



Our Health. Our Community. Our Future.

Monthly news & updates

As August comes to an end we are thrilled to bring you updates on MKE Elevate. This month, we invite you to embark on a journey of growth, learning, and inspiration. Just as August signifies a time of transformation and progress, MKE Elevate is working towards creating and transforming Milwaukee into a healthier space for ALL community members.

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." —Barack Obama

MKE Elevate Executive Summary

The CHIP plan is scheduled to be released towards the of September!

Thank you to all who took part in and provided their insights for MKE Elevate. The contributions of the community in terms of input and feedback have been instrumental in making this possible.

It's important to note that the release of the plan signifies not the end but the start of our efforts. Over the upcoming five years, we as a community will be dedicated to working towards the goals identified by our community members.

Read the executive summary [here](#)



MKE Elevate: A community-driven plan to elevate our health, our community, and our future.

MKE Elevate is a plan to elevate the health of all Milwaukee residents. While countless individuals and programs work tirelessly to improve health outcomes citywide, this plan seeks to focus and align work to address priority issues selected by our community, for our community.

In 2022, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) was joined by Mayor Cavalier Johnson in launching a comprehensive, community-driven process to develop the MKE Elevate plan. The MHD provided leadership and oversight to the process, facilitating community input and participation.

The process began with the release of the City of Milwaukee Community Health Assessment (CHA), a report detailing over 40 data points across ten issue areas on the health status of Milwaukee residents as well as the conditions that impact these health outcomes. The CHA findings show that Milwaukee has higher-than-state-average rates of infant mortality, sexually transmitted diseases, cancer (breast, cervical, lung, and prostate), violence, teen pregnancy, childhood lead poisoning, and mortality due to unintentional injuries. These disparities stem from long-standing disadvantages and structural racism that have built upon and influence each other over time.

Using this data as a guide, the MHD sought feedback directly from community residents. Through an online and in-person survey, more than 2,000 people weighed in on what they viewed as Milwaukee's most pressing health issues. At the same time, a photo campaign asked residents to visually identify healthy and unhealthy aspects of city life and received nearly 100 submissions. CHA data and community survey results were shared at a series of four community meetings, where residents completed a prioritization activity.

Resident input was combined with available data and potential evidence-based strategies to identify an overarching priority of **Racial and Health Equity** as well as 3 Priority Action Areas that not only address community-identified concerns, but also significantly influence safety and health:

**HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES**

In early 2023, community members were then invited to join a steering committee and three action teams. MHD engaged community partners in a series of quarterly meetings, seeking to coordinate a response to the three community-identified priority areas for action. Meeting participants crossed sectors and silos to develop goals and objectives for action, as well as proposed strategies to support these objectives. The MKE Elevate Steering Committee came together to identify an updated vision and mission:

VISION

A Milwaukee where all people are thriving in safe, healthy, and equitable neighborhoods.

MISSION

MKE Elevate supports a Milwaukee where all people are thriving in safe, healthy, and equitable neighborhoods free from oppression by aligning strategies and building power, partnerships, access to resources, and opportunities for collective advocacy in community-identified priority areas.

Using the community-developed goals, objectives, and strategies identified in this plan, MHD will continue to engage implementation partners to convene quarterly meetings, align efforts, and track results.

Together, we can improve the health of Milwaukee.



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[@mkeelevate](https://www.instagram.com/mkeelevate)

Visit milwaukee.gov/Elevate
for more information!

August Action Team Q3 Meeting notes and Q4 November Meeting Registration Links.

Action Team Meetings notes for August 2023.

**Built Environment
Action Team**
(Virtual, via Zoom)
Thursday, November 16th

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Q3 notes [here](#)
Register for Q4 [here](#)

Maternal & Child Health Action Team

(Virtual, via Zoom)
Thursday, November 16th
4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Q3 notes [here](#)
Register for Q4 [here](#)

Safe and Supportive Communities

(Virtual, via Zoom)
Tuesday, November 28th,
10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Q3 notes [here](#)
Register for Q4 [here](#)

Join us at our
**Q4 Action Team
Meetings this
November!**



Please join us at our fourth round of Action Team Meetings to work together to create a plan to work towards our goals and strategies for the next five year plan!



Built Environment

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Thursday, November 16th - 10:00am to 11:30am



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Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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Register for Zoom meetings at
milwaukee.gov/elevate



Meet MKE Elevate's Implementation Partner Art Intersection MKE



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INTERSECTION
MKE

Art Intersection MKE is about placemaking and using arts and culture as a tool to create an inclusive community where public art is shown in a net zero greenspace. Art Intersection MKE's core mission revolves around creating spaces and opportunities for people to connect, learn, and celebrate through art and community engagement. The organization is committed to environmental/ecological justice and fostering an inclusive environment where

everyone can access the benefits of living well, whether or not they identify as artists. By facilitating encounters with diverse individuals and cultures, Art Intersection MKE aims to spark meaningful contemplation and dialogue, enhancing people's life experiences through public art and community programming in an environmentally sustainable and conscious space.

