

Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness

Agency update to Metro Council
Health & Education Committee

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DEPARTMENT OF
**PUBLIC HEALTH
AND WELLNESS**



Our Vision

A healthy Louisville where everyone
and every community thrives

Our Mission

To achieve health equity and improve
the health and well-being of all
Louisville residents and visitors

Evolution of Public Health Practices

Public Health 1.0

Tremendous growth of knowledge and tools

Uneven access to care and public health



Public Health 2.0

Systematic development of public health gov't agency capacity across the U.S.

Focus limited to traditional public health agency programs

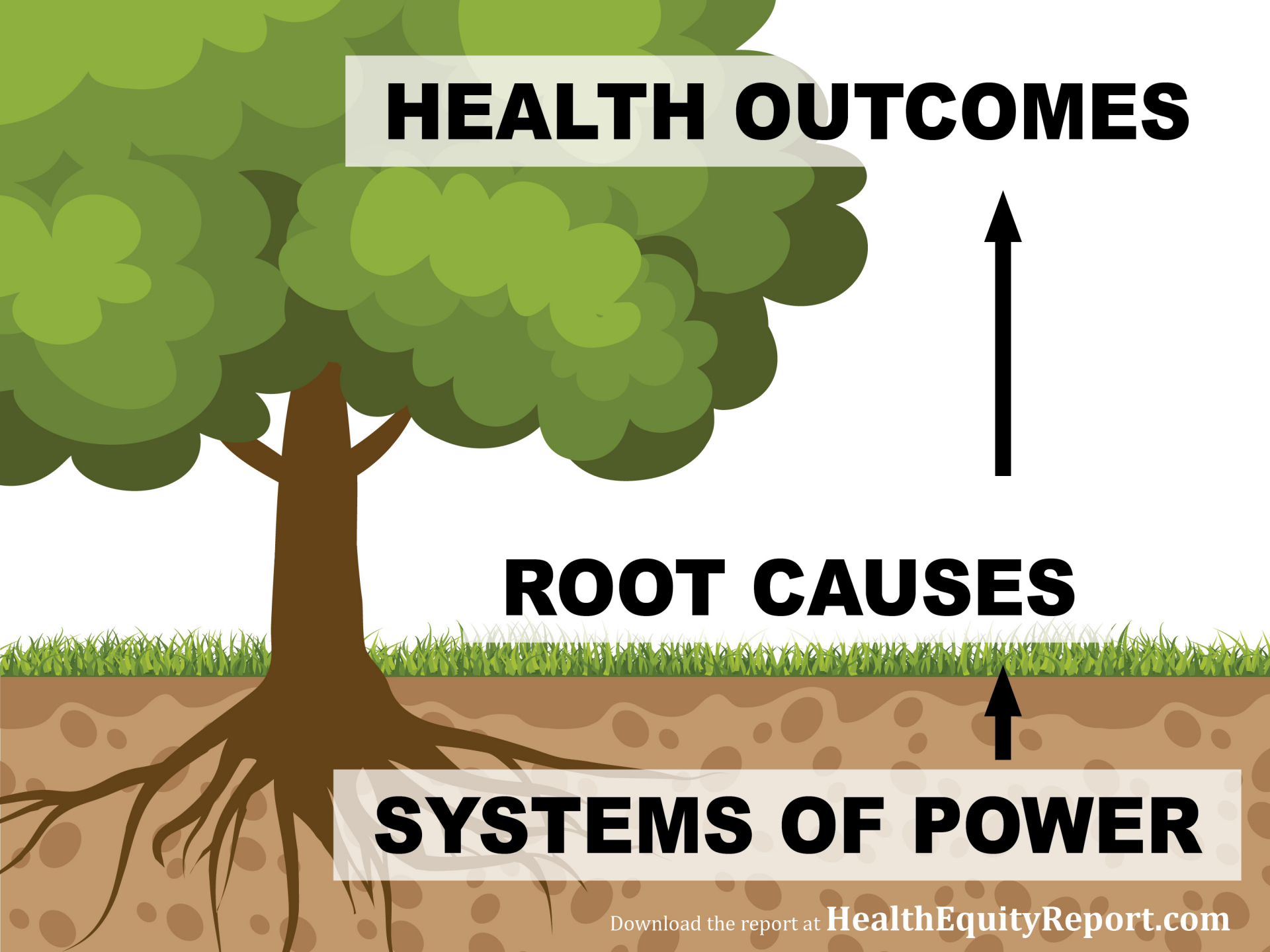


Public Health 3.0

Engage multiple sectors and community partners to generate collective impact

Improve health in our homes, schools, jobs—long before illness starts





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HEALTH OUTCOMES

ROOT CAUSES

SYSTEMS OF POWER

PUBLIC POLICY

national, state, local law

Connect with your elected officials!

