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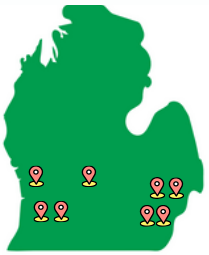
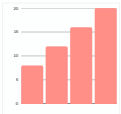
# Regional Health Advisory Councils (RHAC) Network



**First MDHHS bilateral state-community network driven by community organizations. A statewide partnership between MDHHS, MI-TEaCH, and local community members and organizations across 11 Michigan regions (Detroit, Genesee, Ingham, Kent, Macomb, Muskegon, Oakland, Ottawa, Saginaw, Washtenaw, and Wayne) to prioritize services, co-develop solutions, improve data practices, and guide the State Health Improvement Plan.**

## Key Goals of RHAC Network



### Disparate Health Outcomes

Improve community outcomes among Michigan's racial ethnic populations

### Target Risk Factors

Planned reduction of community identified priority risk factors

### Community-led Decisions

Community driven, not agency driven, solutions and priority setting

### Advance Fair Resources

Advocating for fair distribution and efficient use of resources to support affected communities, including organizations

### Embedding Culturally Responsive Practices

Development and implementation of pragmatic practices and policies to promote fairness and reduce health gaps

## Addressing Community Needs

Screenings & Referrals

Educational Outreach

Vaccinations

Community Events

Health Improvement Summits

Group Counseling

Community Health Workers

# RHAC's Impact in Michigan 2022 - 2024

## Testing Resources & Services

**782** People served

**45** Services provided

## Vaccine Resources & Services

**5,233** People served

**94** Services provided

## Expanded Public Health Network

**378** Partnerships engaged

**From December 2022 to February 2024, the Macomb Health Advisory Council hosted training for three cohorts of Community Health Workers (CHWs) resulting in 34 new CHWs.**

> "I am seeing how important cultural humility can be in this role. I will begin by seeking out more opportunities to learn about the multiple cultures in my community"
>
> **– CHW Trainee**

# Standout Traits of RHAC Network

- First community organizations' driven bilateral network developed for MDHHS
- Tailored training and technical assistance to build community capacity
- Use of a collective impact framework to provide a voice for traditional & non-traditional partners

- Emphasis on opportunities for sharing decision making power between communities and government to optimize health outcomes

# The Future of RHAC at MDHHS MI-TEaCH

Through the continued growth and support of community power sharing and addressing health needs with the RHAC we anticipate the following outcomes:

- Reaffirm and strengthen community relationship with trust and shared power for MDHHS and MI-TEaCH
- Increase in community driven health initiatives and community organizing
- Increased local policies and practices that advance community health
- Emergance of more councils and grassroots leaders

**To learn more about the RHAC please visit the MI-TEACH page or contact the MI-TEaCH Office Leader, Yesenia Murillo at MurilloY@michigan.gov**

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