Kerrville, Texas

New Hope Counseling Center/Hope4Health, with Light on the Hill and Peterson Regional Medical Center, is working diligently to increase access points for food and nutrition education and provide dental services to Doyle residents.

Goals

- Improve health for Doyle residents by promoting healthy eating
- Reduce policy and systems barriers that create inequities
- Increase community engagement and resident leadership through system/policy changes

Background

- Population size: 22,347
- 61% of African Americans and 21% of Hispanics in the Doyle Community live below the poverty level.
- 69% of the African American residents have annual household incomes of $10,000 or less leading to limited access to health care and high levels of food insecurity.

Success Stories

- Hired food pantry manager and trained pantry manager and other Doyle residents to manage food pantry and distribution of food
- Dental screening tool created and screenings are actively being implemented at Peterson Clinic at Doyle
- Partners met with Mayor and City Council Member talked about how to give more power to the Doyle residents

Key Milestones from July – December 2020

- 343 individuals provided with foods that support healthy eating patterns
- 5 community convenings or meetings related to access to foods that support healthy eating patterns
- 9 partner organizations convened or engaged by the lead partner to promote access to health services

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