Transforming Communities Initiative 2018-2019 Evaluation Highlights

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Trinity Health launched the Transforming Communities Initiative (TCI) in 2016 to provide up to 5 years of grant funding and technical assistance to hospital-community partnerships. These partnerships are working on a range of initiatives to prevent tobacco use and childhood obesity, and address social influencers of health.

The eight sites are located in Fresno, CA; Boise, ID; Maywood, IL; Syracuse, NY; Springfield, MA; Hartford, CT; Trenton, NJ; and Silver Spring, MD.

What is TCI impacting?

- In 2018–2019 Trinity Health invested $3.1 million in grant dollars
- Sites leveraged $3.5 million in matched funding from partner contributions and external grants
- $2.4 million raised to support built environment projects
- $100,000 secured to support Safe Routes to School
- Since TCI began 6 states passed Tobacco 21 legislation ahead of the federal law
- 4 cities adopted Complete Streets to improve walkability, bikeability, and safety
- 3 school districts adopted stronger wellness policies
- Over 300 schools and childcare centers adopted policies and practices to improve student health
- Over 95% of partners say TCI helped them have greater impact and valuable relationships
- Trinity hospitals report strengthened connections to the community
- 84% of partners agree that their TCI partnership facilitates community member participation
- 67% of partners report that their TCI partnership facilitates community member leadership

Catalyzing policy, systems, and environmental change
### What have TCI sites accomplished in Year 3?

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<th>Domain</th>
<th>Number of sites</th>
<th>Key Strategies</th>
<th>Reach</th>
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<td>Tobacco prevention and reduction</td>
<td>8 sites</td>
<td>• Train youth advocates&lt;br&gt;• Outreach and communication&lt;br&gt;• Collaborate with local coalitions</td>
<td>7.78 million youth&lt;br&gt;15-24 years old, in the 6 states where TCI influenced Tobacco 21 passage</td>
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<td>Public school wellness</td>
<td>6 sites</td>
<td>• Strengthen district policies&lt;br&gt;• Expand local school wellness councils&lt;br&gt;• Create and promote Safe Routes to School&lt;br&gt;• Increase school gardens&lt;br&gt;• School-level physical activity and nutrition</td>
<td>235,924 students&lt;br&gt;across 341 schools in 7 districts</td>
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<td>Early care and education</td>
<td>5 sites</td>
<td>• Center-level nutrition and physical activity policies and practices&lt;br&gt;• Playground enhancements and gardens&lt;br&gt;• State-level policy assessment</td>
<td>Over 3,600 children&lt;br&gt;across 45 centers</td>
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<td>Coalition development</td>
<td>5 sites</td>
<td>• Recruit partners&lt;br&gt;• Establish organizational structures&lt;br&gt;• Co-develop strategic plans</td>
<td>(not estimated)</td>
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<td>Community food access and nutrition</td>
<td>5 sites</td>
<td>• Convene food policy councils&lt;br&gt;• Shared use agreements for food distribution&lt;br&gt;• Build health care-food system partnerships&lt;br&gt;• Support urban agriculture, farm stands, farmers’ markets, and healthy corner stores</td>
<td>581,275 pounds of healthy foods donated or redistributed&lt;br&gt;1,761 people connected to food assistance</td>
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<td>Built environment</td>
<td>4 sites</td>
<td>• Use data to influence local officials&lt;br&gt;• Complete Streets policies&lt;br&gt;• Develop and fundraise for community wellness spaces and infrastructure</td>
<td>133,773 community members</td>
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<td>Economic development and community capacity</td>
<td>3 sites</td>
<td>• Create a community leadership academy&lt;br&gt;• Support and connect small enterprises with institutional clients&lt;br&gt;• Conduct community needs assessments&lt;br&gt;• Trauma-informed care trainings</td>
<td>26 residents completed leadership course&lt;br&gt;570 residents coached&lt;br&gt;480 residents took part in needs assessment</td>
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<td>Breastfeeding policy</td>
<td>2 sites</td>
<td>• 27 breastfeeding-friendly spaces designed and publicized&lt;br&gt;• 10 organizations adopted supportive policies</td>
<td>11,319 breastfeeding women</td>
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TCI technical assistance provided by ChangeLab Solutions, Community Catalyst, Public Good Projects, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, and the Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC). GHPC conducts the TCI cross-site evaluation to assess partnership and collaboration, as well as policy, systems, and environmental change reach, implementation, and impact. Data sources include key stakeholder interviews, a TCI partner collaboration survey, and project documents, including site annual reports, meeting notes, site visits, and observations.