Early in 2018, Allen County Public Health (ACPH), in collaboration with Activate Allen County (AAC), convened a group of community partners to serve as the committee to oversee the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process. MAPP is a nationally respected community health assessment and improvement planning framework that includes defining a vision for health in the community, comprehensively assessing the community’s health, and creating detailed work plans to improve upon priorities identified as a result of that assessment. ACPH contracted with the Center for Public Health Practice at the Ohio State University (CPHP) to facilitate the process.

27 community partners comprised the MAPP committee and provided oversight for the development of this community health improvement plan (CHIP). The committee was tasked with providing inputs to inform the vision for health, contributing to the assessments, examining the data provided in those assessments and utilizing their knowledge of the community to select health priorities. The CHIP is part of a long-term plan that details those identified health priorities, and their associated goals, objectives, and action steps. It can be used by a community to guide the development and implementation of projects, programs, and policies aimed at improving the health of the residents of Allen County. Health priorities selected by community partners included: Substance Use and Mental Health, Chronic Disease Prevention, Maternal and Infant Health, and Housing.

Workgroups created individual work plans to address each health priority. The work plans detail the specific goals, objectives, and measures that will be used to address these priorities and track progress. The workgroups considered several overarching principles as they further refined the health priorities and created action plans. The principles included the Health Impact Pyramid, the concepts of evidence based public health practice, and priority alignment with Ohio’s State Health Improvement Plan.

July 2018 is the starting date of the implementation of this CHIP. Allen County is fortunate to have a large group of dedicated community members that will oversee the implementation and evaluation of the CHIP until the next planning cycle commences in 2020.
To increase mental health wellness and decrease substance use in youth, the following objectives are recommended:

1. Establish Medicaid funded behavioral health services in middle and high schools.
2. Operationalize afterschool pro-social activities.
3. Provide prevention and early intervention services in schools.

To reduce chronic disease rates and tobacco use, the following objectives are recommended:

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6. Take steps toward passing a Tobacco 21 policy.
7. Implement Health in All Policies processes.

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1. Increase the number of women entering prenatal care in the first trimester.
2. Increase the rate of infants receiving recommended well baby care.
3. Create a resource map linking women with services.

To reduce the stock of substandard housing, and increase access to public transportation services, the following objectives are recommended:

1. Create a strategic plan to address substandard housing.
2. Develop a system to better track use of social programs to avoid duplication.
3. Create a strategic plan to develop the necessary funding needed to ensure public transportation services are available and accessible to those that need such services.
4. Increase the number of passengers able to access and use RTA’s services.
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Allen County Adult Health Perceptions*

* Respondents were asked: "Would you say that in general your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?"
**Number of Suicide Deaths by Age Group**

*From 2011-2017, 21% of Allen County suicide deaths occurred to those ages 25-34 years old.

**Considered attempting suicide in the past year**

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**Emergency Room/Urgent Care visits due to Overdoses by Month**

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**Allen County adults indicated the following caused them anxiety, stress or depression**

- 33% Job Stress
- 31% Financial Stress
- 20% Death of Close Family Member or Friend
- 17% Marital/Dating Relationship
- 14% Poverty/No Money
- 11% Sick Family Member
- 11% Other Stress at Home
- 8% Fighting at Home
- 8% Family Member with Mental Illness
- 6% Unemployment
- 6% Caring for a Parent
- 4% Divorce/Separation
- 3% Not Feeling Safe in the Community
- 2% Not Feeling Safe at Home
- 2% Not Having Enough to Eat
- 1% Not Having a Place to Live
- 1% Sexual Orientation
- 12% And Other Causes

**Note:** Drug overdose data is retrieved from the state’s EpiCenter surveillance database. Overdose cases include all emergency room or urgent care visits in which drugs were identified as the cause of traumatic injury. The overdoses cases were further refined by selecting only those cases where the chief complaint included the terms “OD” or “overdose”. Traumatic injuries due to drugs caused by suicide attempts or accidental overdoses of everyday drugs (such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen) were removed where identified. This data is an estimated number rather than a final count because initial diagnoses and/or details of a particular case may change from a patient’s initial examination to his/her final outcome. It is important to note that case notes available through EpiCenter rarely identify the specific drug or drugs.
2018-2020 ACTION STEPS

1. Establish Medicaid funded behavioral health services in middle and high schools.

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WORK GROUP

Allen County Opiate Community Action Commission:
Contact Mike Schoenhofer at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board: 419-222-5120.

