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in *every* community

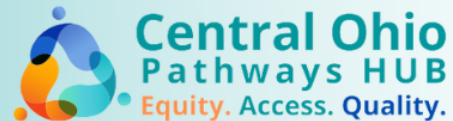
CENTRAL OHIO  
PATHWAYS  
HUB

Monthly E-Newsletter

Updates from the HUB



# Care Coordination



IN THE CENTRAL OHIO PATHWAYS HUB

576

Active  
Clients

3,979

Total  
Clients  
Served

26,788

Pathways  
Initiated

19,924

Pathways  
Completed

1,748

Educations  
Related  
to  
COVID-19

## Community Health Worker Profile Project

Health Impact Ohio continued its Community Health Worker (CHW) Profile Project, interviewing various Central Ohio Pathways HUB CHWs on their experiences and successes.

This month, Health Impact Ohio's HUB Project Manager, Mary Mutegi, interviewed Devon Abdon, a Central Ohio Pathways HUB CHW at Franklin County Public Health. Devon shared his experience working as a CHW through the COVID-19 Pandemic and his successes in helping his clients obtain health insurance and housing. Watch more CHW interviews [here](#).



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## Featured Content



### **Columbus Nonprofit Welcomes Afghans, Hopes to Become City's Third Resettlement Agency – The Columbus Dispatch**

By: Yilun Cheng, [The Columbus Dispatch](#), April 3, 2022

It was never unusual for Tatjana Bozhinovski to provide services to immigrants as a part of her job with a local nonprofit group.

But it was only last November that she and her coworkers started greeting refugees from the start — when they arrived at John Glenn Columbus International Airport.

Bozhinovski is a site coordinator at the Columbus-based nonprofit Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS), which has been offering employment, health and other programs to new American residents since 2000.

Now, the organization is hoping to take on the task of initial resettlement and assist the city's refugee populations from the very beginning.

Since November, ETSS has been helping to receive the hundreds of Afghan evacuees who were assigned to Columbus. Meanwhile, the organization is in the process of applying to become an official resettlement agency, according to ETSS President Dr. Seleshi Asfaw.

“When we started with this Afghan resettlement program, it really opened a door for us,” Asfaw said. “We already have a national partner. We already started building our resettlement infrastructure and partnerships with different government departments and community-based organizations. We know how it works now.”

If the application goes through, ETSS would become the third resettlement

organization in the city — restoring the number to what it used to be before reduced federal funding during the Trump administration forced one agency, World Relief, to close its doors locally in 2017.

“The Columbus resettlement program really suffered for the past four years, and we need to rebuild the infrastructure,” Asfaw said. “With the crisis in Afghanistan, Ukraine and all over the world, refugee resettlement is very demanding, and we want to help serve this population.”

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## Insights from the Blog



Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities	
<b>11</b> HUBs Participating Statewide	<b>Training Update</b>
<b>10</b> Trainings Held since December 2021	
<b>3</b> CHW Advisory Council Meetings Held since February 2022	
<b>7</b> Trainings Planned through September 2022	
Average participants statewide	<b>165</b>
Ohio counties served through this initiative	<b>66</b>

## Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities Update

By: Brittany Daniels, Director of Operations & Communications, Health Impact Ohio

In September 2021, Health Impact Ohio was “awarded a 3-year, \$5 million dollar per year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to manage a statewide, comprehensive initiative to engage Community Health Workers (CHWs) around the state to provide coordinated connection to COVID-19 education, care, and social services” (*News Release*, Health Impact Ohio). As we are now halfway through our first year of the grant, we are examining our training efforts thus far and looking ahead to see how we can augment future training to better meet our CHWs where they are. Through our evaluation efforts in conjunction with our evaluation team, we have received invaluable feedback from subcontractors, HUB leadership, and, most importantly, CHWs from across the state regarding the impact, useability,

and relatability of the trainings offered to this point, and how trainings should be modified in the future. This feedback allows Health Impact Ohio to provide evidence-based, timely information surrounding COVID-19 and related community issues while meeting the educational needs and interests of CHWs statewide to help better connect their clients to the resources they need.

“Health Impact Ohio aims to provide comprehensive, inclusive, and actionable training on COVID-19 and its effects, both medical and social, on different populations in our communities across the state so that we can better understand and address the immediate and long term needs of our Ohio communities,” said Carrie Baker, President & CEO, Health Impact Ohio.

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## Recent News & Events

### The Future of Healthcare Statewide Learning Collaborative

June 21, 2022  
The Grand Event Center  
Columbus, Ohio

 **Better Health**  
Partnership

 **Health Impact Ohio**  
Equity. Access. Quality.

 **THE HEALTH  
COLLABORATIVE**  
Technology Powered by HealthBridge

#### Register Now!

Join the state's three Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives (RHICs) and other healthcare leaders who are passionate about primary care to learn, connect, and imagine our future state of healthcare. CME credits available. Registration details to come!

Join us in-person or  
virtually

### Registration Is Now Open For Our June Conference!

Health Impact Ohio is partnering with our fellow Ohio Regional Healthcare Improvement Collaboratives to facilitate a conference on The Future of Healthcare. Join us, virtually or in person, in June as we convene healthcare leaders to look ahead and discuss the future state of healthcare in Ohio.

[Click Here to Register](#)

### Community Voices: Recommendations to State Policy Makers For Advancing Health Equity

Families USA conducted a project that included interviewing leaders from 50 state and community-based nonprofit organizations to ask:

- What are the top equity issues impacting

communities of color in America?

- What are possible solutions to address those issues within health policy?

Health Impact Ohio's Chief of Policy and Partnerships and CEO of the Central Ohio Pathways HUB, Jenelle Hoseus, contributed to the project. "This was a fantastic opportunity to bring light to the tireless work that our community health workers do for our neighbors. It's necessary to continue having public policy dialogue to support the ongoing efforts in community-level health and to ensure that there is sustainable funding for these efforts," said Hoseus. We are grateful that a leader from Health Impact Ohio had the opportunity to contribute to this important work and highlight the work our community health workers do day to day.



[Read Full Analysis Here](#)



## Health Impact Ohio Awarded Outstanding Community Supporter by Physicians CareConnection

Health Impact Ohio was presented an "Outstanding Community Supporter" award by Physicians CareConnection at their annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The award recognized Health Impact Ohio for our management of the Central Ohio Pathways HUB, and our commitment to funding community agencies for their care coordination efforts,

particularly during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are grateful for the recognition, but even more grateful to PCC for their partnership and leadership in the community. We look forward to continuing our work together to ensure optimal health outcomes for all people in every community!

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## Our Emails Are Changing!

Effective May 2nd, as part of our rebrand process, our emails will be changing to an @healthimpactohio tag line. See our updated staff directory below:

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## Next CHW Monthly Meeting



▶ Thursday, May 12, 2022  
9AM-11AM

▶ Supervisor Sign-Off Time:  
11AM-11:30AM



[Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority investing more than \\$26.3 million to protect and preserve a combined total of 165 apartments at four nonprofit-owned Central Ohio affordable housing communities through at least 2032](#)

[Weaving Equity Into Every Step of Performance Improvement](#)

[Ohio Medicaid & MyCare COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Flyer](#)

[Ohio Managed Care \(Medicaid\) COVID-19 Booster Incentive Flyer](#)

[Ohio Moms Will Soon Have Greater Medicaid Coverage for Postpartum Care](#)

[Does Medicaid Expansion Impact Postpartum Coverage, Outpatient Visits, and Racial Disparities?](#)



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