

# STUDYING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WEST SIDE UNITED'S COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO CROSS-SECTOR ALIGNMENT IN CHICAGO TO ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

West Side United (WSU) is a health equity collaborative of six hospitals that aims to reduce the gaps in life expectancy between Chicago's downtown and 10 West Side neighborhoods by addressing inequality in health care, education, economic vitality, and the physical environment. The

evaluation will assess how well the collaborative has developed tools to address the four components of cross-sector alignment, as well as how the engagement of community voice has impacted the development of the core components.

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Health Care + Public Health + Social Services



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## Areas of the Theory of Change



Purpose



Data



Financing



Governance



Community Role & Engagement



Outcomes

## Stakeholders Involved

- Community Advisory Council
- Community-based organizations
- Funders
- Hospital leadership
- Program participants