

Cleveland, Ohio

Baldwin Wallace University, alongside other partners, are working with Community Health and Empowerment Navigators to increase their community's voice and engagement to advocate for health equity in their city.



Goals

- Hire and train residents and public health students who will improve their knowledge of food insecurity and health inequities
- Screen low-income families and identify and enroll those most vulnerable to food insecurity
- Establish a Community Navigators in Cleveland Neighborhoods Advisory Board

Background

- ✓ Population size: 385,282
- ✓ 20% of city residents are food insecure.
- ✓ In 2019, Cleveland was ranked high in the US in terms of child poverty. Poverty affects 48.7% of children in the city.

Success Stories



Community Health and Empowerment Navigators have been hired for the project

These Navigators have directly interacted with community residents in need of food resources



These Navigators have also made other food and health services referrals for community residents to other institutions such as food services, clothing, housing organizations, etc.


Key Milestones from July - December 2020



10,121
individuals reached through public communications that promote advocacy, transparency, awareness or knowledge of the food system

165 

community convenings or meetings related to access to foods that support healthy eating pattern

 **123**

partner organizations convened or engaged by the lead partner to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns

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