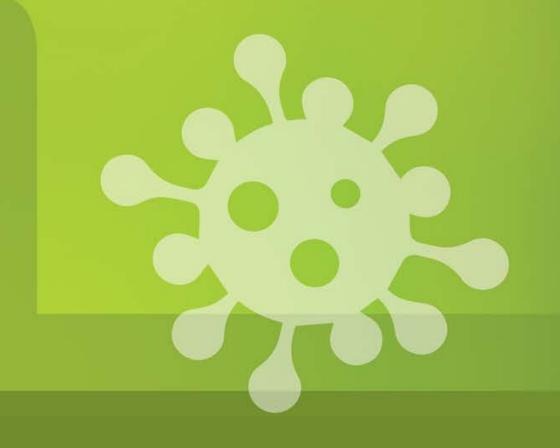
Response to COVID-19



Southwest COVID Community Partner Responses

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#Allinthistogether Creative Ways to Address Community Need

During the COVID-19 crisis, community organizations across the State continue to serve on the frontlines every day to help those in need in our local communities.

Buckeye asked our community partner network of 40,000+ people what their organizations were doing to help the community during the COVID-19 crisis. The response was overwhelming! 244 partners across the state shared creative ideas and best practices related to direct outreach during these challenging times.

We compiled a snapshot of the great work in the Southwest region in service to our members and the broader community. We hope these examples encourage and inspire you during this time. We are all in this together.

Stay Safe and Healthy!



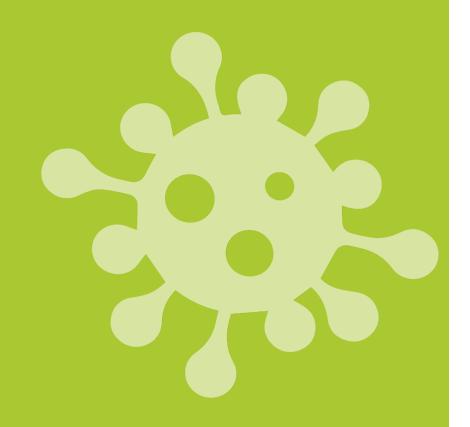
Southwest Ohio





Health and Wellness





Life Forward, Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati

Life Forward provides pregnancy support to the community through confidential services at no charge, including: consultation on options, pregnancy testing, 3D/4D ultrasounds, referrals to community services and education.

During the crisis, Life Forward has increased its member communication using texting. Staff provide literature, referrals, videos and encouragement to clients. Parenting education programs and 1:1 consultations have transitioned to online formats. Clients are able to receive needed baby items through a drive-in format.

For more information, call or text 513-961-7777, visit their website or follow Life Forward on social media.





Women's Centers of Ohio

Women's Centers of Ohio continues to offer free pregnancy tests and material assistance during this time. Additionally, Women's Center is now offering virtual pregnancy and parenting classes. These classes allow pregnant mothers and mothers with young children to earn "Baby Bucks" that can be used on baby items in their Baby Boutique, everything from diapers and formula to cribs and car seats.

Utilization of Women's Center's material assistance program has increased due to crisis. This program provides free diapers, wipes, and formula in set amounts to families in need. This is vital for those affected financially by CoronaVirus restrictions, but also for anyone who is having trouble locating the diapers and formula they need in stores.

For more information, visit Women's Centers of Ohio's <u>website</u> or on social media: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Pinterest</u>.





South Community

South Community provides mental health, substance use and integrated care for the Greater Miami Valley community. To serve clients during this time, they have implemented a telehealth across all of our services and programs, providing continuity of care, ongoing treatment and mitigating risk of exposure for staff and clients.

The organization is continuing to deliver medication, food boxes and injections to clients. Staff are conducting health screens by phone prior to a delivery and adhering to six feet distancing guidelines. The Caring Hands Food Pantry has seen a 60% increase in need during the crisis, providing 75 food boxes a week.