*Please note that this group is comprised of representation from the city, EMS, Police, schools, Allen County Public Health, our local Health Systems and others.

SUCCESSES

- The Let’s Talk Program has been presented over 50 times and has reached over 1,500 parents with the tools to use when speaking to their children.

- The Opiate Community Action Commission has been established and is focusing on: opiate prescribing practices, adding additional detox beds, increasing medication drop box locations, Narcan initiatives, first responder fatigue, as well as prevention and education initiatives. All local physicians are screening for depression as part of a standard of care.

- Both Coleman and Mercy Health have opened detox programs providing a total of 10 beds. Over 90 patients have been served and currently over 80% are continuing treatment through outpatient recovery services.

- With pointed community action and support, Emergency Room visits due to Overdoses is seeing a dramatic decline (see chart on opposite page).

GET ENGAGED

- Parents must begin talking to their kids about drugs, suicide, and encourage them by talking about their strengths and talents www.letstalk.care.

- Learn more about strategies in process by the Allen County Opiate Community Action Commission and considering joining us.

- Take a course on Mental Health First Aid - www.mhfa.care

- Put the Hope Line for information or crisis 1-800-567-4673 or text line 741741 into your phone in case you or someone you know needs to access this support network.

- Become informed about the risks of taking ANY opioid pain medication either legally prescribed or illegally gotten.
Through talking with residents during evaluations, we learned that programs like Cooking for Change and Healthy Happens Here are helping residents understand more about how to prepare healthy foods and they also now have more places to buy such foods. source: Community Evaluation Response

Adults who would support an ordinance to ban smoking in the following places

- 72% Vehicle with minor present
- 49% College/Universities
- 49% Multi-Unit Housing
- 43% Parks/Ballfields
- 41% Fairgrounds

Allen County Adults Diagnosed with Diabetes

Cardiovascular Health trend data

Been Diagnosed with High Blood Pressure

- Allen County: 41% in 2009, 33% in 2014, 34% in 2017
- Ohio: 34% in 2015
- US: 31% in 2015

Had a Heart Attack

- Allen County: 7% in 2009, 4% in 2014, 5% in 2017
- Ohio: 5% in 2015
- US: 4% in 2015

62% of current smokers stopped smoking at least 1 day in the last year because they were trying to quit

Allen County Adult Current Smokers

- Allen County: 22% in 2009, 22% in 2014, 18% in 2017
- Ohio: 22% in 2015
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70% of Allen County adults are overweight or obese

Nearly 1 out of 5 (18%) of adults did not have any servings of vegetables or fruit in the past 7 days, increasing to 25% of African Americans
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WORK GROUPS

Allen County Food Policy Council:
Contact Kayla Monfort at Activate Allen County:
419-303-2868

Allen County Worksite Wellness Collaborative:
Contact Robin Johnson at West Central Ohio Regional Healthcare Alliance: 419-226-9167

Allen County Creating Healthy Communities:
Contact Shelly Miller at Allen County Public Health:
419-228-4457

Allen County Tobacco Coalition:
Contact Josh Unterbrink at Activate Allen County:
419-303-3387

