



# Improving the Health of our Community

## Addressing Disparities/ Achieving Equity

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# Ohio ranks poorly for health outcomes, and Cuyahoga County amongst the worst in Ohio\* (Led by Cleveland!)

- 75th out of 88 counties for health outcomes, with large disparities
- Top 10 for clinical care (measured by access to and quality of care)

**INFANT MORTALITY**

**CHRONIC CONDITIONS (Hypertension and Diabetes)**

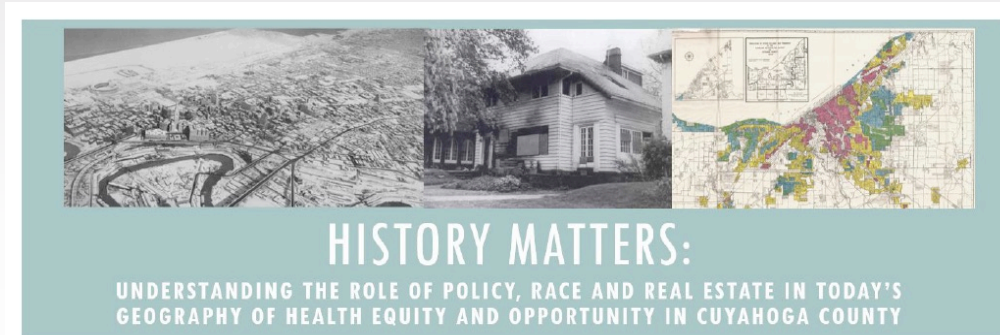
**OPIOID CRISIS / DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS**

**FOOD INSECURITY**

\* Source: 2020 County Health Rankings, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute



# The Root of Health Inequities in Cuyahoga County: **Structural Racism**

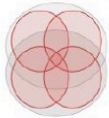


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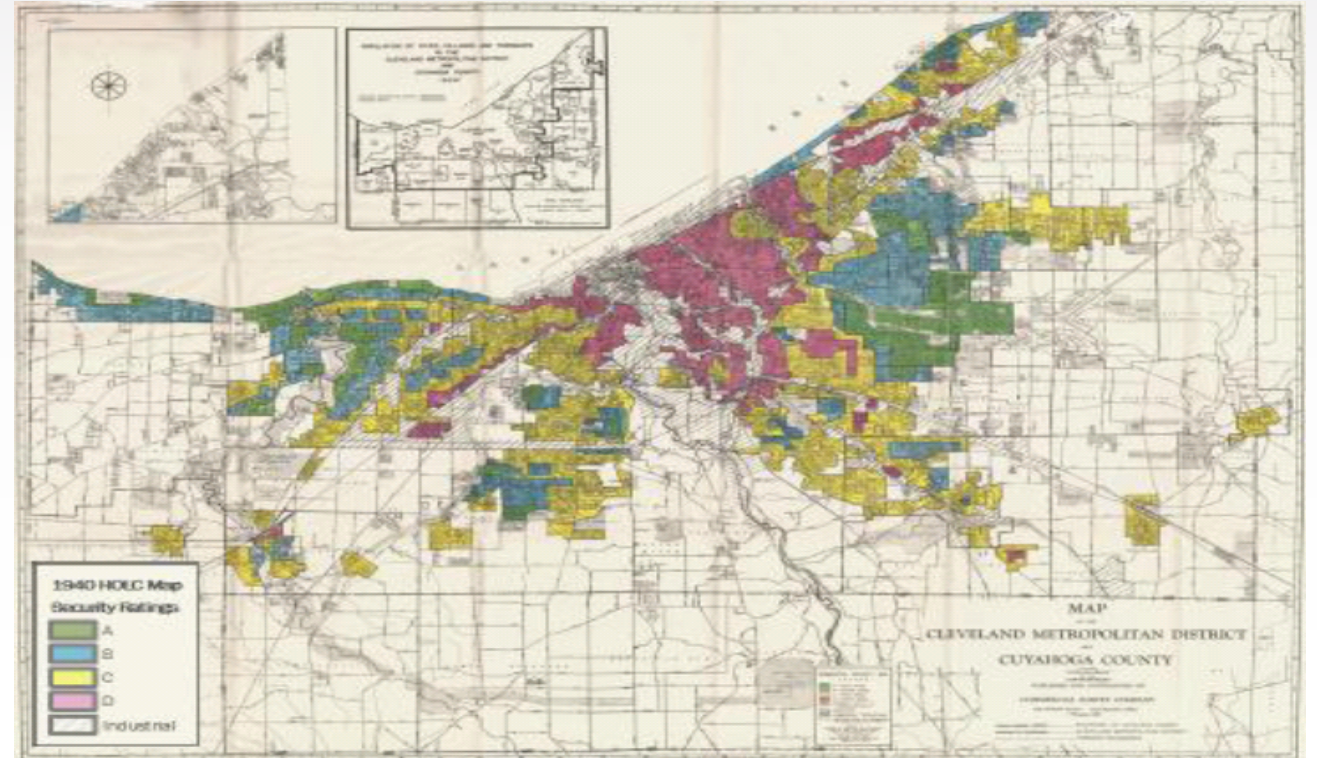


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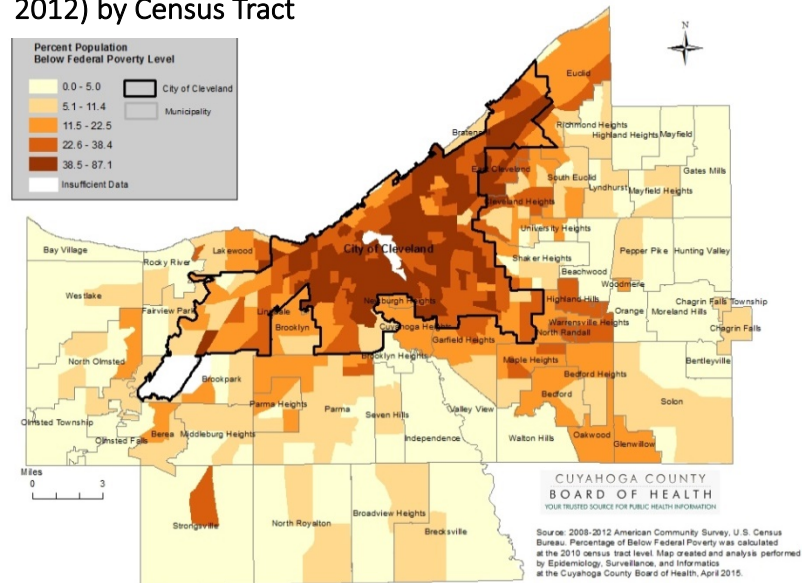
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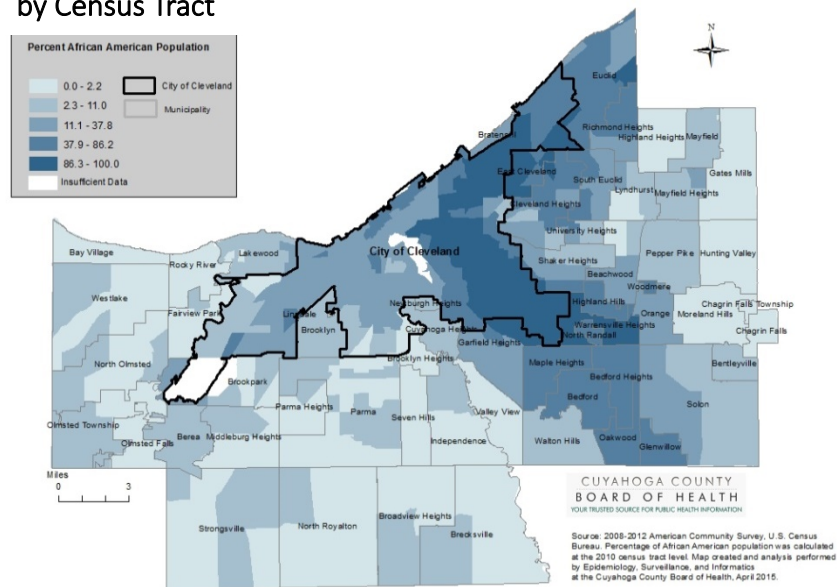
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Population Below Poverty (2008-2012) by Census Tract

