Systems Navigation

"Working together to create effective referral pathways"

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Who We Are



Partners in helping our Neighbors ThriveWHO WE AREWHAT WE HAVE

- United Way and 211 are trusted community partners.
- Understanding the intersection between social service/nonprofits, health care, and government services is our core competency.
- Connected to the social service ecosystem needed to address individual/family needs.

- Vital resources available 24/7 through 211, accessed by millions each year.
- Connections with national, state and community partners within the SDOH sphere. Statewide database of more than 30,000 services.
- 211 staff members are highly trained and follow national standards.
- We foster and maintain robust partner networks, with a national network that is hyperlocal.





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Requests by Category - 2021 vs. 2022



211 Wisconsin at a Glance



Available 24/7/365



CHAT on

211Wisconsin.org





TEXT your zipcode

to 898211

SEARCH on 211Wisconsin.org

CALL 211 or (877) 947-2211

Assessment, **Referral**, Follow-up (closed-loop) Workflow

- AIRs standards ٠
- Assessment of ٠ presenting need, secondary and root needs.
- **Brief Intervention** ٠
- **Referral or Warm** ٠ Transfer
- Assurance of next step ٠
- Follow-up with caller ٠ or agencies
- **Local Implementation** ٠ and cross-market scaling

How We Work



211 Wisconsin Follows Up with Patients



Follow up:

- Previous Referrals & Services reached/received
- Additional referrals as needed
- Assistance in overcoming barriers to reaching services
- Offer additional follow up as needed







Access to Health & Clinical Care

The below graphs focus on trends related to access to health & clinical care.

<u>Please note:</u> certain filters exclude the referral data the graphs below use and may cause these graphs to display no values.







Access to Social Determinant of Health (SDOH) Care

The below graphs focus on trends related to social determinants of health and access to care for these determinants. <u>Please note:</u> certain filters exclude the referral data the graphs below use and may cause these graphs to display no values.







Results and Persisting Barriers



Community members can experience many barriers that limit their access to resources around them. 211 Information and Referral Specialists seek to identify and record specific unmet needs as well as the barrier that prevented the need from being met. Each unmet need is directly correlated to a problem need. Users are encouraged to explore problem need specific unmet needs by using the filters at the top of the page.

To further support the unmet needs data and continue to identify barriers that clients encounter, 211 offers a follow up call to those who receive referrals on our network. These follow up calls identify any previously unrecorded unmet needs as well as unforeseen barriers in contacting an organization and receiving service.



The Goal of Systems Change



Landscape of Data System Design: System Types

Each system's approach is differentiated by how it centers the community.

Every system or intervention has the ability to produce harm, but the response to the harm is what creates the lasting effect on the individual and the community.



Savior-Designed Stigmatizes the Oppressed



Ally-Designed Listens to Feedback to Support Institutional Goals and Objectives



Equity-Empowered Provides Agency and Aims to Eradicate Systematic Barriers



Liberatory Model Seeks Restorative Justice and Reparations





Profits from Oppressed



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Landscape of System Design: Institutional Reflection

Figure 1



System types partially adapted from the National Institute for Children's Health Quality. https://www.nichq.org/insight/savior-designed-equity-empowered-systems



Landscape of System Design: Individual Reflection

Figure 2



X Impact on Oppressed Community

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Influences on Creating Effective Referral Pathways



In your experience... What influences effective referral pathways for your clients?



In your experience... What challenges do you face when external partners ask you to partner?



Common Themes

- Client data is kept in a separate funder/regulatory driven platform which leaves the referral platform a secondary tool that often requires duplicate entry.
- Over-simplification of the referral process (housing, food and mental health)
- Assumption that referral and navigation is intuitive
- Client outcome data isn't easily collected through electronic means with a provider; more success through client/patient follow-up
- Technology is driving conversations especially the idea of a centralized tool.
 - Infrastructure decisions centralized, decentralized, federated
 - Pros and cons of each; open access is key (think airports)
- Structured professionally curated resource data (org, location, services)
 - Aggregators of data are called information & referral (211, ADRC, CCRR, Crisis)
 - Trend to assume agencies will maintain their own record. Data doesn't support it works or is accurate.
 - Simplification of taxonomy
- Unrealistic expectations of service providers and consideration of impact
 - Low participation and adoption
 - Concern over who can see data
 - Low incentives to participate

What other systems are seeking referral partnerships as a mandate or best practice?



