Transforming Communities Initiative 2018-2019 Evaluation Highlights

Trinity Health launched the
Transforming Communities Initiative
(TCI) in 2016 to provide up to 5 years of grant funding and technical assistance to hospital-community partnerships.
These partnerships are working on a range of initiatives to prevent tobacco use and childhood obesity, and address social influencers of health.

The eight sites are located in Fresno, CA; Boise, ID; Maywood, IL; Syracuse, NY; Springfield, MA; Hartford, CT; Trenton, NJ; and Silver Spring, MD.



What is TCI impacting?

In 2018–2019 Trinity Health invested

\$3.1 million

in grant dollars

\$2.4 million

raised to support built environment projects

Since TCI began **6 states**

passed Tobacco 21 legislation ahead of the federa<u>l law</u>

3 school districts

adopted stronger wellness policies

Over 95%

of partners say TCI helped them have greater impact and valuable relationship

4\$

Leveraging additional investment

Sites leveraged

\$3.5 million

in matched funding from partner contributions and external grants

\$100,000

secured to support Safe Routes to School

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Catalyzing policy, systems, and environmental change

4 cities

adopted Complete Streets to improve walkability, bikeability, and safety

Over 300

schools and childcare centers adopted policies and practices to improve student health

Strengthening

Strengthening community engagement and partnerships

Trinity hospitals report strengthened connections to the community

84%

of partners agree that their TCI partnership facilitates community member participation

67%

of partners report that their TCI partnership facilitates community member leadership

What have TCI sites accomplished in Year 3?

Domain	NUMBER OF SITES	Key Strategies	Reach
Tobacco prevention and reduction	8 sites	Train youth advocatesOutreach and communicationCollaborate with local coalitions	7.78 million youth 15-24 years old, in the 6 states where TCI influenced Tobacco 21 passage
Public school wellness	6 sites	 Strengthen district policies Expand local school wellness councils Create and promote Safe Routes to School Increase school gardens School-level physical activity and nutrition 	235,924 students across 341 schools in 7 districts
Early care and education	5 sites	 Center-level nutrition and physical activity policies and practices Playground enhancements and gardens State-level policy assessment 	Over 3,600 children across 45 centers
Coalition development	5 sites	Recruit partnersEstablish organizational structuresCo-develop strategic plans	(not estimated)
Community food access and nutrition	5 sites	 Convene food policy councils Shared use agreements for food distribution Build health care-food system partnerships Support urban agriculture, farm stands, farmers' markets, and healthy corner stores 	581,275 pounds of healthy foods donated or redistributed 1,761 people connected to food assistance
Built environment	4 sites	 Use data to influence local officials Complete Streets policies Develop and fundraise for community wellness spaces and infrastructure 	133,773 community members
Economic developmer and community capaci		 Create a community leadership academy Support and connect small enterprises with institutional clients Conduct community needs assessments Trauma-informed care trainings 	26 residents completed leadership course 570 residents coached 480 residents took part in needs assessment
Breastfeeding policy	2 sites	 27 breastfeeding-friendly spaces designed and publicized 10 organizations adopted supportive policies 	11,319 breastfeeding women

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