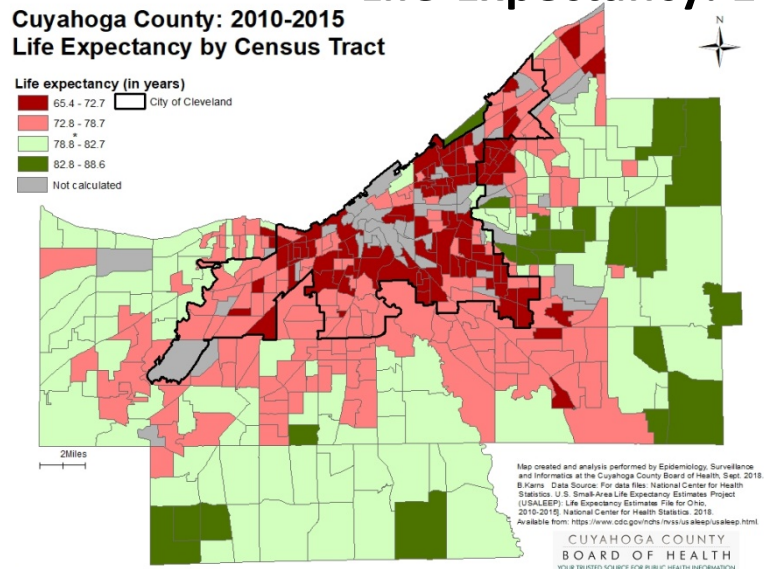


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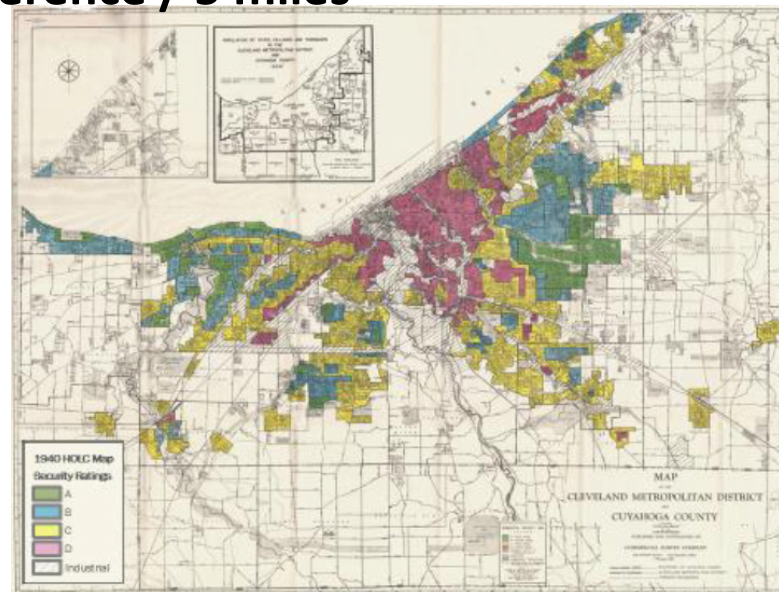


## Life-Expectancy: 10 year difference / 5 miles

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Life Expectancy by Census Tract



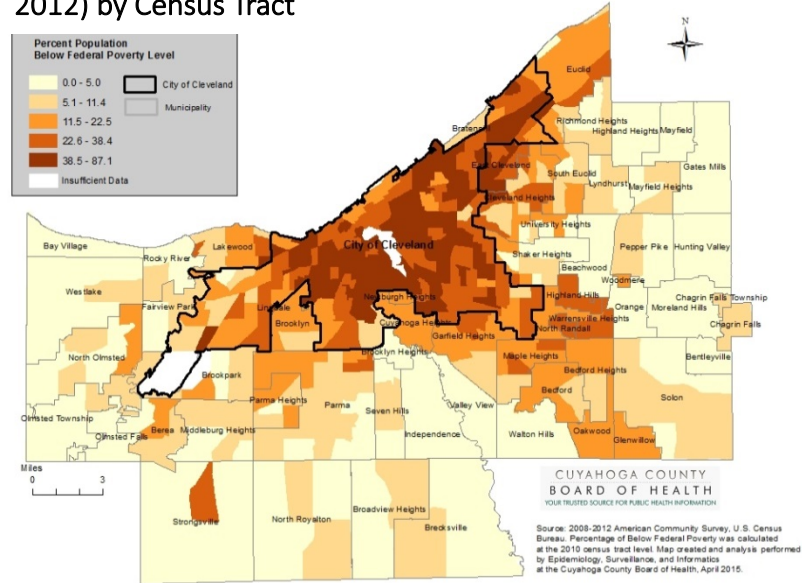
\*Life expectancy in United States 78.8 years



