



Columbus CARE Coalition

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The Columbus CARE Coalition was created to provide support to Hilltop community residents following a triple homicide in 2015. Since then, the Coalition has grown to over 200 members who believe when trauma happens to one of us, it happens to all of us. In 2017, the Coalition received funding to pilot the expansion of services and create a trauma-informed and trauma-responsive culture of hope and healing in the Hilltop and Linden communities of Columbus. Together, we are working to increase sensitivity, raise awareness and build resilience in neighborhoods and families.

Accomplishments • July 1, 2017-December 31, 2018

Connecting with Residents

Sharing resources for hope and healing.

3,321 Knocked on 3,321 doors to offer support and build relationships

64 Distributed trauma resource guide at 64 community events

75 Hosted a remembrance vigil for 75 families impacted by homicide

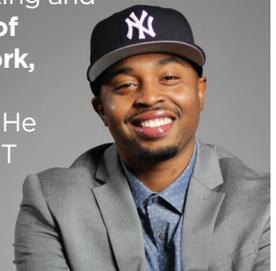
150 Engaged with 150 residents at 10 trauma and resilience listening sessions

400 Coordinated four mental wellness events, serving 400 residents

305 Surveyed 305 residents on safety, crime, trauma and resiliency

Almoneau's Story of Resilience

Almoneau Robinson grew up with gangs near Mt. Vernon Avenue during the crack cocaine epidemic. **He describes himself then as angry, anti-social and couldn't focus** in school, which led to poor grades, lack of confidence, fighting and stealing. With the **help of a strong support network**, Almoneau improved his grades and confidence. He is now employed as an IT professional, is married and has children.



Responding to Crises and Trauma

Fostering resiliency in individuals, families and neighborhoods.

 **Reached 532 homes** in response to 30 traumatic events

 **46 members completed** Crisis Response Training by the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)

 **26 members earned** certifications in trauma-responsive care

 **Incorporated trauma-informed principles** into actions taken by Violent Crime Review Group

 **Engaged with 115** sexual assault prevention advocates

 **Compiled local and national resources** into an easily accessible guide to share with residents impacted by trauma

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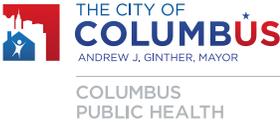
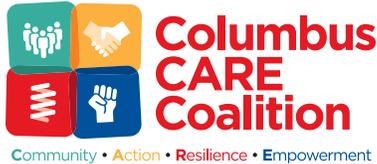
Educating Stakeholders

Building a community culture of trust, care and support.

-  Trained 750 community liaisons and health professionals in trauma-responsive care at 49 events
-  Enabled law enforcement officers and school administrators to refer families and individuals to trauma and mental health services
-  Initiated dialogue and established relationships with 37 faith leaders
-  Invited to share program successes at Mayor Ginther's Comprehensive Neighborhood Safety Strategy Press Conference
-  Facilitated 25 neighborhood-based meetings with residents and leaders

Sheila's Story of Resilience

“My untreated depression and bipolar personality disorder had all the control. It was my invisible, silent and powerful puppet master. The truth is, I am still overcoming; I am no longer a victim, but rather a victor and hold the power. We can't control what is thrown our way but we can control how we perceive it. Life is what we make it. **When I realized that I don't have to bear the weight alone and took advantage of resources available to me in the Hilltop, I was able to take the necessary steps in healing.**”

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The Columbus CARE Coalition is a collaborative community effort led by Columbus Public Health.

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- Columbus City Council**
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Thank You



The Columbus CARE Coalition would like to thank the over 200 partner organizations whose dedication and commitment has enhanced trauma-informed care throughout Columbus. A special recognition is extended to the CARE Steering Committee Organizations:

- Center for Family Safety & Healing
- Champion Intergenerational Center
- Columbus Public Health
- Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS)
- Mental Health America of Franklin County
- Mount Carmel Crime & Trauma Assistance Program

Continued Connections



The Columbus CARE Coalition will continue to connect with residents, respond to crises and trauma, and educate stakeholders in its pilot neighborhoods of Linden and the Hilltop.

The Columbus CARE Coalition is excited to announce that services will expand to the South Side in 2019.