committee and is organized into five development teams: Systems Building, Capacity Building, Coverage Expansion, Data Infrastructure, Executive Leadership Roundtable and Financial Solutions.

**Grants Awarded**

Lead Organization	Funded Project	Proposed Outcomes
NKY Chamber of Commerce	Medical Navigator Intervention (Service Development & Implementation)	>Connect frequent ER users with a medical home

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	Defined Health Benefits Feasibility Analysis (Coverage Expansion)	>Offer coverage for primary care and dental services to low-income workers
Mercy Health Partners	Community Care Access Network (Service Development & Implementation)	>Reduce ER use and connect uninsured and low-income people to medical homes
	Community Care Access Network Expansion (ER Avoidance, Primary Care Linkage & Community Outreach)	
Healthy Moms and Babes	Planning for Community Health Worker (CHW) (Planning) & Pathways Program	>Provide support for high risk prenatal patients to receive prenatal care and find a medical home
Cincinnati Health Department	Developing Pathways to Improving Care ( Planning & Service Coordination)	>Establish coordinated and integrated service delivery between Cincinnati safety net providers
	CincyCare Initiative (Coverage Expansion)	>Increase access to primary care for low income and uninsured workers
Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati	Ohio Healthy Workers and Premium Assistance Program (Policy Proposal Development)	>Develop affordable health coverage for uninsured working Ohioans and their dependents
Cincinnati Academy of Medicine	Greater Cincinnati Area Physicians Uncompensated Care Survey (Physician Survey)	>Assess the level of uncompensated care provided by private practice physicians
HealthCare Connection	Increasing Medical Home Capacity (Infrastructure Improvement & Capacity Bldg)	>Reduce preventable ER visits and hospitalizations >Connect people to a medical and dental home
LifeTime Resources Inc.	Coordinated Transportation & Medical Services System (Capacity Building)	>Provide transportation assistance to medical services in 5 rural counties
Neighborhood Health Care, Inc.	Primary Care Collaborative for Central & SE Cincinnati (Infrastructure Improvement & Capacity Bldg)	> Organize existing resources to provide medical homes for the uninsured

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West End Health Center	Medical Outreach Program (Infrastructure Improvement)	>Create medical and social outreach programs for the uninsured and ER users >Connect people to a medical home
Everybody Rides Metro	Medical Transportation Planning (Supportive Services )	>Identify best practice transportation models and develop plans to improve public transportation access for healthcare
Crossroad Health Center	Westside Cincinnati Health Access ( Medical Home Capacity Expansion)	>Increase the number of residents with a medical home
HealthSource of Ohio	Community-Based Family Practice Residency Program Planning (Medical Home Capacity Expansion)	> Develop an implementation plan for a community-based, family practice residency program
Butler County Community Health Consortium	A Healthy Start for Life/Butler County (ER Avoidance, Primary Care Linkage & Community Outreach)	> Provide a medical and dental home for Head Start children and their families
Cincy Smiles Foundation	McMicken Health Collaborative (ER Avoidance, Primary Care Linkage & Supportive Services)	> Improve coordination of services for homeless individuals
	Dental Urgent Care Feasibility Study (ER Avoidance & Primary Care Linkage)	>Examine the feasibility of creating and financing a dental urgent care program

## **Outcomes**

*Access Health 100* will establish annual benchmarks to monitor performance of funded projects. Indicators that will be measured include:

- the number of children and adults who maintain a medical and dental home (a regular source of medical and dental care)
- number of uninsured
- appropriate use of primary care resources
- inappropriate use of ER services

### **Eligibility/Number Served**

*Access Health 100* targets uninsured/low-income children and adults who do not have a medical home. Eligibility guidelines are consistent with the Federal Poverty Guidelines. As of 2008, 6,273 have been served.

### **Financing/Costs**

As of 2008, \$2.66 million has been awarded to support planning and implement grants. The annual operating budget for *Access Health 100* coordination and technical assistance services is approximately \$200,000.00, with funds coming from grant funding, donations from health care providers, volunteers and other in-kind contributions.

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# Access Health 100 Critical Activities



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