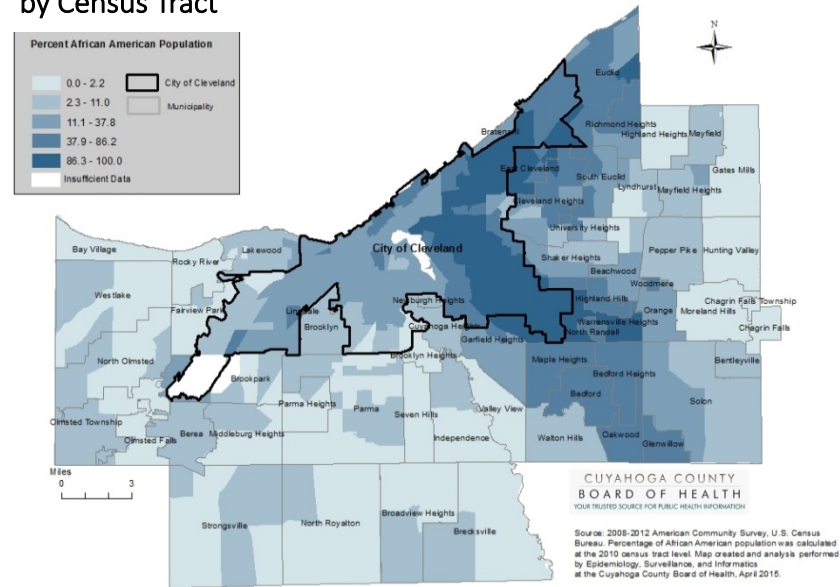
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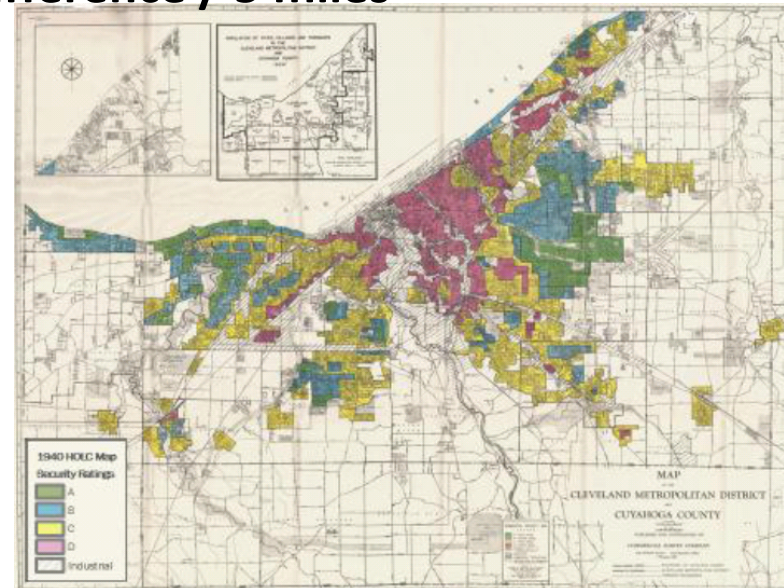
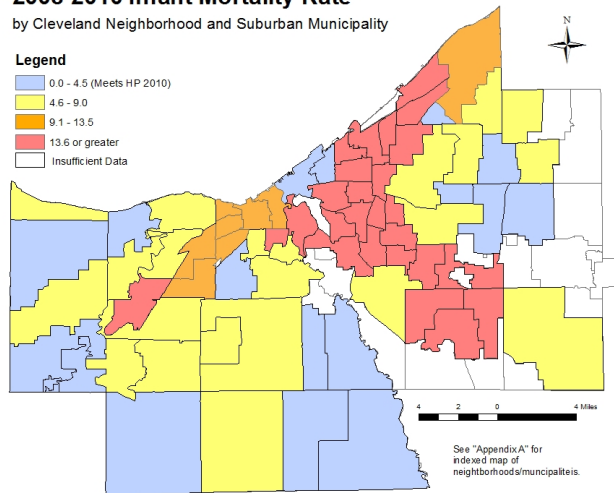


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## Infant Mortality: 15 fold difference / 5 miles

**2008-2010 Infant Mortality Rate**  
by Cleveland Neighborhood and Suburban Municipality



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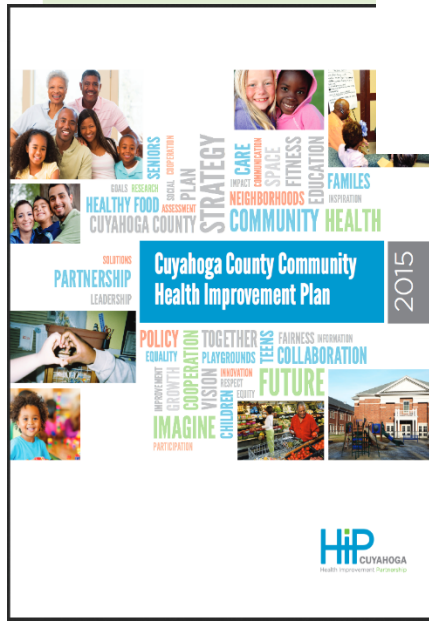
# Our Partnership



## Where We've Been | 2010-2015

## Where We Are Now | 2016-2017

- 50 Active individuals
- Over 200 in HIP-



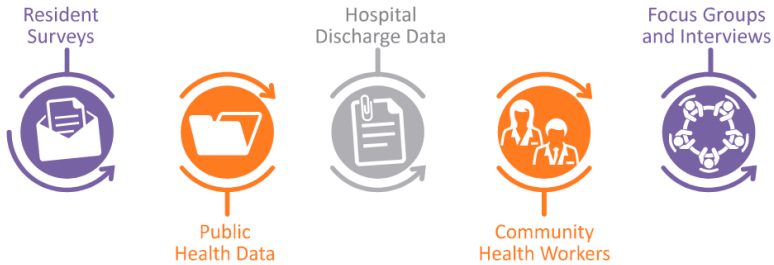
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**What is a Community Health Needs Assessment?** A Community Health Needs Assessment is a process that identifies the most critical health needs in the community and enables collaborative action to improve Community Health.

Learn more at [hipcuyahoga.org/2019cha](http://hipcuyahoga.org/2019cha)

## STEP 1 gather health information

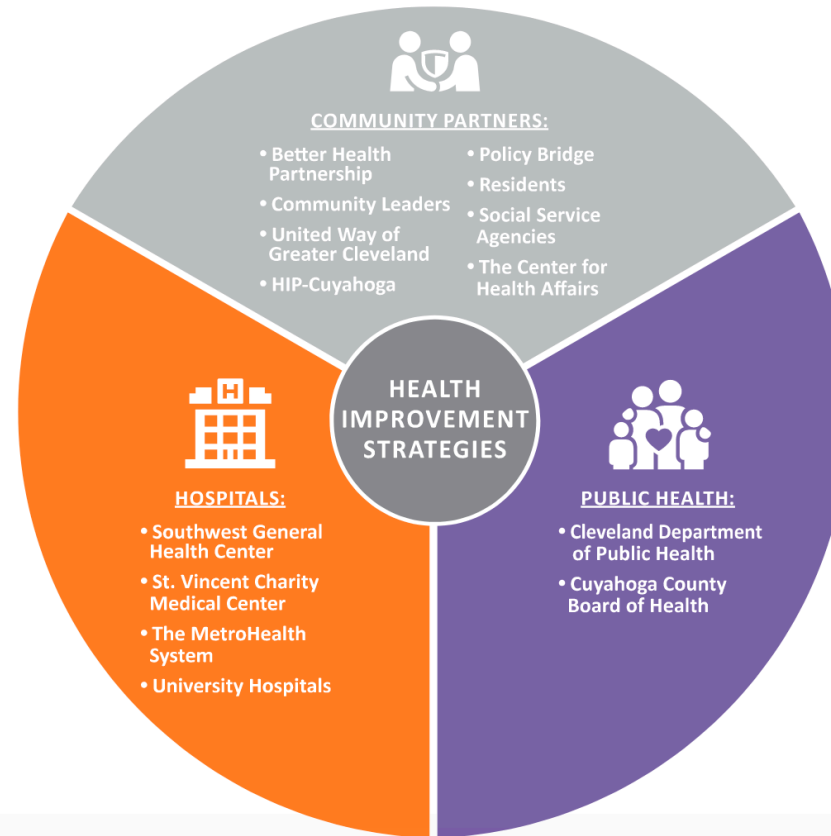


## STEP 2 analyze & prioritize together

SELECTED PRIORITIES:



