

# The State of Obesity 2019

### Better Policies for a Healthier America

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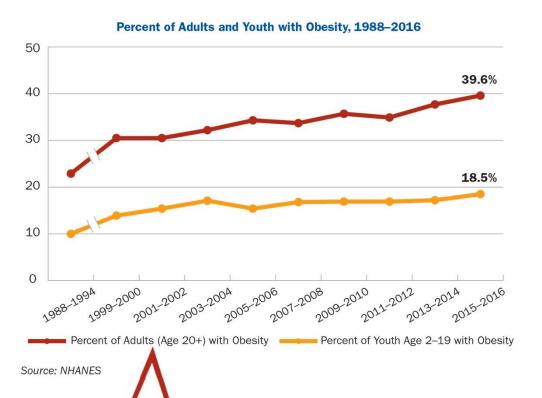
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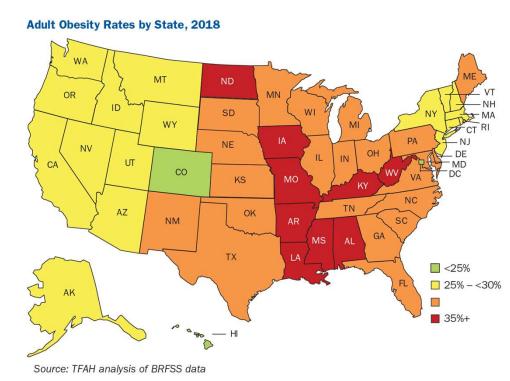
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# **Adult Obesity Still Increasing**

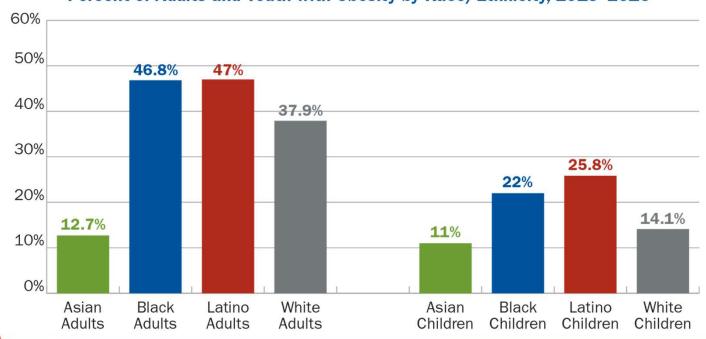






# Special Section: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Obesity

#### Percent of Adults and Youth with Obesity by Race/Ethnicity, 2015–2016



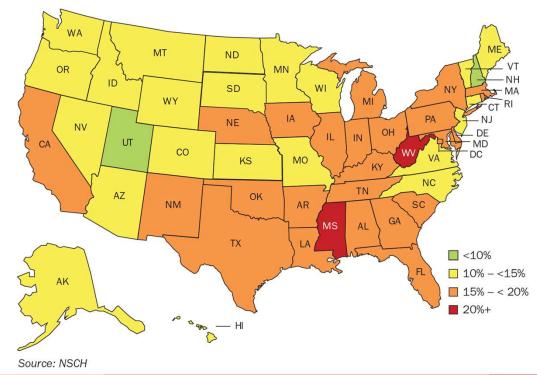
Source: NHANES



## Trends in Childhood Obesity

- Obesity rate in children more than tripled between 1976 and 2016
- Children who are overweight or have obesity are more likely to have obesity as adults
- Increasing our focus on the first 1,000 days of life is critical to encouraging healthy nutrition habits







### Multiple Consequences

### Health

- 100 M adults (40% of US) have prediabetes or diabetes
- 80,000 new cancer cases in 2015 from poor diet & obesity

### Economic

\$215 B in annual medical expenses & reduced economic productivity

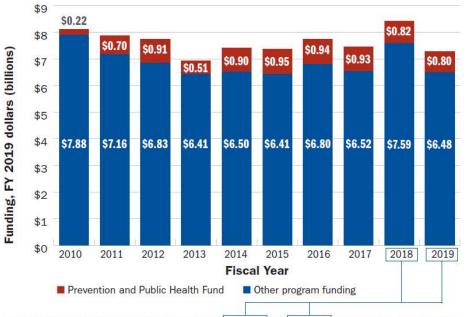
### National Defense

- 1 in 3 adults ineligible to serve in the military
- \$1 B spent on obesity related issues each year