Art Intersection MKE 's focus is on establishing spaces where representation is significant, enabling individuals to forge enriching connections through art and community interactions. This aspiration arises from the belief that direct and personal engagement is crucial to learning about those around us. The organization is particularly attuned to the Near West Side, a diverse neighborhood where a significant portion of residents grapple with poverty and limited resources. Art Intersection MKE endeavors to counteract the adverse effects of disinvestment by using art, green infrastructure and renewable energy technologies as a catalyst for positive change within this underserved community

Why is a Art Intersection MKE vital resource?

Art Intersection MKE plays a crucial role as an important resource for Milwaukee due to its multifaceted impact on the community. Firstly, Art Intersection MKE serves as a platform for fostering inclusivity and diversity. By creating spaces where people from various backgrounds can connect through art and cultural exchange, Art Intersection MKE helps break down barriers and build bridges within the community. This inclusivity extends to individuals who may not see themselves as artists, providing them with opportunities to engage, learn, and appreciate art.

Secondly, Art Intersection MKE addresses societal challenges, particularly in underserved areas like the Near West Side. By using public art as a tool for positive change, Art Intersection MKE contributes to community development and upliftment. The organization's focus on this neighborhood, which faces economic disparities and disinvestment, demonstrates its commitment to addressing systemic issues and creating tangible improvements through inclusive artistic initiatives and environmentally friendly/sustainable practices. Additionally, Art Intersection MKE enhances Milwaukee's cultural vibrancy. Through its events, workshops, and art installations, the organization enriches the city's creative landscape and provides opportunities for artists to showcase their work. This contributes to the overall cultural scene, attracting both residents and visitors to engage with the arts and experience Milwaukee's unique artistic expression. Art Intersection MKE's emphasis on learning and providing a platform that fosters personal growth and empowerment. Residents can expand their artistic abilities, engage in sensory friendly experiences, and be connected to resources to increase their awareness and access to green technologies. This not only enhances individual well-being but also contributes to a more skilled, environmentally informed and culturally enriched community. Furthermore, Art Intersection MKE 's involvement in community projects and collaborations, such as Washington Park Wednesdays, showcases its commitment to collaborative efforts for positive community change. By partnering with other organizations, businesses and community initiatives, Art Intersection MKE amplifies its impact and contributes to a collective effort towards bettering the city.

In summary, Art Intersection MKE is a vital resource for Milwaukee as it promotes inclusivity, addresses societal challenges, enriches cultural diversity, empowers individuals, and collaborates for community betterment. Its holistic

approach aligns with the city's growth, vibrancy, and the overall well-being of its residents.

Why did they sign on to be an implementation partner for MKE Elevate?

Art Intersection MKE made a strategic decision to collaborate as an implementation partner with MKE Elevate, driven by the shared mission of enhancing the health and well-being of Milwaukee's residents. This partnership serves as a potent avenue to collectively address issues of racism and health disparities within the city, working together to foster secure and thriving neighborhoods. Art Intersection MKE's involvement will primarily center on two of the priority action areas outlined by MKE Elevate: Built Environment and Safety and Violence Prevention. These areas align with the organization's capabilities, allowing it to make a tangible and direct impact in shaping the physical surroundings and ensuring safer communities in Milwaukee.

Implementation Partner Agreement

MKE Elevate Implementation Partners

This agreement is to provide implementation assistance to MKE Elevate in connection with the implementation of the strategies selected for our community health improvement plan.

Such implementation assistance may include, but is not limited to:

- Providing expertise,
- Resources
- Data sharing as it relates to the goals and strategies identified in the CHIP

Being an implementation partner for MKE Elevate means your organization has agreed to collaborate with the Milwaukee Health Department to support the implementation of the plan's strategies and initiatives aimed at improving the health and well-being of the community.

Benefits of an implementation partner

1. **Breaking Down Silos:** As an MKE Elevate Implementation partner, you'll have the opportunity to collaborate across different sectors, organizations, and individuals. By working together, you can share insights, expertise, and resources!
2. **Networking Opportunities:** This network provides a platform to exchange ideas, share best practices, and learn from others' experiences. Networking can lead to new partnerships, collaborations, and opportunities.
3. **Strategic Alignment:** As partners, you'll have the chance to align your strategies with a common goal – making your community healthier and more vibrant. This alignment enhances the impact of your individual efforts by pooling resources and focusing on shared objectives.
4. **Community Health Improvement:** The ultimate goal of MKE Elevate is to improve the overall health and well-being of the community. By becoming an implementation partner, you contribute to this mission

Expectations of an implementation partner are:

- Share program data with us on a yearly basis.
- This may include data you regularly report on for grant funding.