## STEP 3 take action



# 2019 Cuyahoga County Community Health Improvement Priorities



# Racism as Public Health Crisis Declarations

News

## Cuyahoga County declares racism a public health crisis

Updated Jul 07, 2020; Posted Jul 07, 2020



## Ohio lawmakers introduce legislation to declare racism a public health crisis

Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 had its first hearing Tuesday. More hearings are planned next week.



## Cleveland City Council declares racism a public health crisis, launching community-wide effort to tackle inequities

Posted Jun 03, 2020



Cleveland City Council voted Wednesday to declare racism as a public health

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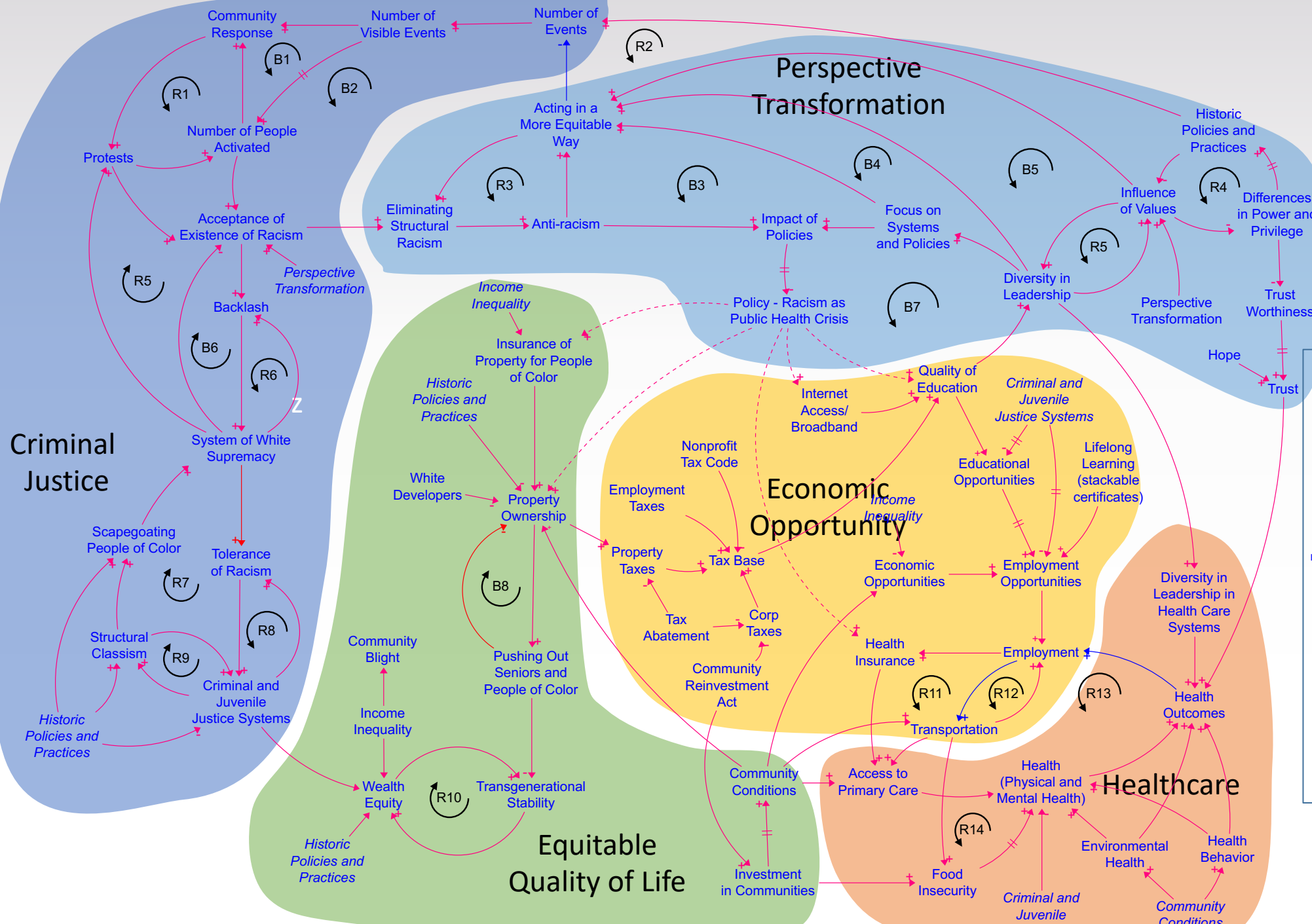
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# Systems Map: Structural Racism in Cuyahoga County Working draft



**Legend**

- Causal link between two variables where the + sign indicates that increasing the cause *increases* the effect, AND decreasing the cause *decreases* effect.
- Causal link between two variables where the - sign indicates that increasing the cause *decreases* the effect, AND decreasing the cause *increases* effect.
- Double line across a causal link represents a delay between causes and effects.
- Dashed line represents a causal link that is not yet established.
- Label for a balancing feedback mechanism or loop typically associated with goal seeking growth and decline (e.g., B7).
- Label for a reinforcing feedback mechanism or loop typically associated with exponential growth or decline (e.g., R5).



# High infant mortality rates in Ohio, Cuyahoga County, and the City of Cleveland have persisted for 50+ years



## NATIONAL

Black babies die at a rate **2x** that of white babies

## OHIO

Black babies die at a rate **3x** that of white babies

## CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Black babies die at a rate **4x** that of white babies

## CITY OF CLEVELAND

Black babies die at a rate **7x** that of white babies

# Reducing Infant Mortality in Cuyahoga County



## About FYC

- Founded December 2015 by City/County/State partnership
- 300+ people and 100+ community organizations
- Private and public partners, including healthcare systems
- CWRU SOM serves as parent organization
- Organized and funded 11 Community Action Teams to address priority areas

## Priority Areas

- Address extreme prematurity
- Eliminate sleep-related infant deaths
- Reduce racial disparities