# Despite Increased Need, National Funding Lags For All of Public Health

**CDC Program Funding** Adjusted for inflation, FY 2010-19



**V**10% over past decade

Note: Appropriately comparing funding levels in FY 2018 and FY 2019 requires accounting for the transfer of funding for the Strategic National Stockpile from the CDC to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response in FY 2019, and excluding one-time lab funding in FY 2018. Data were adjusted for inflation using the Bureau of Economic Analysis's implicit price deflators for gross domestic product

Source: CDC annual operating plans



## CDC's Funding Doesn't Reflect Obesity Epidemic

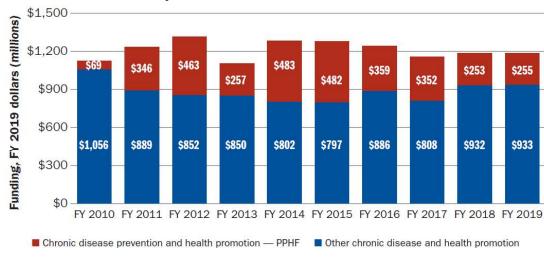
### **\$147 Billion** in Medical Costs ALONE!

HALF of which is paid for by Medicare and Medicaid

Obesity is expensive and rates are rising, and yet...

### **CDC Chronic Disease Funding Lags FY 2012 Level**

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### Is There Any Good News?

### WIC Program:

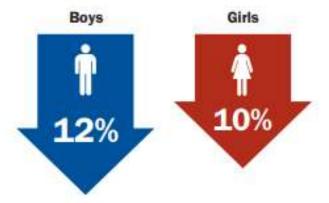
Children ages 2 - 4 in WIC program showed steady decline in obesity rates from 2010-2016.

### Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Taxes:

Research from Philadelphia & other sites shows fewer purchases of sugary drinks after the tax.

A 2019 study in Los Angeles

County found that 4-year-olds who
had received the revised WIC food
packages since birth were at a
reduced risk of obesity





### More Needs To Be Done

### Major recommendations themes:

- Prevention is key
- Funding is important
- Focus on long-term meaningful partnerships involving multiple sectors
- Focus on communities bearing brunt of the epidemic with resident leadership





### More Needs To Be Done – Strategically

- Food retail
- Schools & worksites
- Built environment
- Parks & recreation
- Transportation

Increase Healthy Options Reduce
Deterrents
to Healthy
Behaviors

- Unhealthy product promotions
- Higher costs of healthy foods
- Threats to personal safety
- Discrimination
- Social exclusion

- Anti-hunger programs
- Economic development
- Legal services
- Education & job training
- Housing subsidies & tax credits

Improve Social & Economic Resources

Build Community Capacity

- Empowered communities
- Strategic partnerships
- Entrepreneurship
- Behavior change, knowledge & skills
- Healthy behaviors promotion

Adapted from Dr. Shiriki Kumanyika's equity obesity prevention framework developed for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine



### We Can Work Together

### **Examples of Federal Policy Recommendations:**

- Expand CDC's State Physical Activity & Nutrition (SPAN) program to all states
- Increase CDC's REACH and other programs that target disparities
- Strengthen and expand SNAP & WIC support for low-income families/individuals
- Build CDC/public health capacity to address social determinants



### For More Information

Full text of *The State of Obesity 2019* available at:

www.tfah.org/stateofobesity2019

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## CDC ON THE STATE OF OBESITY: DATA, CURRENT ACTION, AND VISION

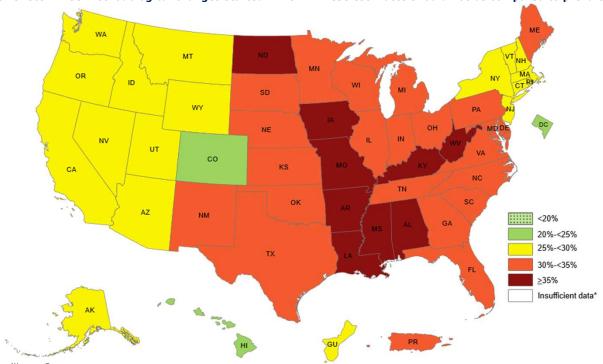
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### PREVALENCE® OF SELF-REPORTED OBESITY AMONG U.S. ADULTS BY STATE AND TERRITORY, BRFSS, 2018

