

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NKY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

July 2017-December 2017

Vision: "Thriving people living healthy lifestyles in a vibrant community."

PRIORITY HEALTH ISSUE Healthy Behaviors

Center for Great Neighborhoods:

- LiveWell NKY was excited to announce the Center for Great Neighborhoods as its new backbone organization in October of 2017. The Center has assumed the role previously played by the Northern Kentucky Regional Alliance and will provide technical assistance to community LiveWell coalitions in the areas of healthy eating, active living and tobacco-free environments. Strategy development and the planning process is now underway for 2018.

PRIORITY HEALTH ISSUE Health Care Capacity, Access

St. Elizabeth Healthcare:

- St. Elizabeth Heart & Vascular Institute now offers patients a new procedure that can help prevent strokes related to atrial fibrillation. This procedure is for patients who aren't able to tolerate long-term use of blood thinners. The Watchman device is implanted and has proven to be a safe and effective alternative to blood-thinning drug therapies.
- St. Elizabeth expanded its addiction clinic. The Journey to Recovery Center is located at 351 Centre View Blvd, Crestview Hills, and provides 12-step programming and medically assisted treatments in conjunction with the Hazelden Betty Ford evidence-based model.

PRIORITY HEALTH ISSUE Changes in Policies, Systems

Northern Kentucky Partners for Health:

- Key partners jointly decided to support an increase of at least \$1 in the state cigarette tax. This will prevent youth smoking, improve the health of Kentuckians and save lives, create a healthier workforce, reduce health care costs, and provide the state with additional revenue.
- Northern Kentucky University established the Ohio River Valley Addiction Research Consortium (ORVARC). ORVARC's mission is to increase collaboration among researchers, regardless of institutional and disciplinary boundaries, in an effort to address opioid addiction in the Ohio River Valley.

PRIORITY HEALTH OUTCOMES

SPOTLIGHT

Across Northern Kentucky, some populations are not as healthy as others. Since much of our health starts where we live, learn, work and play, community partners are working together to improve conditions and strengthen policies so everyone can have a healthier life—no matter who they are, where they live, or how much they make. <https://nkyhealth.org/health-equity/>

Overarching goals:

By 2020, 95% of the community will report having a usual place to go for medical care.

By 2020, 70% of the community will report having excellent or very good health.



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