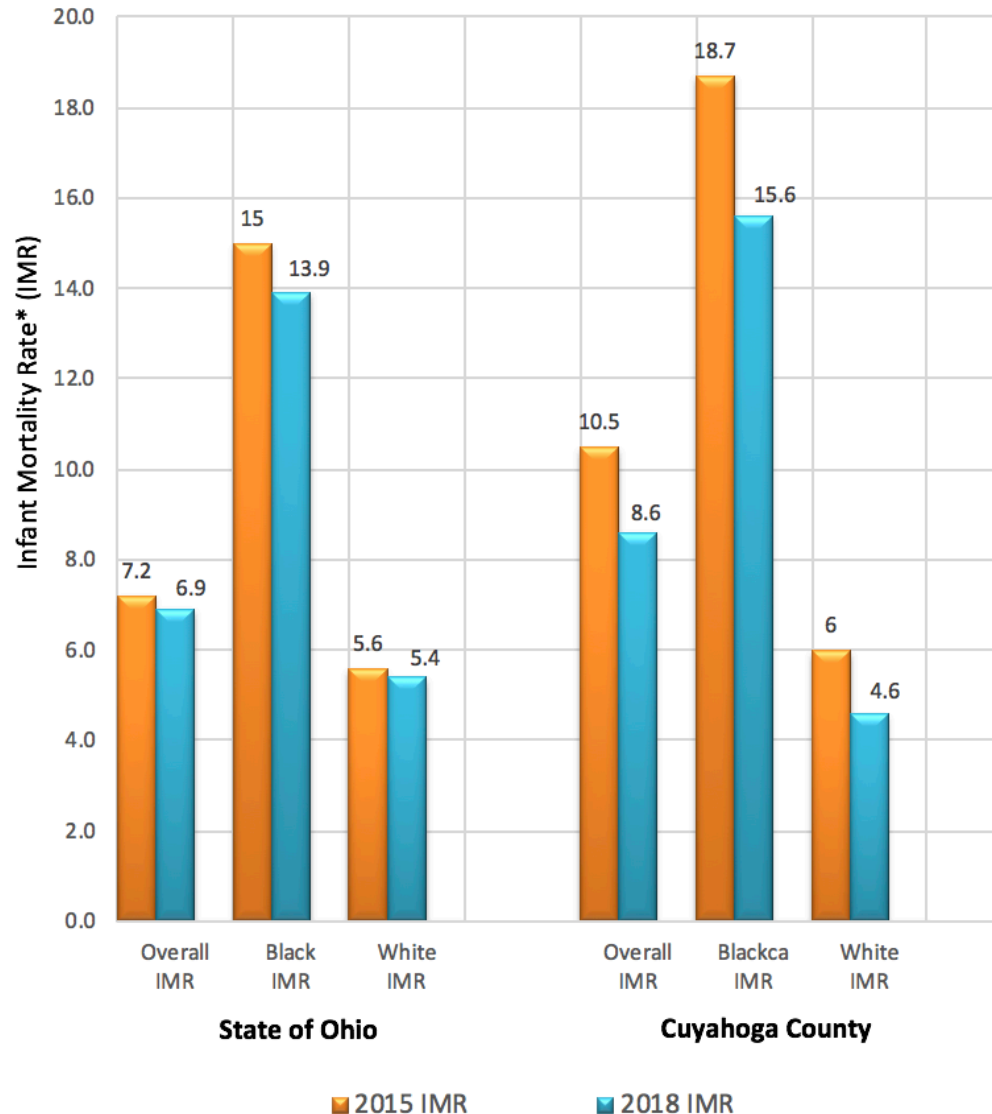
# Using Collective Impact to Reduce Infant Mortality

Critical issues being addressed by First Year Cleveland show promising results



By aligning community resources and collectively targeting priority areas, our community has saved 77 babies in Cuyahoga county since 2016

# Addressing Racial Inequities In Infant Mortality



## 2015:

- Ohio ranked **45<sup>th</sup>** nationally for infant mortality
- Cuyahoga County **overall IMR 10.5**, compared to 7.2 for Ohio
  - **Black IMR 18.7 / White IMR 6.0**

## 2018:

- Ohio ranked **41<sup>st</sup>** nationally for infant mortality
- Cuyahoga County **overall IMR 8.6**, compared to 6.9 for Ohio
  - **Black IMR 15.6 / White IMR 4.6**

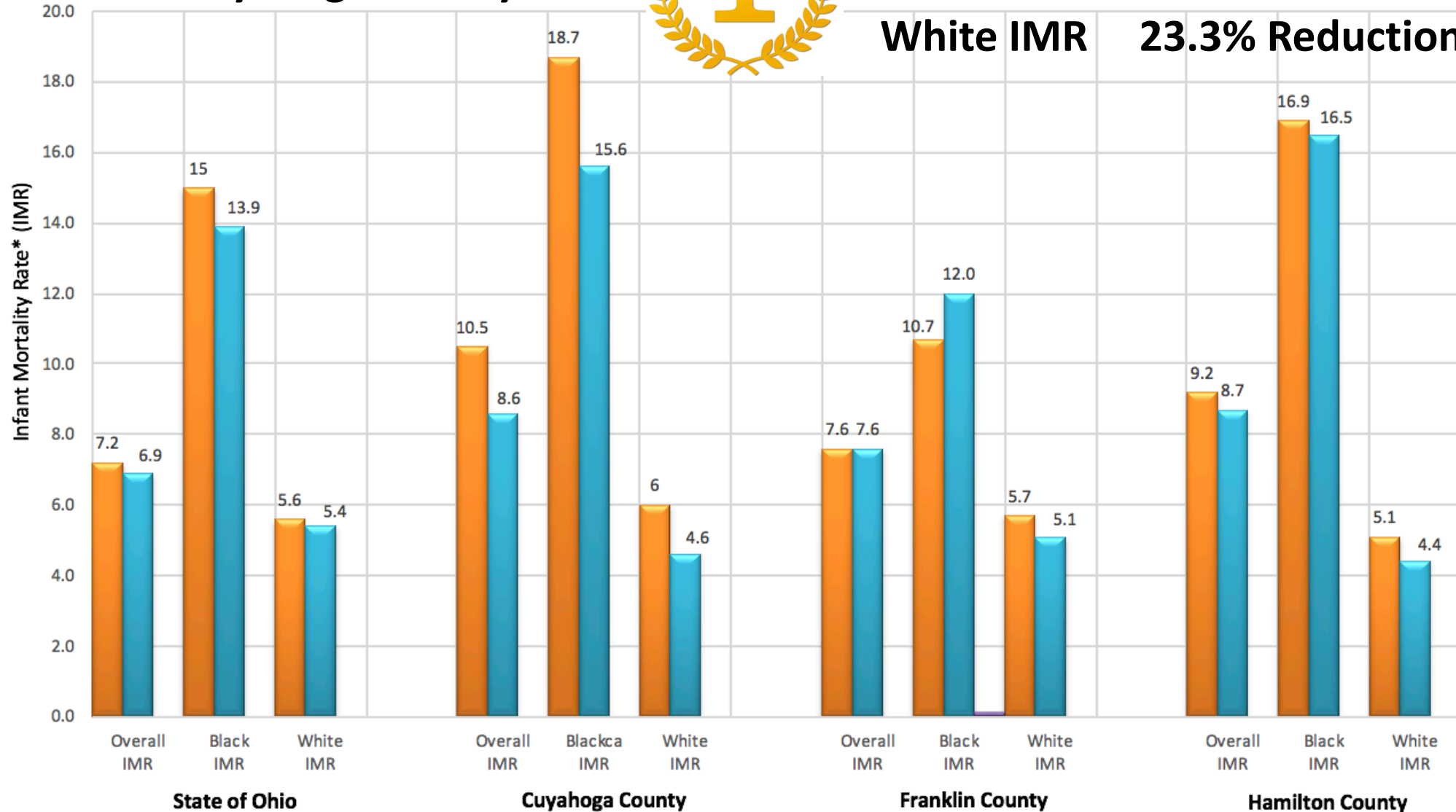
\*Deaths per 1,000 live births.