Things to note: *If your organization does not have an established data reporting process, our MHD's data team will work with you to identify meaningful metrics for this partnership and data should not include client identifiers*

- Attend at least half of action team meetings (2 meetings) and general meetings (1 meeting)
- Commitment to being an anti-racist organization (for more information go to <https://aorta.coop/continuum>)

Sign on as an implementation partner [here](#)

I-794 Lake Interchange Survey

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is accepting feedback and input on the Lake Interchange Study. They developed a [comment form with survey questions](#), available through September 1, 2023. This form enables you the opportunity to provide feedback on the Study and the public meeting materials to help shape the future of this corridor.

You can view all the meeting materials on the [I-794 public meeting webpage](#), including:

- Study Overview Video
 - Display Boards
 - Design Concepts
- Study Overview Factsheet
- Traffic, Travel, and Safety Patterns Factsheet

Webinar – Practical Approaches to Strengthen Civic and Voter Participation Through Public Health!

This webinar focuses on effective ways public health agencies and leaders are promoting a healthier inclusive democracy. This webinar provides an overview of the 2023 CHRR National Findings Report focused on civic health. Practical examples from state and local health departments implementing strategies to promote inclusive civic and voter participation will also be shared. In addition, Paula Tran, Wisconsin State Health Officer, and local health officials shared ways the department is strengthening civic participation and incorporating voter participation into their health assessments and planning processes.

Watch the recording [here](#)

Data Dream 2023

"Have you ever wished your organization had more information or data about your work or the people you serve? A Data Dream is an opportunity for an organization to move beyond limitations created by a lack of information, limited capacity to interpret data already collected, or a combination of both. Applicants share what would be different if their nonprofit had access to more information or data — how their planning, service provision, results, or funding might be improved with access to assistance in securing, analyzing, visualizing or presenting data. Data You Can Use staff will work with you over the next 3-9 months to help bring your data dream to life!"

Apply [here](#)

Courage MKE Is Looking for donations

Courage MKE stock of Courage Kit items is running low. Their full list of items they need can be found [here](#). They are most in need of travel size deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and toothpaste. They are set on menstrual products for the time being.

Items can be dropped off at Courage House (1544 S. 6th St. Milwaukee) between 9-6 Monday through Friday, but you can also call 414-240-2882 (option 1) to ensure our team is home to make a weekend drop off or email us at info@couragemke.org to make other arrangements.

Alternatively, we encourage folks to get their groups or organizations involved by doing a courage kit drive! If you want to take it a step further, we love having volunteer groups come do kit assembly and learn more about what we've been up to. To arrange this please reach out to Marissa at marissa@couragemke.org!

IN NEED OF COURAGE KIT ITEMS!



Courage MKE supporters, did you know that since we started our Courage Kit Program we've given away more than 30,000 of them?! Every year we receive many requests for kits from local schools and nonprofits, however, our stock is low and we're looking for help meeting the need. If you can donate, click the description below for details!



Check Out This article on "Worried about lead as a Wisconsin tenant or property owner? Here's what to know. "

"Children can be poisoned by ingesting lead paint, lead-tainted water, soil, dust or other lead-based products. Lead poses the greatest risk to brain development, where damage can be irreversible, but medical treatment and nutrition changes can lower lead levels in blood."

Read the full article [here](#)

Upcoming Events

If you or your organizations would like any events shared in this newsletter please email MKEElevate@milwaukee.gov

WEDNESDAYS

SEPT 13-27
5-7 PM

ARTS@LARGE
1100 S 5TH ST

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*Learn how to create your own music,
beats, poems, and songs! FREE and
open to all ages and experience levels.*

HIP HOP WORKSHOPS

W/ MUSIC ARTIST
KIRAN VEDULA

[CLICK HERE](#)
or scan to
register!



CALL FOR EVENTS + CAMPAIGNS

Holidays to tap into and events to be aware of



Fall Campaigns – Who is doing what in September? October?

August 31 - Int'l Overdose Awareness Day

September – Nat'l Food Safety Education Month, Nat'l Suicide Prevention Month, Nat'l Sexual Health Awareness Month, Public Health Lab Appreciation Month

- Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day (City holiday, closed)
- Sept. 7, 12 & Oct. 10, 12 & Nov. 2, 9 – Advancing Health Literacy Training (OAAA)
- Sunday, Sept. 10 - Nat'l Suicide Prevention Day
- Friday, Sept. 15 thru Sunday, Oct. 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month
- Saturday, Sept. 19 - National Voter Registration Day
- Saturday, Sept. 23 – First Day of Fall
- Sunday, Sept. 24 – Harbor Fest (ECO)



Join Milwaukee's Advancing Health Literacy Project Partners for a series of free virtual health literacy trainings.