COMMUNITY

relationships among organizations

How can we link resources together?

ORGANIZATIONAL

organizations, social institutions

Change where you work, learn,
pray, and play.

INTERPERSONAL

family, friends, social networks

Support each other!

INDIVIDUAL

knowledge, attitudes, skills

What you can do!

Best Practices... Are Evidence- based!

Strategic Plan Themes

**Cultivate
professional
excellence**

**Enhance
timely and
actionable
data**

**Provide bold
public
health
leadership**

**Strengthen
strategic
engagement**

**Ensure
flexible and
sustainable
funding**

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What you can do!

- **Environmental Health:** Expand and enforce Louisville's smoke-free ordinance
- **Health Equity Reports in 2011, 2014, and 2017**
- **Health Equity: Health Impact Assessments on Pregnant Workers' Rights, Impacts of Incarcerated Parents on Children's Health**
- **Substance Use Disorder Plan:** guidelines for recovery housing and advocating for expungement reform

- **Emergency Preparedness:** Hepatitis A outbreak coordinated response
- **Health Equity: Community Health Improvement Planning for Healthy Louisville 2025**
- **Health Equity: Our Money Our Voice** (participatory budgeting)
- **Environmental Quality:** mosquito fogging, restaurant inspections
- **Louisville Health Advisory Board, United Community**

- **Health Equity:** advancing racial equity trainings for LMG and partners
- **Healthy Babies Louisville:** practice changes by hospital and pediatric partners
- **Freedom from Smoking:** training partner organizations to provide evidence-based smoking cessation classes to employees and patients

- **Suicide Prevention:** Promoting QPR training across Louisville
- **Substance Use Disorder:** Naloxone distribution and training
- **Healthy Start & WIC:** Cribs for Kids, breastfeeding classes

- **Immunizations:** 32,608 vaccines since January 2017
- **Tobacco cessation classes and promoting the KY QUIT line**
- **Specialty Clinic:** Promote safer sex practices and provide STI testing
- **MORE clinic:** Methadone treatment for people with opioid use disorder

COMING TOGETHER

FOR
HOPE,
HEALING,
& RECOVERY

A plan to address substance use and misuse in Louisville



1. Prevent and Reduce Youth Substance Use

Prevention team deciding how best to support county-wide efforts through community partnerships, data sharing and technical assistance.

CHAMPION: One Love Louisville's Substance Use Workgroup

2. Increase Trauma-Informed Care

Coordinating multiple agency trauma-informed efforts.

CHAMPION: BOUNCE Coalition

3. Reduce Stigma

Focusing anti-stigma campaign on employers and media personnel.

CHAMPION: Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness



4. Increase Harm Reduction

Working to identify and open third new mobile site, implementing Narcan distribution at Syringe Exchange Program, and finding additional community partners for Narcan.

*CHAMPIONS: Volunteers of America •
Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition*

5. Expand Diversion from Emergency Rooms and Jails

Continuing to educate partners and public about services available at the Living Room while evaluating growth of program and number of guests served.

CHAMPION: Centerstone

6. Improve Connection to Treatment

Working to expand peer support to additional hospitals beyond U of L, whose successful program has seen over 900 patients.

CHAMPION: University of Louisville Hospital

7. Measure the Quality of Treatment Programs

Working with State to provide research from group effort around best quality metrics and how to promote better consumer understanding of effective programs.

CHAMPION: University of Louisville School of Public Health and Information Science



8. Establish Guidelines for Sober Living Houses

Working with State to establish NARR standards and build capacity among local recovery houses; working with local community partners to consider how to reduce and prevent bad actors.

CHAMPIONS: Louisville Metro Office of Resilience • Treatment Advisory Group

9. Make Expungement Affordable

Supporting efforts around expungement during legislative session and expungement clinics