Source: OEI 2019 Annual Report.

# Best Performance 2015-2018 Cuyahoga County



**Overall IMR 18.9% Reduction**  
**Black IMR 16.6% Reduction**  
**White IMR 23.3% Reduction**



\*Deaths per 1,000 live births.

■ 2015 IMR

■ 2018 IMR

Source: OEI 2019 Annual Report



# CARDI•OH

Ohio Cardiovascular and Diabetes Health Collaborative



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# Ohio Cardiovascular and Diabetes Health Collaborative

Founded in 2017, the mission of Cardi-OH is to improve cardiovascular and diabetes health outcomes and eliminate disparities in Ohio's Medicaid population.

**WHO WE ARE:** An initiative of health care professionals across Ohio's seven medical schools.

**WHAT WE DO:** Identify, produce and disseminate evidence-based cardiovascular and diabetes best practices to primary care teams.

**HOW WE DO IT:** Utilize monthly newsletters and an online repository of resources at [Cardi-OH.org](http://Cardi-OH.org), podcasts available on Cardi-OH Radio, the Project ECHO® virtual training model, and state-wide annual meetings and webinars.

*Learn more at [cardi-oh.org](http://cardi-oh.org)*

# Cardi-OH Learning Collaborative



- Close to 200 attendees
- 100% of attendees would recommend conference to a colleague



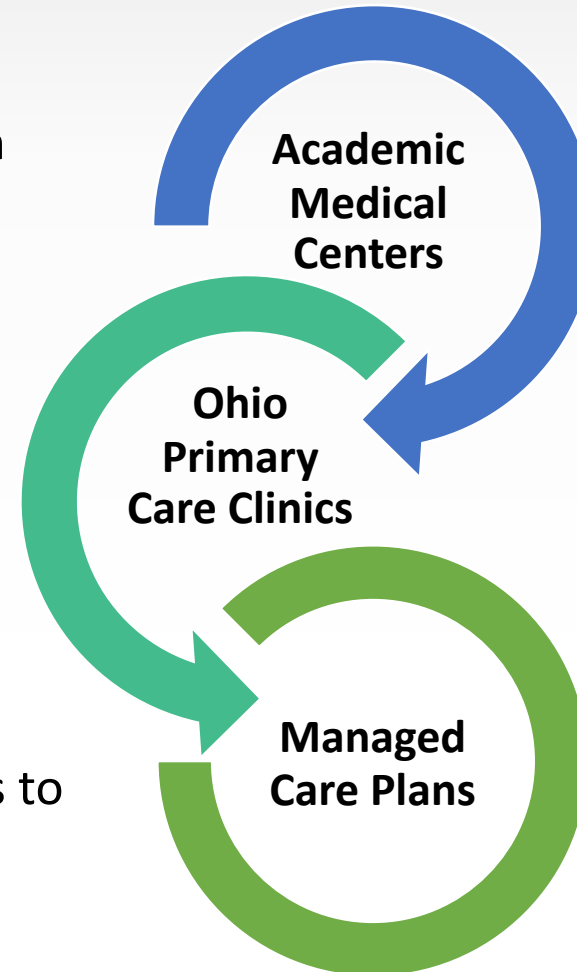
# Hypertension Quality Improvement Project (QIP)

## SMART Aims

- Increase HTN control 15%
- Increase HTN control among AA population 20%

## Strategies

- IHI Model for Improvement
- Change Package
- Monthly Action Period Calls
- QI Coaching
- Leverage EHR data for improvement
- Partner with Medicaid Managed Care Plans to address barriers

