Cambria County, Pennsylvania

The 1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health, a partnership between 1889 Foundation and Jefferson College of Population Health, is working toward improving care coordination through a Community Care HUB over the next two years.

Goals

- Strengthen collaborative relationships between social service providers, health care providers, and the community
- Increase access to food security services and health care by impacting systems-level policy change through the mobilization of Community Health Workers
- Collaborate with partners to inform and create a community-wide food security approach

Background

- Population size: 152,598
- Cambria County ranked 65th out of 67 counties for health outcomes in the state
- A high prevalence of diabetes and low birth weight births pose as some of the largest health issues in the county

Success Stories

Met with CBOs and health care providers in Cambria County to learn about services, share HUB plans, and brainstorm collaboration ideas

Changed policies and procedures to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns

Expanded HUB population to household/family members of pregnant women so that entire family unit is served

Key Milestones from July – December 2020

- 35 partner organizations convened or engaged by the lead partner to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns
- 25 community convenings or meetings related to access to foods that support healthy eating pattern
- 14 individuals engaged in training or capacity-building to address inequities in the health system

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