SUCCESES

• The Allen County Food Policy Council was established in 2014.
• The Downtown Lima Farmer’s Market was brought back in the Summer of 2015 after not being available for multiple years. This market allows for local growers and produces to sell their products in Downtown Lima and increases the access to fresh and local food choices to residents. In the 2018 season, SNAP/EBT was added and produce sales, number of vendors and number of participants are steadily increasing each year.
• LACNIP continues to grow the community garden program. From 2016-2017, there was a 50% increase in the number of active community gardens.
• Over 5000 employees in 24 Allen County workplaces are participating in and benefiting from the Activated Business Challenge.
• Three school districts have implemented safer walking and biking routes to school. Two school districts implemented 100% tobacco free policies.
• 11 schools have been supported through the Activated School Challenge, impacting over 8000 Allen County students.
• 20 restaurants are taking part in our Active Menu Challenge and offering labeled healthy options for customers to choose.
• Lima SPROUTS (Sustained Production on Urban Tracts) was developed to explore the ability to train entrepreneurs in urban farming and pilot utilizing vacant lands in Lima to grow crops and potentially turn urban farming into a sustainable business. This is an extension of the LACNIP programs already in place.
• The Lima SPROUTS piloted Lima’s own CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program, where residents could purchase weekly produce boxes from our SPROUTS entrepreneurs and increase their intake of local, healthy foods while supporting our local farmers.
• Through an award from the Ohio Department of Transportation, 8 local law enforcement officers were trained on “Enforcement for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety” in order to continue to increase our efforts around safe walking and biking commutes for community residents.

GET ENGAGED

• Support local businesses and farmer’s markets selling fresh produce.
• Work to Activate your child’s school or preschool, your workplace and your favorite restaurant by telling them about the programs they can join for free.
• JOIN a workgroup listed above to assist in continuing the work around wellness and disease prevention in Allen County.
• Sign up for our local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program by visiting the Lima SPROUTS website: www.limasprouts.com.
• Support policies that protect people from secondhand smoke such as tobacco free workplaces and public spaces (ie. parks).
**IMPROVE MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH OUTCOMES**

- **57%** of pregnant women enter prenatal care in the first trimester
- **10%** (1 in 10) pregnant women smoke

**Infant Mortality 2015**

- **Overall 6.2**
- **African American 13.1**
  - per 1,000 live births in Allen County
  - (10 year average)

  *source: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics November 2016*

- **26%** of Allen County mothers never breastfed
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**Sleeping Locations for Infants**

- **Overall**
- **African Americans**

- **Crib/bassinette without bumper, blankets, or stuffed animals**
  - Overall: 60%
  - African Americans: 54%

- **Crib/bassinette with bumper, blankets, or stuffed animals**
  - Overall: 44%
  - African Americans: 44%

- **Pack n’ Play**
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3. Create a resource map linking women with services.

WORK GROUP

Maternal Infant Task Force:
Contact Tami Gough at Allen County Public Health: 419-228-4457

SUCCESSES

- The Maternal-Infant Task Force was formed in December of 2014.

- A screening referral process was established for OB offices to connect with local Medically Assisted Treatment Centers for treatment of opiate-addicted pregnant women.

- Lima Memorial Hospital, St. Rita’s Health Partners, and Bluffton Hospital have adopted supportive breastfeeding policies and are working through the Ohio First Steps for Healthy Babies program where all 3 are earning state recognition for their work in breastfeeding support, protection and promotion.

- Over 25 workplaces have adopted supportive breastfeeding policies.

- Over 20 Pack and Plays are distributed each month to families who need safe spaces for infants to sleep.

GET ENGAGED

- Implement company policies in your workplace to support breastfeeding women.

- Promote the ABCs of safe sleep spaces for infants – Alone, on their Backs, in a Crib without bumper pads, loose bedding, or soft toys.

- Encourage women to get early prenatal care.

- Join the Maternal Infant Task Force or a subgroup, listed above.

- Encourage your favorite restaurant, store or organization to sign the “Breastfeeding Welcome Here” pledge and commit to being a Breastfeeding Friendly location for nursing mothers.

- Assist us in the creation of a resource to link women with community services. If you know of resources that should be included, please contact the Maternal Infant Task Force at the number above.
The landlord is there just to collect the money and not to take care of properties....How do we keep landlords accountable?

—Community Focus Group Participant

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Source: United States Census Bureau

### Funding Data Chart

- **Transportation Dependent Population**
  - Disabled • Elderly • Low-Income
  - 2010: 50%
  - 2016: 40%

- **Decrease in Allen County RTA Federal and State Operating Assistance**
  - 2010: $38,000
  - 2016: $13,400
  - Decrease: 37.3%

Source: United States Census Bureau
2018-2020 ACTION STEPS

1. Create a strategic plan to address substandard housing.

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4. Increase the number of passengers able to access and use RTA’s services.