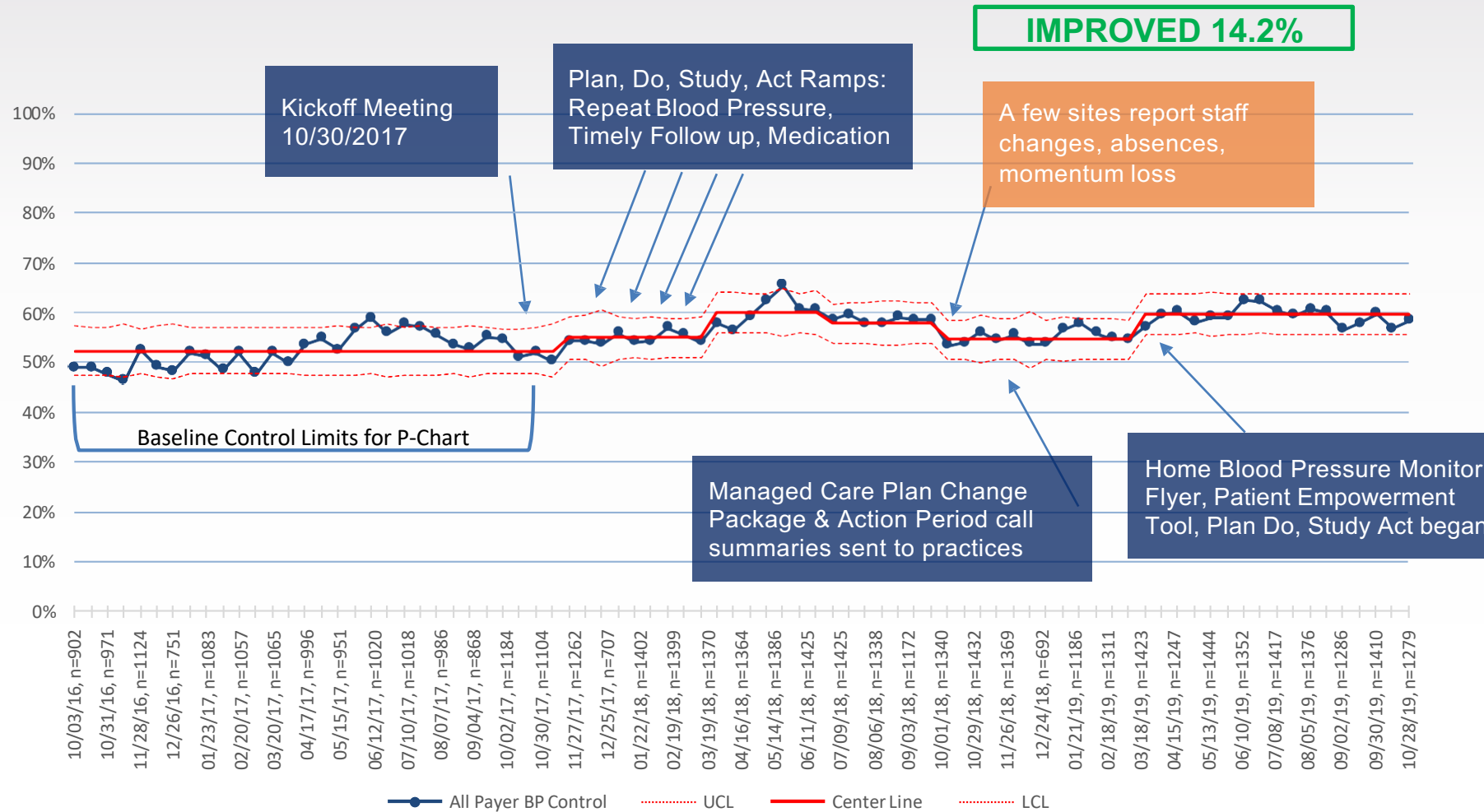


Identification & Education of Best Practices and Processes

Testing, Modifying & Implementing Best Practices

Facilitating access to best practice, addressing non-clinical barriers

# Percentage of Hypertensive Patients with Controlled Blood Pressure (<140/90)



UCL = Upper Control Level

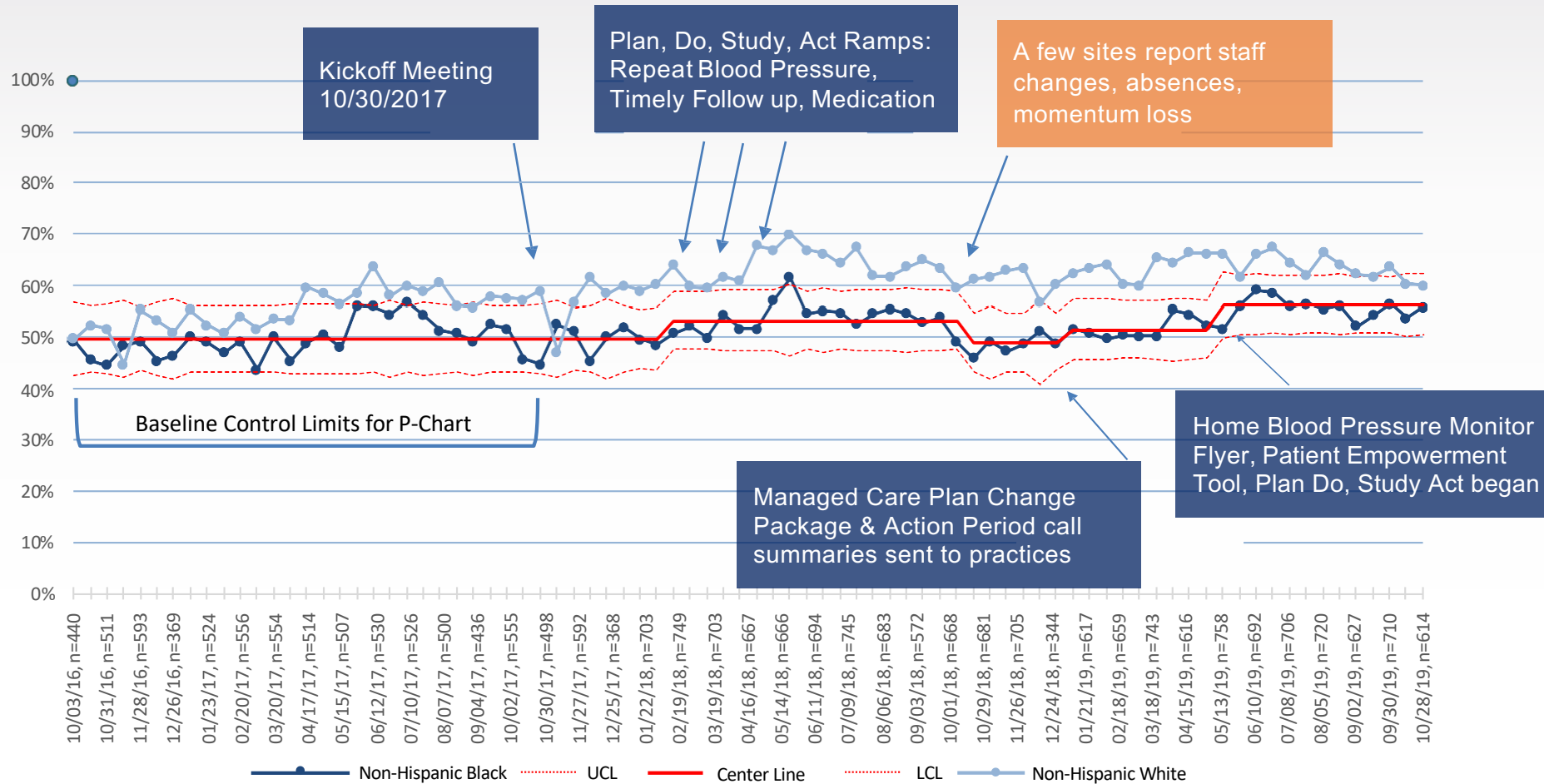
LCL = Lower Control Level

Based on Biweekly Measurement Periods

N and control limits represent total Medicaid patients in the data collection period

# Percentage of Hypertensive Patients with Controlled Blood Pressure (<140/90) by Race

Improved 13.5% in Non-Hispanic Black



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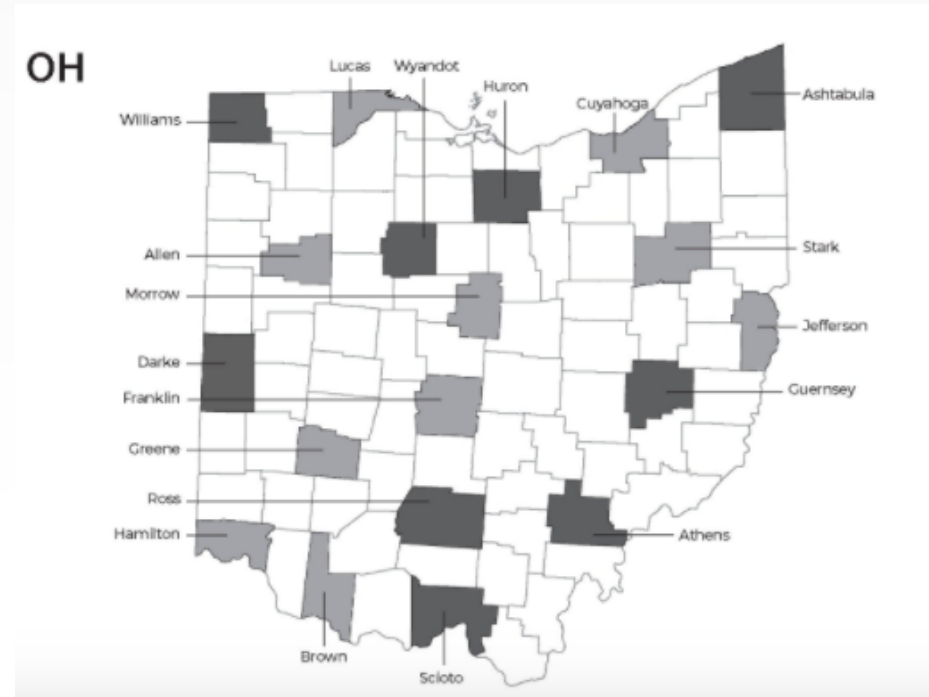
# Statewide Hypertension QIP Next Steps

