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# ALIGNING SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH

## Health Care + Public Health + Social Services

### Aligning Systems for Health Awards Additional Small Research and Evaluation Grants

The Georgia Health Policy Center is pleased to announce that Akron Children's Hospital/Kent State University and Public Health Solutions are the newest recipients of small research and evaluation grants from [Aligning Systems for Health: Health Care + Public Health + Social Services](#). Aligning Systems for Health focuses on learning about effective ways to align health care, public health, and social services to better meet the goals and needs of the people and communities they serve.

#### Akron Children's Hospital/Kent State University (Ohio)

Researchers will analyze Pathways Community HUB certification standards and the extent to which they may foster alignment efforts in communities served by HUBs. Additionally, researchers will evaluate the alignment processes in three communities served by care coordination HUBs. The evaluation seeks to develop insights on the status of alignment in the communities investigated and potential factors influencing alignment. Risk mitigation measures used by the Pathways Community HUB model will be assessed for their possible connections to community alignment processes.

#### Public Health Solutions (New York)

This project will conduct a formative evaluation to assess implementation factors that prevent providers from effectively bridging the gap between health care settings and services available in the community. Process adjustments will be proposed based on the Cross-sector Alignment Theory of Change. A portfolio of demonstration projects implemented in New York City's public hospitals will be used to test whether the Cross-sector Alignment Theory of Change can improve the quality of connections from clinical providers to community-based organizations for provision of community-based services.

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