

Snapshot of Wheeling, West Virginia

July–December 2021 Progress Report



Goals

- Improve physical health among youth, as measured by reduced prevalence of and risk factors for childhood metabolic disorders
- Improve resilience among youth, as measured by reducing the impact of adverse childhood experiences



By the Numbers

- 1 policy change proposed to develop a youth city council, encouraging city leaders to collaborate and engage with youth
- 4 new organizational policies and practices adopted, including centering children in organizational bylaws and prioritizing youth storytelling, to better incorporate the voices of youth in the development of the "Edible Mountain" space, at Vineyard Hills

Success Story

The experiences and expertise of community members, nonprofit leaders and property developers have been key to identifying how the "Edible Mountain" can be built out to better serve the children of Wheeling through food and nutrition, physical activity and community belonging. A community engagement strategic workshop with these trusted community voices helped pinpoint core priorities for the placemaking project, allowing the coalition to hit the ground running in these final months of the Challenge.

"Historically, our community has suffered from racial injustice that has left the community fragmented. In order to heal these deep wounds, community organizations like our own must work to tell the stories of our neighborhoods and build stronger relationships through relational organizing."

Rosemary Ketchum,
Edible Mountain



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