



Monthly news & updates

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for everyone who helped inform our 2023-2028 MKE Elevate community health improvement planning process!

Together, we were able to:

- Reach a cross section of the city through targeted outreach at **over 40 community events**, including farmers' markets, neighborhood pop ups, and festivals
- Hold **4 community meetings** geographically dispersed across the city (special thanks to Milwaukee Public Library staff for hosting 2 meetings!)
- Get **over 2,000 survey responses** to our [Priority Issue Survey](#)
- Get **86 photo submissions** to our [Photo Voice contest](#), highlighting what makes Milwaukee healthy or unhealthy

Based on community input from the Priority Issue Survey, photo contest, and fall meeting feedback, as well as the Milwaukee Health Department's 2022 Community Health Assessment ([CHA](#)), Milwaukee Healthcare Partnership's 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment ([CHNA](#)), and other data sources, a selection committee comprised of MHD leadership and Board of Health members helped inform our final priority issue selection for 2023-2028.

An infographic titled '2023-2028 PRIORITIES' set against a background of a city street map. In the top left corner is the MKE ELEVATE logo. The title '2023-2028 PRIORITIES' is in white text on a dark blue rectangular background. Below the title, the text 'Overarching Priority: Racism & Health Equity' is displayed. Underneath that, it says 'Three Priority Action Areas:'. Three green circular icons are listed vertically: a shield with a checkmark, a building with a plus sign, and a baby bottle. To the right of each icon is the corresponding action area name: 'Safety & Violence Prevention', 'Built Environment', and 'Maternal and Child Health'. At the bottom left is the City of Milwaukee Health Department logo, and at the bottom right is the website 'milwaukee.gov/elevate'.

Out of ten possible issue categories, **Racism and Health Equity** was identified as the overarching priority that will drive all our work, led by our steering committee. Three action teams will be formed to focus on **Safety and Violence Prevention** (including crime and safety, interpersonal and intimate partner violence, mental health, and drug use), **Built Environment** (including housing, transportation, lead, some elements of economic security, and access to healthy food), and **Maternal and Child Health** (including reproductive healthcare access, healthy birth outcomes, maternal mental health, and nutrition).

See below for a timeline of next steps:



Opportunities to Engage

If you missed our fall meetings, you can view [a recording](#) and review [meeting materials](#) online.

Get involved!



The Milwaukee Health Department serves as a convener for MKE Elevate, coordinating partners, aligning strategies, and facilitating a steering committee and issue-based action teams.

If you are interested in getting involved, complete this [interest form](#) or email mkeelevate@milwaukee.gov for more information.



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Help inform community health improvement efforts in Milwaukee!

News and Resources

City Health recently released new data in an online dashboard. Topics included health behaviors, health outcomes, social and economic data, physical environment, and clinical care.

See Milwaukee data [here](#)

Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth is offering a [Seeking Safety program](#), "an evidence-based supportive group...to build coping skills, develop safety, and heal from past trauma." To learn more, call 414-248-3996 or visit www.mccy.org.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 12th and 19th from 12:00 to 1:00pm

The [Strong Baby program](#) at MHD will host [Café MKE](#), featuring the following topics:

- January 12: The Value of Lactation Peers, via Zoom
- January 19: Paint N Sip at Southside Health Center, 1639 S 23rd St

Learn more [here](#).