Thursday, June 1
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Register at milwaukee.gov/ML

October – Nat'l Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Nat'l Fire Prevention Month, Halloween Safety Month

- Oct. 2-6 - National Voter Education Week
- Thurs., Oct. 5 – MHD Flu Kick Off at Neighborhood House of MKE
- Oct. 8-14 - Nat'l Fire Prevention Week
- Tues., Oct. 10 - World Mental Health Day
- Sat., Oct. 21 – Fatherhood Summit (OAAA)
- Sat., Oct. 28 – “Leap Into Wellness” Youth Mental Health Summit (OVP, MHD, Leroy Butler)





DINNER DIALOGUE

Join us to discuss the role of law enforcement in our neighborhoods, how that has changed and developed over time, and hear from guest speaker Kimberly D. Hassell!



OCT 9
5-8 pm

Milwaukee Brat House
1013 N Doctor M.L.K. Jr Dr
\$30 per ticket



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Questions?

Email us at Engagement@MilwaukeeRep.com
or call us at 414-290-0707.

2023

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YOUTH PREVENTION SUMMIT

YOUTH PREVENTION STARTS WITH LISTENING

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MEKAILA BASKERVILLE



SEPT 8TH, 2023

6:00PM - 9:00PM
2000 W KILBOURN AVE

SUMMIT FOCAL POINTS:

- ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE PREVENTION
 - DRUG PREVENTION
 - STD EDUCATION
 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION
 - JOB READINESS
 - FINANCIAL LITERACY
 - RELATABLE MENTORSHIP
- PANEL TALK STARTS AT 7PM

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September 28th
10:30am

training of the
trainer session

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Join us for a
CROSSWALK ACTION!

Burleigh & 51st
Thu. August 31
5:30-6:30pm



Join us in bringing awareness to pedestrian safety!

YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS!



MilWALKee Walks!



DRAMA FUN-DAMENTALS

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New to the world of theater?
Learn the basics and build
your skills through group
games and play! The perfect
introduction to acting in a
fun, low-stakes environment.

Mission:

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Attention, agents! Your
mission, should you choose to
accept it, is to explore the
world of improv and character
work to create your own
adventures!

OPEN TO AGES 7+, NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED!



Every Saturday
Sept 9 through Oct 28
Times vary by location



COA Goldin Center
Center Street Library
Fernwood Montessori School
Kluge School

For more information
& to register, scan the
above QR code or visit
[tinyurl.com/DramaFun
MKERep!](https://tinyurl.com/DramaFunMKERep!)



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ENGAGEMENT**
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VICTORY GARDEN INITIATIVE FARMSTAND

Saturday September 2nd

12pm - 3pm

249 E Concordia Ave





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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BLACK and LATINO MALE Mentors Needed

Make a difference in the Milwaukee community!

Volunteer your time with the Department of Black and Latino Male Achievement to inspire young men and be an example of success.

How

Be available at least one hour a month to listen to high school youth, offer guidance and advice, and explore the challenges of today's social landscape. Select a participating school on the [BLMA Mentor Registration form](#) most convenient for **you**. Or scan the QR code.

Why

Caring adults in a child's life are shown to impact academics, improve mental wellness, promote a positive self-image, and reduce risky behaviors.

For questions, contact BLMA Coordinator Paul Moga at (414) 475-8248 or blma@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.



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**ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT LOOKING TO KICK-START YOUR CAREER AND BE PART OF AN EXCITING PROJECT?
JOIN OUR DYNAMIC TEAM AS A PROJECT SUPPORT SPECIALIST AND GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

**PART TIME OR FULL TIME AMERICORPS POSITION(S) AVAILABLE
(SEPT 2023-AUGUST 2024)
PRIMARY LOCATION AT CITY ON A HILL**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- ✓ **YOUNG ADULT (18-25) PREFERABLY CURRENT OR RECENT STUDENT AT MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY, UW-MILWAUKEE, MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (MATC)**
- ✓ **CURRENT RESIDENT OR RECENT RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE**
- ✓ **EXPERIENCE ENGAGING OR PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT TO RESIDENTS OF MILWAUKEE**

SCAN ME



Opportunities to Engage

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

The Milwaukee Health Department serves as the 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, email mkeelevate@milwaukee.gov for more information.

To learn more visit our website or follow us on social media!

