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Healthy Northeast Ohio Welcomes Ashland County to its Regional Population Health Data Collaborative



Healthy Northeast Ohio, the online resource for regional population health data, is pleased to announce the addition of Ashland County to its website. The web-based

platform's regional footprint now reaches eight counties, providing users with free access to population health data, including over 275 health indicators from more than 30 data sources, evidence-based practices and information about regional health resources and activities. This regional approach to data sharing among partners through Healthy Northeast Ohio helps expand community health knowledge and improve population health efforts and planning.

Partners in Ashland County will be able to use Healthy Northeast Ohio to:

- Access more than 275 health and quality-of-life data indicators.
- View over 250 demographics variables available at the state, county and zip code levels.
- Map and visualize data, plus generate custom data reports.
- Examine zip code and census tract level maps of socioeconomic needs.
- Browse a database of over 2,000 evidence-based practices and programs.
- Visit county-specific pages with local data, priorities, health improvement strategies and resources.
- Track progress towards county goals.
- Utilize a community health needs assessment creation tool.

"Ashland County Health Department is pleased to partner with Healthy Northeast Ohio on this exciting adventure," said Vickie Taylor, health commissioner of the Ashland County Health Department. "We are gearing up for our next community health needs assessment and the data provided from Healthy NEO will give us a great starting point."

The geographic footprint of Healthy Northeast Ohio includes Ashland, Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit counties. Healthy Northeast Ohio's repository of population health data allows hospitals, public health departments, community-based organizations and philanthropic agencies to work collaboratively to improve community health outcomes. Launched in 2019, Healthy Northeast Ohio is a joint effort between <a href="The Center for Health Affairs">The Center for Health Affairs</a> and the <a href="Cuyahoga County Board of Health">Cuyahoga County Board of Health</a> and is funded through a grant from the <a href="HealthComp Foundation">HealthComp Foundation</a>.

"Healthy Northeast Ohio is excited to welcome Ashland County to the platform," said Christine Dodd, JD, executive director of member programming for The Center for Health Affairs. "In a year filled with impactful community partnerships for Healthy Northeast Ohio, we are continually and consistently appreciative of the community health efforts made by all partners in our eight-county service area."

Healthy Northeast Ohio will offer a county-specific training webinar to familiarize partners with the new content and features to optimize site utilization in the coming weeks. The Ashland County webinar will be held on Nov. 9, 2021. This event is free and open to all, but registration is required.

County-level data for all of Health Northeast Ohio's county partners can be viewed at <a href="https://www.healthyneo.org">www.healthyneo.org</a>, along with other resources and community health information.

Healthy Northeast Ohio, which is a joint effort of The Center for Health Affairs and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and funded through a grant from the HealthComp Foundation, is pleased to welcome Lake and Summit counties to the platform, and continues to appreciate the community health efforts made by all of the partners in the seven-county region.

For more on the Healthy Northeast Ohio initiative, contact us.

About The Center for Health Affairs: With a rich history as the nation's first regional hospital association, The Center for Health Affairs serves as the collective voice and leading advocate for 36 hospitals across nine counties in Northeast Ohio. Through its business affiliates, CHAMPS Group Purchasing (GPO) and The Essentials Group, The Center provides a broad level of professional services to its members. CHAMPS GPO leverages the purchasing power of 19,000+ member locations across the United States by aggregating purchasing volume to negotiate discounts with manufacturers and distributors they use every day. The Essentials Group is designed to further elevate the value to the collective membership base of The Center and CHAMPS GPO by serving as an incubator for new concepts and forging partnerships which bring forward solutions to improve efficiency, productivity and outcomes.

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