Resilience Catalysts: Louisville, KY

Who We Are:

Resilience Catalysts in Public Health is a national collaborative and network of local health departments seeking to eliminate adversity, foster equity through policy, practice, and program change, and build resilience.

The Louisville Department of Public Health and Wellness is using the Community Resilience framework to reduce evictions in communities of color and among lowest-income households by developing and advocating for supportive policies for renters and ground this work in data and analysis of the local context.

Louisville by the Numbers: Why Community Resilience Matters

Suicide

Suicide is steadily rising in Louisville, following the rising trend in the US.

127 Suicides in 2017

Evictions

About 14 people are evicted each DAY in Louisville (2016 data). The eviction rate in Louisville consistently DOUBLES Kentucky’s state-wide eviction rate.

Opioid Misuse

Opioid misuse increased dramatically in the 2010’s. Opioid overdoses cases tripled between 2014 and 2017.

Adverse Community Environments

1 in 5 children under 18 are living in poverty
1 in 10 children under 18 have a guardian who misuses opioids or alcohol
1 in 10 children under 10 had a parent in jail

Who We Work With

The initiative is led by the Center for Health Equity within the Louisville Department of Public Health and Wellness. The center is working with community members and local organizations, including the Metropolitan Housing Coalition and the Coalition for the Homeless.

How We’re Doing It

By connecting with stakeholders, engaging community and making policy changes, the Louisville Resilience Catalysts Partners will work toward lower eviction rates, fewer housing insecure individuals, and improved health outcomes.

Louisville Community

Center for Health Equity

Education

Transportation

Workforce Development

Coalition for the Homeless

Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC)

In collaboration with the Center for Community Resilience of the George Washington University, the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO), the American Public Health Association (APHA).