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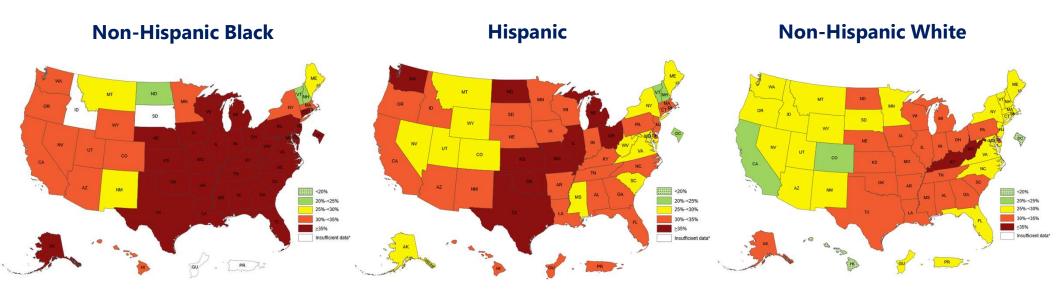
Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

\*Sample size <50 or the relative standard error (dividing the standard error by the prevalence) ≥ 30%

CDC DATA SHOW THAT ADULT OBESITY PREVALENCE CONTINUES TO REMAIN HIGH ACROSS THE U.S.

#### PREVALENCE® OF SELF-REPORTED OBESITY AMONG U.S. ADULTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, STATE AND TERRITORY, BRFSS, 2016-2018

1 Prevalence estimates reflect BRFSS methodological changes started in 2011. These estimates should not be compared to prevalence estimates before 2011.



Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

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NON-HISPANIC BLACKS HAD THE HIGHEST PREVALENCE OF OBESITY (39.1%), FOLLOWED BY HISPANICS (33.3%), AND NON-HISPANIC WHITES (29.3%).

### DNPAO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### **Reaching All Americans Across the Lifespan by Supporting**

A Healthy Start for Infants



Children & Youth
Growing Up Strong
& Healthy



Adults & Older Adults Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle



- Breastfeeding
- Maternal, Infant & Toddler Nutrition
- Vitamin & Mineral Malnutrition

- Good Nutrition & Healthy Food Environments
- Physical Activity & Access to Environments
   Designed for Physical Activity
- Healthy Weight Management & Obesity Prevention

# IMMEDIATE & FUTURE HEALTH RISKS OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY





Bullying, stigma
Lower self-reported
quality of life



# CHILDHOOD OBESITY: A COSTLY, PREVENTABLE DISEASE



- Children with excess weight will age into adulthood sicker and with increased risk of obesity. Adult obesity costs \$147 billion in annual medical costs
- Primary care and specialty care are struggling to address the needs of these populations
- Childhood obesity is a costly, preventable disease that creates immediate and future burden on the healthcare system

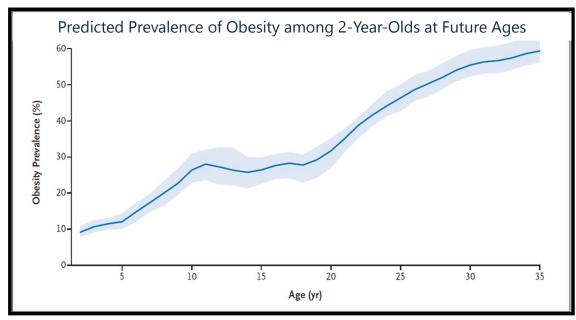
It's estimated that for all 10 year-olds with obesity in 2012, the total medical costs over their lifetime would amount to \$9.4 billion - \$14 billion (in 2012 dollars)

Source: Finkelstein EA, Graham WC, Malhotra R. Lifetime direct medical costs of childhood obesity. Pediatrics. 2014 May;133(5):854-62.

