

Engineering Systems Change and Health Equity for Children in Northeast Florida

A Community Discussion Resulting
from COVID-19

Background

- For 10 years, our community of child-serving organizations has come together to look at systematic changes in a way that we can improve the health and well-being of all children...

...and it's been done with tremendous success because of your organizations.

- As stakeholders, we now have an obligation to our community's children and families to go further:
 - To monitor, respond, and improve the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to those adversely affected.

Background

- Our collective response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its affect on children is a powerful reminder that in order to make our city a place where all children can thrive,

We must work together.

Mission

- Our mission is to build a community that is equipped to prevent and mitigate ongoing and future challenges to children's well-being.

Goal

- **Identify, gather, and prioritize child health indicators** to inform programming today.
- **Influence future systems changes and policy** based on data.
- **Leverage data and collaborate to address identified needs.**

Measuring Impact

- Establish a set of indicators that can measure the impact of the crisis on children, and in particular, on our most vulnerable children.
- Clarify sources and mechanisms for accessing the measures.
- Identify additional measures that need to be collected and reported.

Measuring Impact

- Establish procedures for reporting and sharing key indicators.
- Consider indicators and measures in three domains:
 - Clinical and Programmatic
 - Systems
 - Policy
- Define what must happen in the short and longer terms to now mitigate and prevent these effects in the future.

Potential Areas of Impact & Child Health Indicators

- Access to care
- Child-care and early learning
- School (including access to learning opportunities)
- Nutrition programs (including malnutrition)
- Maternal and newborn care (reproductive health services)
- Child welfare
- Child health (including immunizations)
- Mental health
- Social development
- Violence / trauma
- Privacy (regulatory compliance)
- Economic security (including homelessness)
- Unintentional injuries
- Internet / technology access

Discussion

- What are the greatest needs of children in our community?
- What level of involvement are we willing to commit?
- How do we prioritize child health indicators?
- What data are we willing to share for the well-being of our children?
- How do we structure and organize our data?

Call to Action

- **Working together**, let's be the city of child health and well-being providers who takes immediate action to create positive change by assessing indicators identified for child success.
- **Working together**, let's learn from the pandemic to deepen our understanding of the issues surrounding health equity ensuring all children stay on track and live their best life.
- **Working together**, let's initiate change within the systems we've already created so children and youth receive the services and resources they need, when they need it.
- **Working together**, let's formalize our discussion today into actionable work groups to prioritize and tackle the issues which we can use to build public support and advocacy now and in the future.

Thank You!

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