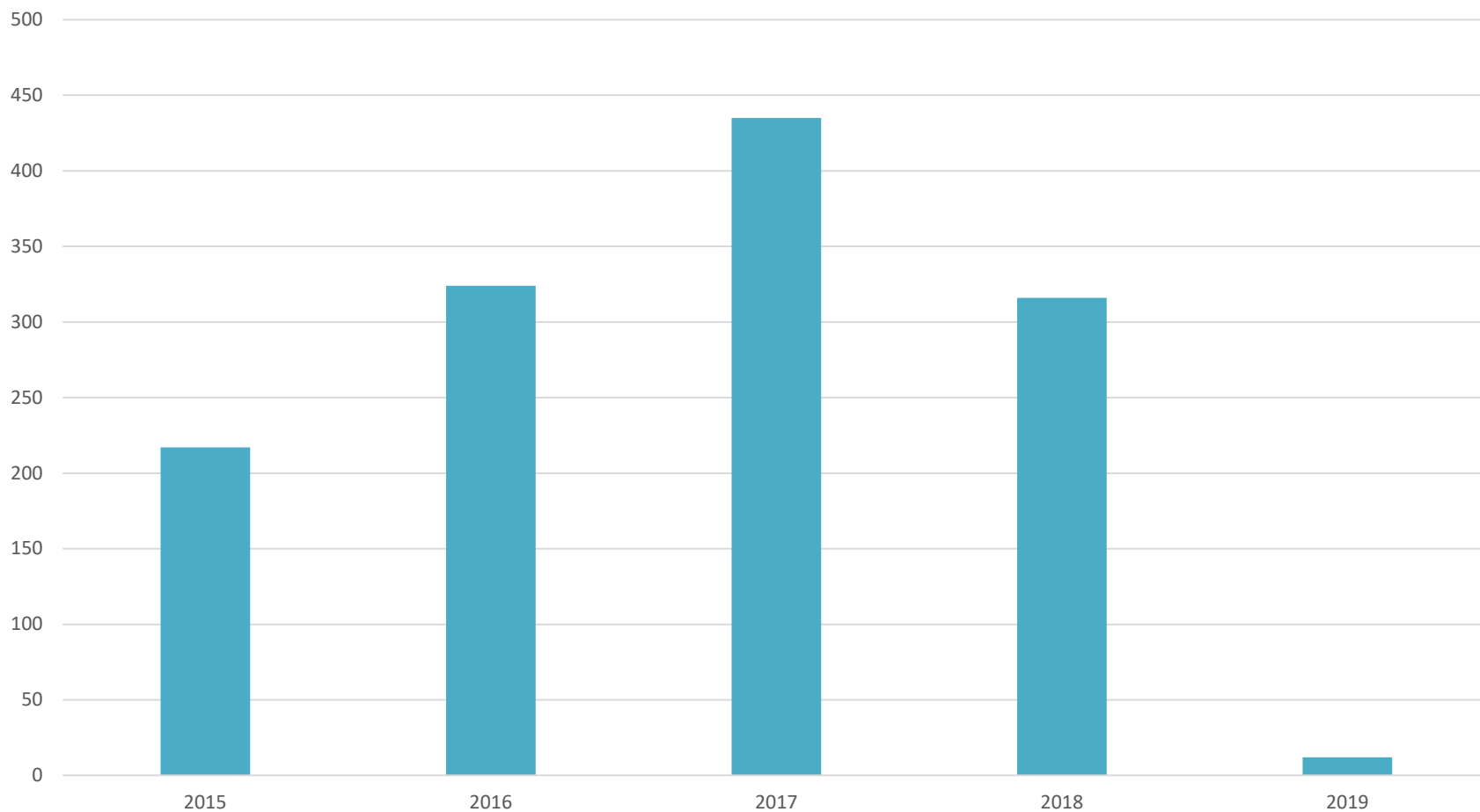
CHAMPIONS: Louisville Urban League • Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP

10. Improve Job Placement

Working with community partners to connect employers to resources needed to implement recovery-oriented employment practices.

CHAMPIONS: KentuckianaWorks • Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness

Louisville Metro Overdose Deaths 2015-2019 (to date)*

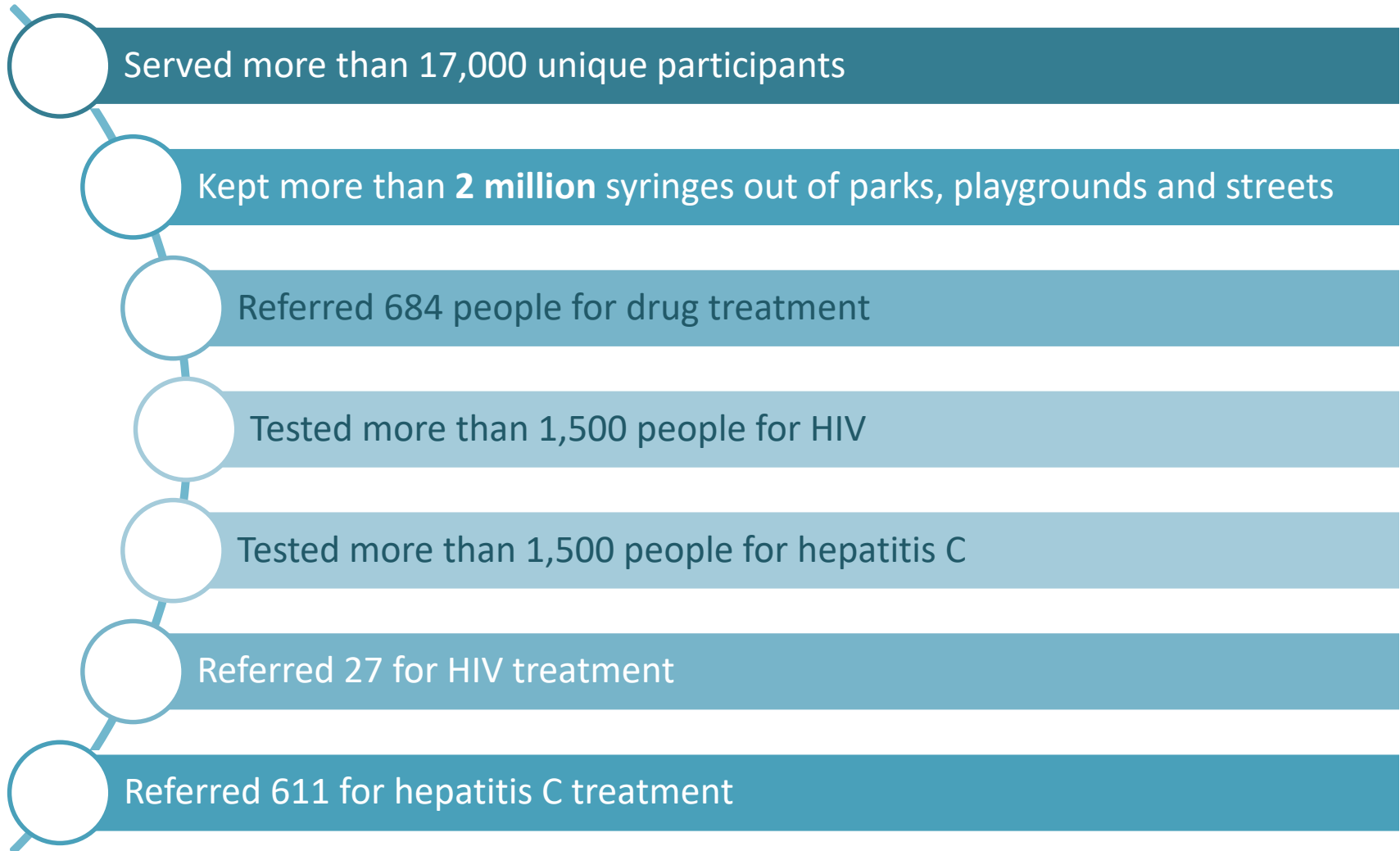


**Jefferson County Coroner's Office*

Louisville Metro SEP Visits by Site

	July 17 – January 18	July 18 – January 19
Bicknell Ave	1778	1850
FHC Portland	668	1439
Lake Dreamland Fire Station	905	987
LMPHW HQ	13904	13989
Middletown Gov Center	N/A	54
Redeemer Lutheran Church	220	289
Total Unique Participants	5536	5155

Louisville Metro Syringe Exchange, Est. 2015



Public Health Impact & the Budget

Proposed Reduction	Fund Reduction	Public Health Impact
Limit Syringe Exchange hours	\$50,000	Increased HIV and HCV rates, decreased referrals to substance use disorder treatment, and increase in overdose deaths
Reduction of HIV personnel	\$91,000	Increased number of HIV cases; increased wait times at SEP
Specialty Clinic Closure (914 E. Broadway)	\$290,000	Decreased access to STD treatment and likely increase in STD rates across the city
Elimination of Immunization program	\$115,000	No vaccines administered. Reduces ability to respond to emergent issues such as hepatitis A, pandemic flu, vector borne diseases, medical needs sheltering, etc.

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Proposed Reduction	Fund Reduction	Public Health Impact
Reduce personnel at the Center for Health Equity	\$500,000	Limit ability to prioritize policies, partnerships, and performance to address the root causes to our health and advance the principles of Public Health 3.0. Possible loss of accreditation
Eliminate general fund support for The Living Room Project (Centerstone)	\$1,000,000	Limit access to programs designed to assist people with mental illness or substance misuse problems
Elimination of Metro employee OWLS Wellbeing Program	\$53,000	Impact on employee wellbeing

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protects our communities,
and....saves money.

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