### CHILDHOOD OBESITY IS A GROWING PROBLEM

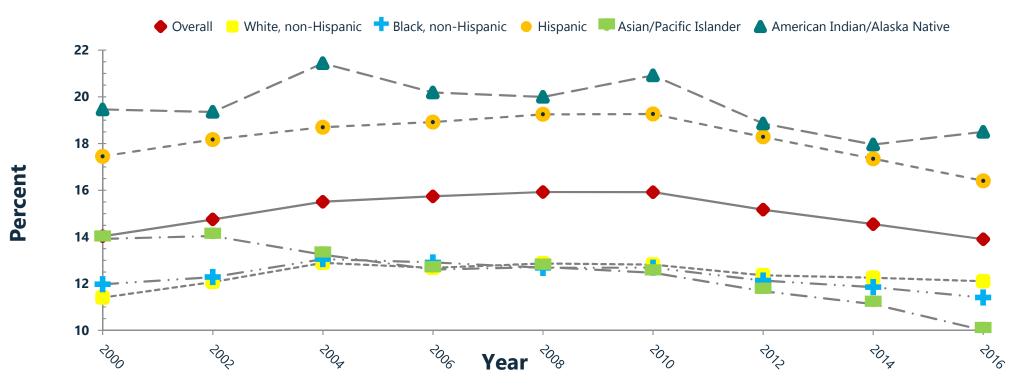
Prevention is key, but we must also help treat the 13.7 million children (2-19) that currently have obesity in the United States:

By 2050, the majority of today's children (57.3%) will have obesity by age 35, if our society doesn't take immediate actions



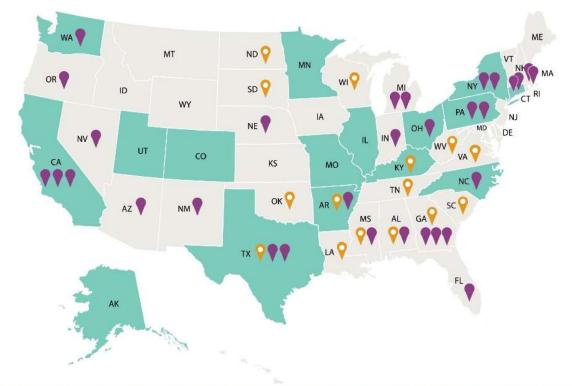
Source: Ward ZJ, Long MW, Resch SC, et al. N Engl J Med. 2017 Nov 30;377(22):2145-2153

# PREVALENCE OF OBESITY\* AMONG WIC PARTICIPANTS AGES 2–4 YEARS OLD HAS DECREASED SINCE 2010



\*Defined as sex-specific BMI-for-age ≥95th percentile based on 2000 CDC growth charts. WIC in 50 states (except HI in 2002 & 2004), DC, & 5 U.S. territories.

Pan L, Freedman DS, Park S, Galuska DA, Potter A, Blanck HM. JAMA. 2019 Jun 18;321(23):2364-2366. Changes in Obesity Among US Children Aged 2 Through 4 Years Enrolled in WIC During 2010-2016.



- State Physical Activity and Nutrition Program (SPAN)
  - 16 state and local recipients strengthening efforts to implement interventions that support healthy nutrition, safe and accessible physical activity, and breastfeeding
- High Obesity Program (HOP)
  - 15 land grant universities leveraging community extension services to increase access to healthier foods and opportunities for physical activity in counties that have more than 40% of adults with obesity
- Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Program
  - 31 organizations aiming to improve health, prevent chronic diseases, and reduce health disparities among racial and ethnic populations with the highest risk, or burden, of chronic disease

Fiscal Year 2018

# FIVE ACTION STEPS STATES CAN TAKE TO REDUCE CHRONIC DISEASE THROUGH IMPROVED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION

1. Make physical activity safe and accessible for all

States can support active transportation and land use policies to make more activity-friendly routes to everyday destinations.



States can improve healthy food options through procurement to include healthy food service guidelines in state agencies and community settings where food is offered, served, and sold.

3. Make breastfeeding easier to start and sustain

States can help hospitals use evidencebased maternity care practices to support new mothers to start breastfeeding.

