Eskenazi Health Center Grassy Creek staff launch the Health Equity Zone on the Far Eastside of Indianapolis
Eskenazi Health

• Institutional leadership
• Mission-driven staff
• Neighborhood-based
  • Primary care
  • Mental health care
  • MCPHD services
• Community partners
• Community trust
• Multiple proof-of-concept projects and studies
Eskenazi Health SDOH Goals

• Integrate social care into medical care practices.
• Engage our network of community partners.
• Reduce disparities in health care outcomes.
• Improve longevity and quality of life.

“Place Matters”
Social Determinants of Health are Closely Linked to Health Disparities

In the Indianapolis neighborhood “with the lowest life expectancy, a baby born today can expect to live only as long as a baby born in the US more than 60 years ago.”

www.savi.org

RMF School of Public Health
Worlds Apart Report 2021
Indianapolis Social Vulnerability Index

(By Marion County Census Tract, 2018)
Moving from Patient-Level Care to Community-Level Interventions

Person Centric Care

Health Center

Health Equity Zone

Community Health

Neighborhood

Health Equity Zone

Health Center

Person

Community Partnerships

Eskensazi Health
Expanding Screening and Referral

Screening for Food Insecurity

- Number of Patients Screened
- Screened
- Positive

Year:
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
Creating a Health Equity Zone

- Defines a geographic area where Eskenazi Health deploys its health care capacity in partnership with community-based organizations
- Creates a healthy neighborhood through a shared vision and joint implementation of health goals
- Addresses social determinants of health including racial equity and economic mobility
Food as Medicine

- Increased access to healthy, culturally diverse foods by expanding the reach for the needs of the community
- Expanded community gardens on the preparation of healthy meals that are served by local chefs, industry partners, and community members to support urban agriculture and food security
- Expanded farmers' markets to provide fresh produce to community members to engage in healthy eating and increase access to fresh produce
- Collaborate with existing community partners to increase access to healthy foods in the community
- Promote food sovereignty through the promotion of gardening resources, programming, and education for youth and community members
Rapidly Expanding Services

- Community Weavers
- Community Health Workers
- Fresh for You Market at the Basile Pavilion
- Fresh for You Market on Wheels
What is a Community Weaver?

This role acts as a community health concierge who sees the neighborhood as a patient and seeks to walk alongside neighborhood residents to help them create a culture of health in their Health Equity Zone. As a trusted member of the community with an unusually close understanding of the community, the community weaver weaves together healthcare and the community.
Eskenazi Health Fresh for You Market on Wheels
Thank You!

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