Current SDOH Landscape

Funding Sources with mandates to address SDOH (aka wrap around services)

- Health Systems are required to screen for social needs (SDOH)
- Federal grants require a plan to address SDOH
 - Chronic Health (heart, diabetes, etc)
 - Mental Health
 - Substance use
 - Health Equity
 - Public Health Infrastructure
- Department of Workforce Development
- Department of Corrections
- Traditional Prevention Services (family resource centers, 211, cap agencies)
- Schools
- Others



A Balanced Ecosystem







Current State in Wisconsin from a Community Partner Perspective



Current Regional SDOH Landscape



The Data Problem

- multiple directories
- multiple vendors
- proprietary formats
- non-standardized content
- multiple ways used to transmit data
- no universally accepted schema
- no authoritative "aggregator"
- no easy way for users to consume data



Private and Confidential

Creating Sustainable Referral Pathways







Pilot to Scale



- Map current SDOH
- supports/services and gaps

 Assess existing practices and
- measures
- Examine existing policies and funding drivers
- Develop a realistic vision and purpose
- Define clear roles and responsibilities with ready partners

Coalition

— Design an Approach

 Build on what exists, avoid duplication

- Cultivate broader community support
- Define partner functions
 Address gaps in existing policies and resources
- Create action plan and establish benchmarks

- Pilot coordinated workflows and/or initial pathway
- Agree on common data elements (screening, referral, closed-loopp)
- Develop and coordinate staff training
- Operationalize pilot
- Evaluate activities and share results
- Evaluate and influence policies
- needed to scale

Test Strategies

Grow Pathways and Scale Strategies

Increase staff resources to expand activities
Integrate new partners
Adjust strategies
Evaluate effectiveness Connections coordinated through coalition

- Systematic onboarding of partners
- Needs-based resource allocation to partners

Regular analysis of community

needs and gaps

Sustain the work

Fully adopt strategy

Activity Break

What is the landscape in your community?





Instructions

- Using the worksheet list your current or potential referral partners
- How will they benefit from the referral partnership?
- What are their possible constraints?
- How can you adapt to their constraints?

Spend 5 minutes thinking about your own community and then discuss with your table group.

MACRO FORCES

Community Assessment - Social Determinants of Health/Wraparound Services

Referral Partners (Current or Potential)	Referral Partner Benefits (Known or Hypothetical)	3 Partner Constraints (Known or Hypothetical)	How can you adapt?



Observations?

• What were some of the driving constraints?

• Ideas to adjust your approach?



Next Steps

- Assess your organization readiness
- Study the landscape
- Identify potential partners
- Develop a coalition defined by a shared priority
- Understand existing networks (housing, food, older adult services, young family services)
- Do no harm what is the current community organization capacity; are there already workflows in place to support this work
- Establish indicators of success
- Pilot and test
- Evaluate existing infrastructure and assess gaps
- Identify technical platforms that will enhance your plan and support interoperability with existing infrastructure



Questions



Potential Solution(S)



San Diego CIE

What is a CIE?

- Cultivates trust and capacity within the community
- Enables individual agency and understand root cause
- Drives systems change
- Community-led collaborative
- Designed to uplift and assist in providing agency to communities that experience disparities and inequities

What a CIE is NOT.

- A specific technology or platform, nor is it dependent solely on tech to connect
- Generic one-size fits all solution that does not address capacity, readiness or infrastructure
- Intended to solve one issue
- Led by one organization, nor driven by one sectors needs
- Centered around institutional goals or interests

Role of United Way of Wisconsin

- Collective Impact backbone
- Guide the development of a shared vision and strategy
- Maintain a shared identity
- Expand the network of partners and funders
- Understand partner needs and workflows
- Establish shared outcomes and measurement practices
- Manage the CIE including technical development with partners
- Support aligned ongoing learning and best practice sharing (WPHCA & WPHA)

Primary Components of "Community Information Exchange"



Thank you



References