4. Strengthen state level obesity prevention standards in early care and education centers (ECE)

States can improve standards that help prevent childhood obesity (breastfeeding, healthy eating, physical activity, and limit screen time) within their existing ECE systems.

Spread and scale pediatric weight management programs

States can work with state Medicaid programs to ensure pediatric weight management interventions are easy to access for families with low income.





A national initiative led by CDC to help

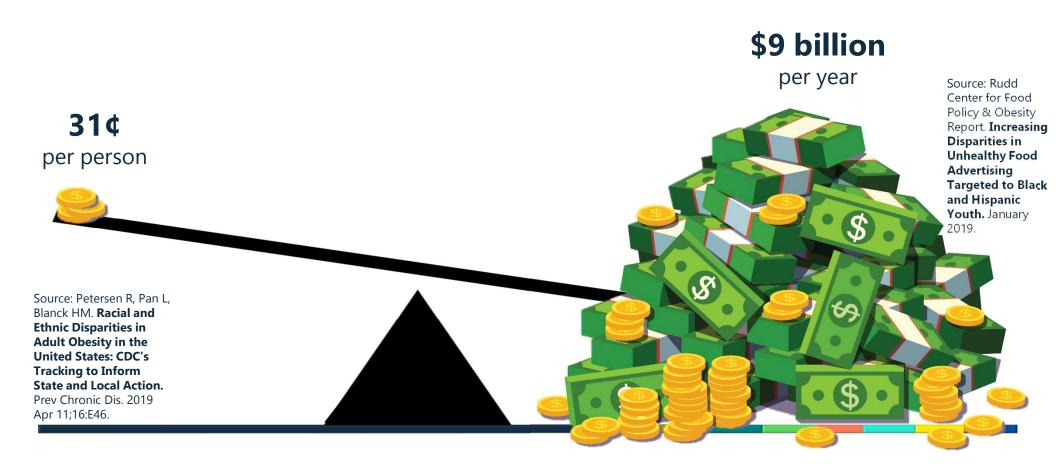
### **27 million Americans**

become more physically active by 2027

27 million by 2027



INCREASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CAN IMPROVE HEALTH, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND REDUCE HEALTHCARE COSTS



### **THANK YOU**

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### Racial & Ethnic Approaches to:

# Reducing Obesity & Chronic Disease in Cuyahoga County





# Health Improvement Partnership-Cuyahoga

 Addressing the most pressing issues impacting the health of our residents











#### **OUR VISION**

Cuyahoga County is a place where all residents live, work, learn, and play in safe, healthy, sustainable, and prosperous communities.

#### **OUR MISSION**

HIP-Cuyahoga's mission is to inspire, influence, and advance policy, environmental, and lifestyle changes that foster health and wellness for everyone who lives, works, learns, and plays in Cuyahoga County.

#### **CORE VALUE**

Building opportunities for everyone in Cuyahoga County to be healthy.



