HPIO working with partners on behavioral health equity

HPIO is assisting in the development of local plans to reduce and eliminate racial disparities in mental health and addiction.

For example, the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties has engaged HPIO to gather data and evidence to identify priority areas related to behavioral health equity and to develop tools for evaluating and tracking progress.

HPIO fact sheet outlines actions to address racism, health

In December, HPIO released a **fact sheet** outlining actions private sector organizations can take to eliminate racism and support the health of every Ohioan.

The fact sheet is the second in a series of three. The **first fact sheet** provided action steps for state and local policymakers and the final fact sheet will focus on individuals and community groups.

Ohioans of color continue to face barriers to good health and well-being rooted in centuries of racism and unjust practices.

"To ensure that Ohio is a healthy and economically vibrant state, Ohioans must work collaboratively across the public and private sectors to address the complex barriers facing communities experiencing worse health outcomes," according to the fact sheet.

THE POWER OF POLICY
Spotlighting home visiting

While it can often take years to accomplish, public policy can have an impact on health in ways not possible through direct service alone. One example of such a policy change is increased support for early childhood home-visiting programs.

HPIO work

- The 2017 and 2019 *Health Value Dashboard™* spotlighted evidence-based home visiting as a strategy that creates opportunities for all Ohio children to thrive
- The 2017-2019 and 2020-2022 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), created by HPIO under contract with the Ohio Department of Health, included early childhood home visiting programs as a strategy that addresses all of the state's health priorities and advances equity

State policymakers rely on HPIO work

- HPIO and multiple grassroots organizations from across the state used the *Health Value Dashboard* during budget testimony
- The Ohio Department of Health used the SHIP to set state-level priorities to which local health departments and hospitals align

State policy impacts

Both the 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 state operating budgets included a significant increase in funding for evidence-based home visiting

Health impacts in communities
The additional funding resulted in increased capacity for evidence-based home visiting in Ohio communities.

There is strong evidence that early childhood home visiting programs:
- **Improve birth outcomes**
- **Prevent child maltreatment and injury**
- **Improve children's development**
- **Increase family economic self-sufficiency**

HPIO's year at a glance
2021

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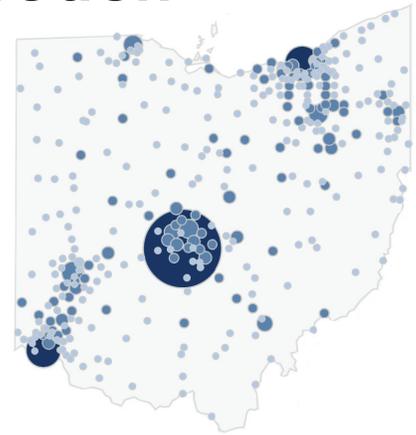
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Statewide reach

There were more than **50,000** visits to HPIO's website in 2021, with visitors from all parts of Ohio:

What health stakeholders are saying about HPIO's work

Responses to an HPIO stakeholder survey in October included:

*"**HPIO is the go-to resource** for reliable, comprehensive information. You also have the credibility that allows us to skip the "proof" stage of a conversation. We use it in discussions with policymakers and making recommendations to our clients for best practices."*

*"HPIO's **in-depth analysis** of core issues in the health of Ohio citizens helps keep us focused on meeting the needs of our patients."*

*"The group I represent uses it to **inform legislators of the state of health care in Ohio** and urge them to pass legislation that would greatly improve health value in Ohio. We also use it to inform the public and other organizations."*

*"I regularly use all of the reports released by HPIO. They are **easy to digest, straight to the point and immensely helpful** for grant writing, policy development and generating briefs for elected officials."*

*"I use the [Health Value Dashboard]to **inform population health strategy** and education with hospital system leadership every time a new version comes out from HPIO."*

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