South Community is communicating with clients regularly through email and social media. They launched "Gather Everyone Together" E-Letters that promote family engagement during this time of heavy screen use and social isolation.

For more information, visit their <u>website</u> or follow South Community on <u>Facebook</u>.



What is Telehealth?





<u>Telehealth</u>, also sometimes called telemedicine, has been a major buzz word lately as many providers have turned to this method of seeing patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Basically, this is a broad term for any health care service you can recieve while not being *physically* in the room with your clinician.

Telehealth includes things such as using an online portal to view test results, video chatting with your provider for an appointment, instant messaging/chatting, and more! Lots of people are doing one or more of these things without even realizing that they're participating in the use of telehealth.

What are some of the advantages of using telehealth? Here are just some of the many reasons to love the use of technology in every-day medical practice:

- Providers can meet with patients where they are
- Allows Providers to meet with more patients in a day
- Reduces travel to/from appointments
- High patient satisfaction rate



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Children's Education and Support Services





Dayton Metro Library

While the library has closed physical operations, Dayton Metro Library is offering services to support children and their families. The library has online story times daily and science experiments for children. They also offer a collection of electronic resources like the HelpNow homework help database with live tutors, Lynda.com, Ancestory.com and other available resources like ebooks, movies and music to support families.

If someone does not have a library card, they can get one online.



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Food Insecurity and Other SDOH Challenges





Preble County Council on Aging

To keep seniors at home and potentially reduce community spread, Preble County Council on Aging is delivering meals. The agency provides nearly 200 hot meals to seniors each day. In addition to the daily hot meal, they provide bags of a week's worth of shelf stable items that can be used as a second meal to encourage friends and family over 60 to stay home, and not need to go to the grocery. Call 937-456-4947 to reserve a meal for senior over 60 during the Stay At Home Order.

Additional services continue to support the health and wellbeing of seniors. The Decade's Diner is selling curbside to go meals as well as congregate meals. Our transportation department is only offering chemotherapy, dialysis, grocery and pharmacy runs at this time. As needed we will go to the grocery and pharmacy for the seniors if they want us too. The community has donated pet food and puzzles or coloring pages to keep the animals fed and seniors entertained. On social media, the agency is sharing community resources, phone numbers and activities for seniors during this time.

For more information, visit their <u>website</u> or <u>Facebook page</u>.





Preble County Resources

Phone-A-Friend

We don't want you to feel lonely during this time.

We want you to feel connected and nourished.

Would you like a daily check in or know someone who does?

Would you like help with grocery store or pharmacy runs?

Would you like to receive a meal?

We Can Help
Cal PCCOA at 937-456-4947
Ask for Cheryl
We have Licensed Professionals ready to help You.



New Path Inc.

During the COVID-19 Crisis, New Path Inc. continues to serve Miami County residents through its Choice Food Pantry. In order to maintain social distancing guideline and reduce risk for exposure, the pantry has shifted to a drive thru pantry. Staff and volunteers are wearing gloves as they serve and clipboards and pens are being disinfected after each use.

In cooperation with the Miami County Sheriff's Department, New Path has initiated a Food Pantry Home Delivery Service for residents over age 60 and who live within Miami County. Seniors in need of food are encouraged to call 937-669-1213 from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Thursday. Food boxes are delivered the next day.

To learn more, visit their website.



Caring Kitchen

The Caring Kitchen is an outreach ministry of the Champaign County Community. Caring kitchen operates a 24/7 emergency shelter, food pantry, soup kitchen, clothing distribution among other services.

During the COVID-19 crisis, the need for food provided by Caring Kitchen has increased by 58%. The community is coming together to supply needed resources to fuel the increased need from providing food to gloves, takeout containers and cleaning supplies.

The organization continues to house homeless during this time. They are providing hotel accommodations to house the sick.

For more information about Caring Kitchen, visit their website.