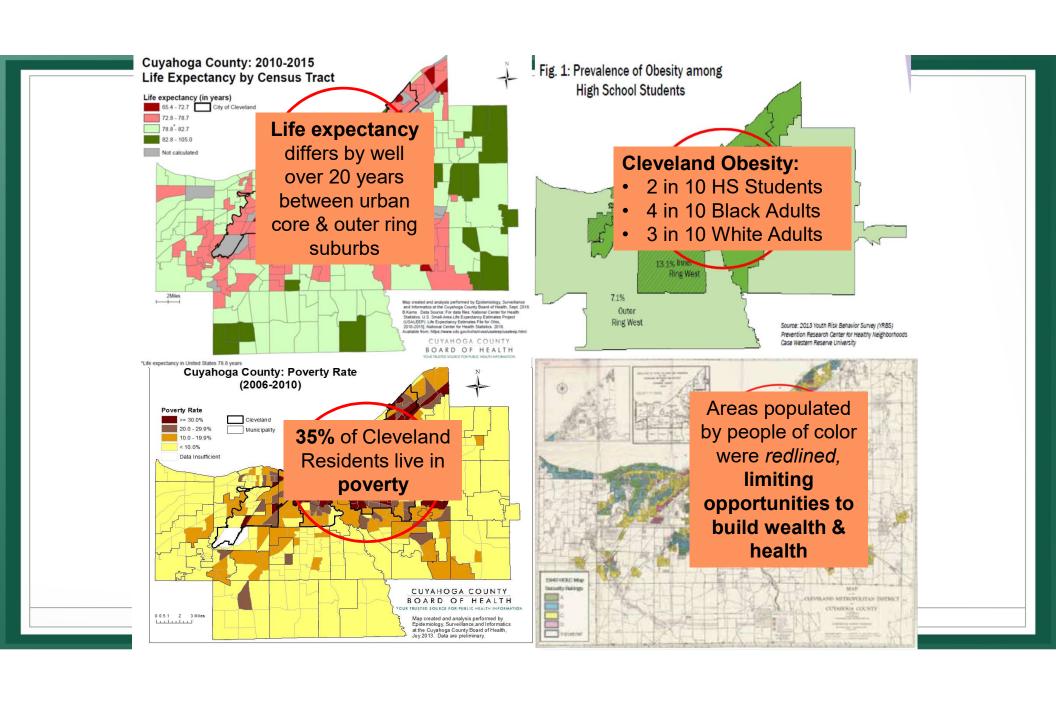
Learn more at: WWW.hipcuyahoga.org

# State of Health - Cuyahoga County

- Ranks in the bottom third of all 88 counties in Ohio for residents' health outcomes.
- Despite ranking consistently in the top 10 in the state for clinical care, our residents are not healthier.
- Significant differences in life expectancy based on race & place.
- The worst health outcomes are in our urban core.

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Health Organization Prioritizing Eliminating Structural Racism



## Cuyahoga County/Cleveland REACH

Through REACH, more than a quarter million residents, the majority of whom are African American and live in under-resourced areas in Greater Cleveland, now have better access to healthier choices!





# Healthy Eating/Nutrition

# Where people live should not dictate their ability to eat fresh and healthy food

• 1 in 3 Cleveland residents (240,707) live in a "food desert."



### What are we doing about it?

Improving nutrition and increasing access to healthier food

- Partnering with small store owners, residents & organizations to advocate for healthier eating & improving nutrition.
- Encourage locally owned corner stores to maintain & promote healthier food choices for their patrons – Good Food Here

# Healthy Eating/Nutrition Accomplishments

- Improved trust & collaboration between local stores, residents, & organizations.
- Made healthy food easier to find for an estimated 177,371 residents.
- Community Health
   Workers helped recruit &
   promote GFH branded
   stores.







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## Active Living/Physical Activity

## Our streets should serve the needs of ALL users, not just automobiles

- Cleveland residents lack sufficient physical activity at higher rates than nationally.
- There is growing interest in cycling among African Americans, but they are at 30% greater risk for a bike fatality than white cyclists.

### What are we doing about it?

Increasing access to safe places to be physically active

- Advocating for bicycling as a population-level physical activity.
- Facilitating the design & implementation of protected bicycle facilities to increase access & usage in Cleveland, especially among African Americans.

# Active Living/Physical Activity Accomplishments Silver Spokes: Accomplishments

- Secured \$80K funding to complete a city-wide cycling network feasibility study and plan.
- Helped secure \$8.3K to construct first 2.5 miles of the 60-mile cycling network protected bike boulevard by 2020.
- Participated in efforts
   resulting in installation of
   protected bike lanes over the
   Detroit-Superior Bridge.







# HIP-Cuyahoga's Framework for Action

Build Capacity to think, understand, and act differently to make equity & racial inclusion a shared value

Foster cross-sector collaboration, coordination of diverse partnerships, alignment of priorities & actions, & mobilization of resources

Involve community members in planning, decision making, & actions

Create healthier & more equitable decision making across sectors, systems, & policy areas

Focus obesity and chronic disease prevention efforts on the communities with the greatest need