- We are continuing to work with clinics statewide on hypertension and now diabetes control to have an even greater impact and reduce disparities
- Since we identified disparities in medication adherence in the HTN QIP, we have focused on the following specific areas to address this gap including:
  - Use of longer-acting blood pressure (BP) medications which are more forgiving of missed doses (i.e. chlorthalidone and amlodipine)
  - Coverage and use of 90-day prescriptions of BP medications (now used <5% of the time)
  - Practice facilitation around disparities within clinics where within clinic disparities exist
  - Reinforce successful strategies from clinical trials (SPRINT, AASK) and peer clinics
  - Identify and address social determinants of health within clinics



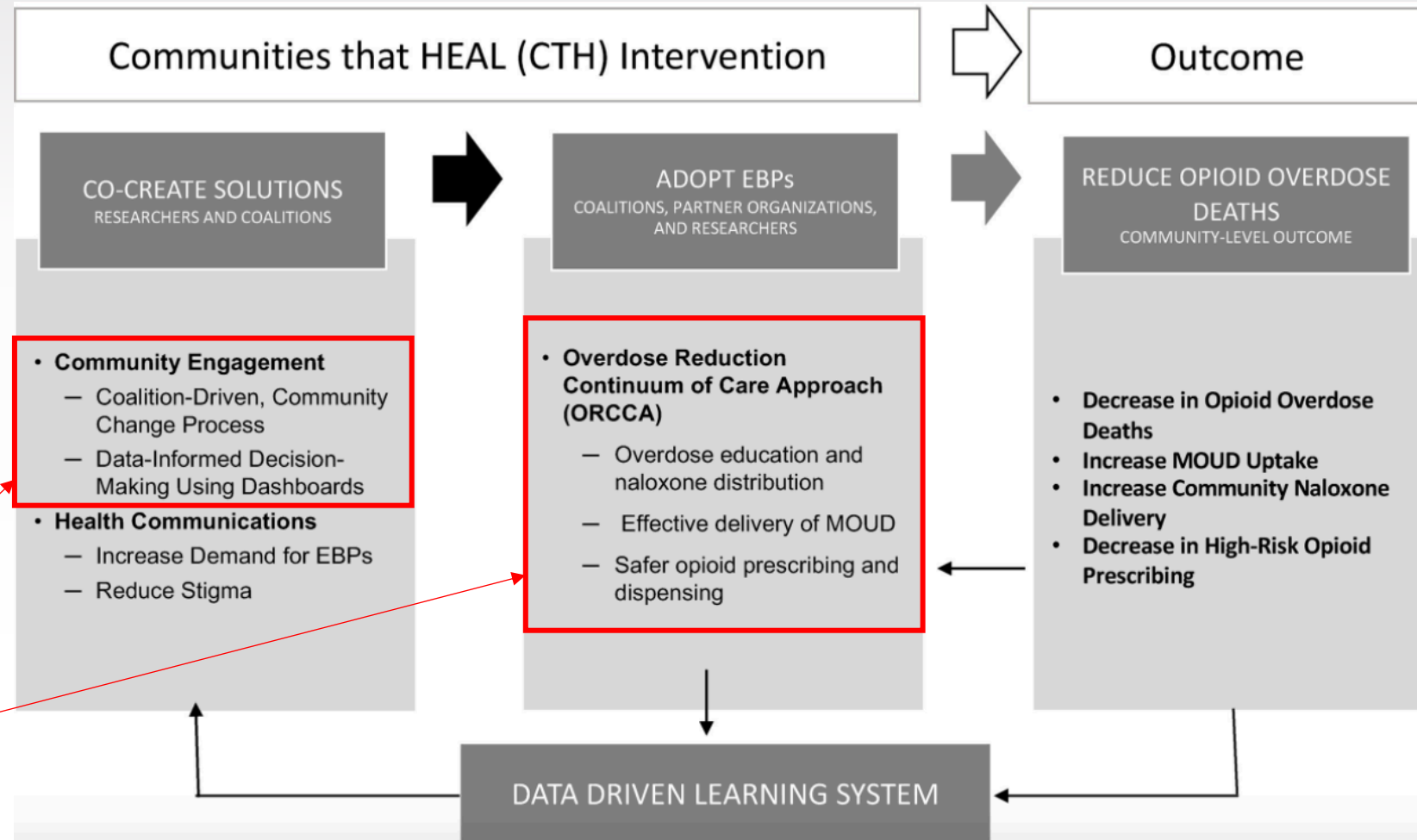
Goal

Reduce opioid overdose  
deaths in OH, KY, NY, and MA  
by 40% in three years.



Learn More: The HEALing (Helping to End Addiction Long-term<sup>SM</sup>) Communities Study: Protocol for a Cluster Randomized Trial at the Community Level to Reduce Opioid Overdose Deaths through Implementation of an Integrated Set of Evidence-based Practices. (October 2020). *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

# HEALing Communities Study Approach





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## **From Research to Recovery 2020: *Racial Disparity, Social Justice and the Opioid Crisis***

*Sponsored by CTSC*

### Sampling of Webinars Covered Fall 2020

- Examining Disparity Requires Action: Structural Racism, Healthcare Disparity and the Opioid Crisis
- Trauma, Mental Health and Substance Use
- Achieving Health Equity for Black Mothers and Infants
- Substance Use, Stigma, and Incarceration
- Epidemics of Inequities: COVID-19 and the Opioid Crisis
- Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Health Care Disparity for the Black and Latinx Transgender Community
- Beyond Magic Bullets: White Race as a Social Determinant of the Opioid Crisis



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# Questions/Discussion

- What additional infrastructure within the CTSC would promote this type of collaborative dissemination and implementation science to address health disparities?
- What are the novel opportunities to leverage our informatics component to advance community health research?
- How will we leverage the CTSC to train and support career development of the next generation of community health scientists that represent the communities most affected by inequities?
- What might need to be done now in preparation for integration into a subsequent application?