WORK GROUPS

**Allen County Bike and Pedestrian Task Force**
Contact Monica Harnish at Allen County Public Health: 419-228-4457

**Allen County Housing Consortium**
Contact Dan Faraglia at Coleman Professional Services: 567-242-6082

**FACTS Coalition (Future of Accessible-Coordinated Transportation Services):**
Contact Erica Petrie at Area Agency on Aging 3 at 419-227-3947

SUCCESSES

- In 2015, the Allen County Housing Consortium standardized the definition of safe, sanitary, secure, habitable homes and worked collaboratively to develop a checklist to assess standard housing quality.
- In 2014, the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission used community input to develop a report that generated transportation recommendations based on 15 strategies.
- In 2015, the Lima/Allen County Regional Transit Authority created a fixed route to the Heart Institute and Occupational Health facilities. Additionally, all vehicles now have wheelchair capacity and bike racks have been added to all vehicles.
- In 2016, the City of Lima received a Bronze Award as a Bike Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.
- The FACTS Coalition continues to meet with representatives from numerous community organizations to address meeting the transportation needs of those in our community.
- The number of dilapidated homes has been greatly reduced due to a large effort to demo these homes throughout the county. Over 200 homes have been demolished and this effort plans to continue.

GET ENGAGED

- Try commuting to your destination by foot, bike, or bus when possible.
- Promote Allen County walking, hiking and bicycling resources including the trail map located in the resource section of the Activate Allen County website.
- Join a workgroup listed above to assist in continuing the work around housing and public transportation in Allen County.
Obesity in children is very high. They play video games, eat fast food, and do not go out and play anymore.

source: Community Focus Group Participant

32% of youth in 6th-12th grades are classified as overweight or obese

88% of youth in 6th-12th grades are eating 1-4 servings of fruits and vegetables per day

Youth who WERE physically active at least 60 minutes 5 or more days in the past week

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US

| 2009 (9th-12th Grade) | 49% |

Youth who DID NOT participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on any day in the last week

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US

| 2009 (9th-12th Grade) | 14% |

Youth were exposed at the following places

6% of Allen County youth are current smokers

56% of Allen County youth were exposed to secondhand smoke

17% Friend’s Home

29% Another Relative’s Home

9% Park/Ballfield

17% Car

13% Fairgrounds
Youth Outcomes

5% Misused Prescription Drugs

12% Smoked Marijuana in the last 30 days

Youth who had seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year
- Allen County 2009 (6th-12th): 13%
- Allen County 2014 (6th-12th): 18%
- Allen County 2017 (6th-12th): 15%
- Allen County 2017 (9th-12th): 18%
- Ohio 2013 (9th-12th): 14%
- U.S. 2015 (9th-12th): 18%

Youth who had attempted suicide in the past year
- Allen County 2009 (6th-12th): 5%
- Allen County 2014 (6th-12th): 8%
- Allen County 2017 (6th-12th): 7%
- Allen County 2017 (9th-12th): 8%
- Ohio 2013 (9th-12th): 6%
- U.S. 2015 (9th-12th): 9%

Youth who felt sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 or more weeks in a row
- Allen County 2009 (6th-12th): 27%
- Allen County 2014 (6th-12th): 29%
- Allen County 2017 (6th-12th): 27%
- Allen County 2017 (9th-12th): 31%
- Ohio 2013 (9th-12th): 26%
- U.S. 2015 (9th-12th): 30%

Youth contemplating suicide said they would talk to:
- a close friend: 52%
- a parent: 36%

Parents who said they talked to their kids about:
- Harmful effects of Drugs: 61%
- Suicide: 33%

Youth who didn’t use drugs said that the reason they did not use was because it would upset their parents: 73%

Parents who provided youth:
- Alcohol: 33%
- Prescription drugs: 38%

Behaviors of Allen County Youth

Current Smokers vs. Non-Current Smokers

Current Youth Smoking Trend
- 16% - 2009
- 9% - 2014
- 6% - 2017
We need to stop with arguing about who is **right** and who is **wrong** and focus on how we can make it work. Then you get people who will come together and all work together.

Source: Community Focus Group