# Complete List of Accomplishments









https://hipcuyahoga.org/racial-ethnic-approaches-communityhealth-reach/



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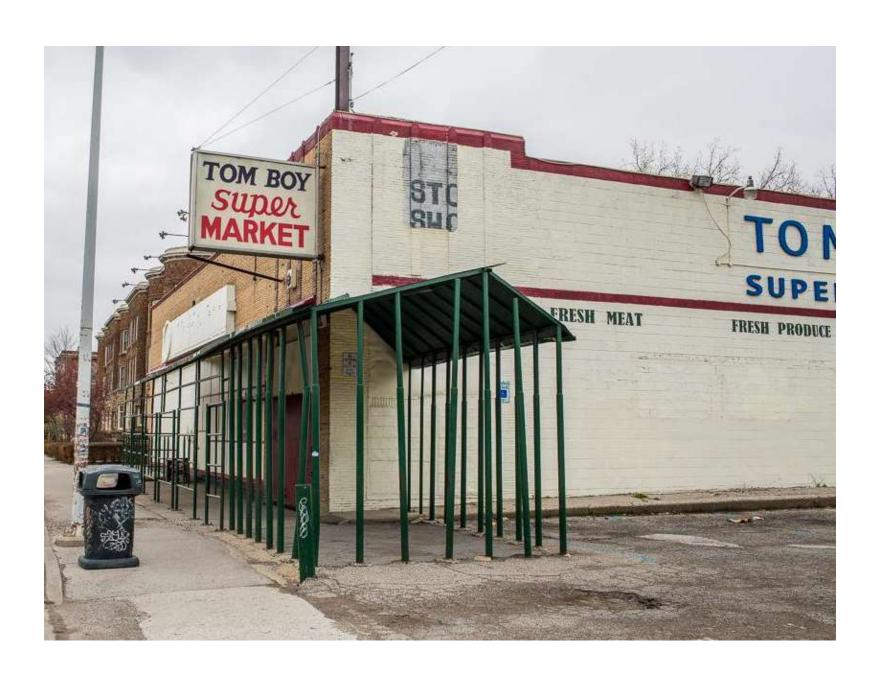
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Posted By Steve Neavling on Thu, May 23, 2019 at 5:20 pm



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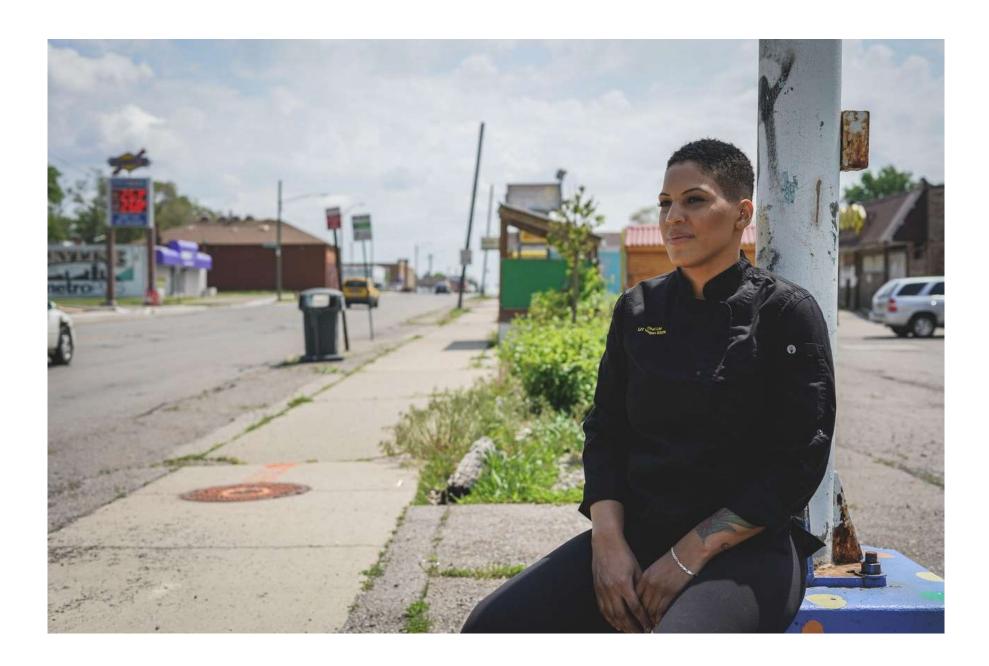






























## **Questions & Answers**

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