

Alignment of Health Equity and Development (AHEAD)

Dallas Texas Project

AHEAD in Dallas

Purpose

- Build shared ownership for health in neighborhoods where inequities are concentrated
- Explicit alignment of health sector services, programs, activities, and community development sector investments

Core Themes

- Optimal leveraging of EXISTING resources – make better use of current dollars
- Support local infrastructure to manage, facilitate, evaluate, and sustain

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Forms of Alignment with Practical Applications

Spatial - Co-locate services/programs to increase accessibility and convenience for residents with similar needs.

Timing - Establish common hours of operations/activities to maximize participation

Resources - Pool resources to accomplish objectives that are not possible alone.

Expertise - Share expertise and experience to re-design services/programs to more effectively address needs and mobilize assets.

Complementary - Build explicit links across services/programs to create mutually reinforcing effects

Advocacy - Build common platforms for advocacy on core issues of equity that impact all residents and businesses serving the community.

Strategic - Re-organize and merge CBOs as appropriate to share expertise, build administrative economies of scale, and increase reach.

AHEAD in Dallas is a partnership of governmental, non-profit, private and faith-based organizations which leverage mutual resources to collectively improve social, health, educational and economic opportunities in our community.

Local organizations participating include:

Hospital systems (3)

Local neighborhood revitalization programs (2)

Local Food Bank

Dallas Health and Human Services

Additional organizations/stakeholders with investments and ongoing efforts in the neighborhood

Discussion

- Is there work we are doing in AHEAD that is relevant or helpful to what you are doing in your community?
- More specifically, what element or activity of AHEAD could be helpful for your community?

Thank you for participating.

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