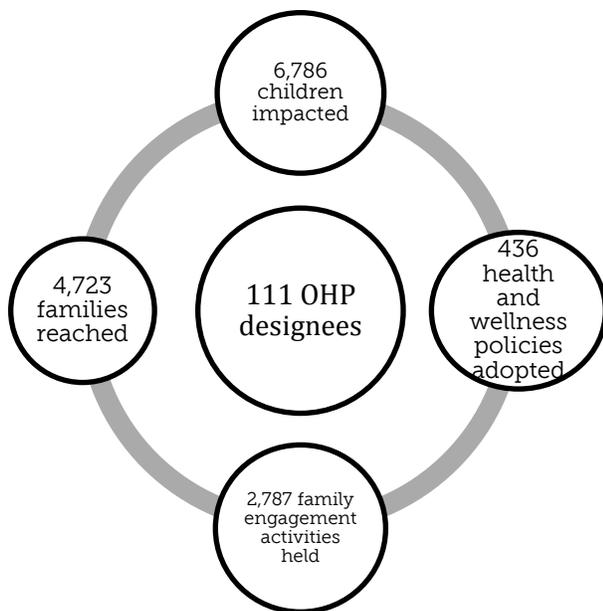


Early Ages Healthy Stages is a partnership among early care and education providers, community organizations, health care, social service agencies, businesses, and families that works together to make the healthy choice the easy choice for young children and their families.

Together, we work to ensure that young children in Cuyahoga County are given every opportunity to reach their fullest, healthiest potential. Our 2017-2020 strategic plan recognizes that early childhood environments are healthy if healthy foods are available, there are opportunities for active play, social emotional needs are met, families are engaged, and health care is accessible.

In 2018, our coalition achieved progress our 2017-2020 strategic plan objectives. We are excited to highlight some of our successes and invite you to join us in 2019.

### OBJECTIVE: EXPAND OHIO HEALTHY PROGRAM



- Ohio Healthy Program had a 225% growth in 2018 in the number of licensed childcare centers in Cuyahoga County that achieved the voluntary designation.
- 100% of programs intend to renew their designation in 2019.

### OBJECTIVE: FACILITATE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN ECE PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVES

- Education with Imagination Child Development Center collaborated with the Greater Cleveland Foodbank Kids Café program to provide fresh produce to the community.
- In 2018, 48,000 lbs. of produce was distributed to 788 families, 1,683 children, 1,360 adults, and 442 seniors in the community.



### OBJECTIVE: PROVIDE TOOLS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ON-SITE GARDENS.



- EAHS provided \$18,000 in funding to 9 ECE providers to support the implementation of on-site gardens.
- In addition to growing foods, young children and their families participated in taste testing activities, farmers' market field trips, and hands-on cooking demonstrations.

### OBJECTIVE: COORDINATE NATIONAL-SCREEN FREE WEEK SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

- Create an EAHS social media toolkit for partner organizations celebrated National Screen Free Week. The campaign's goal was to improve community awareness of the importance of active play.
- EAHS reached over 1,300 individuals and organizations with consistent messaging about active play.



### OBJECTIVE: DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN MOBILE UNITS AND ECE PROVIDERS.



- Two CEOGC Head Start sites, George Forbes Early Learning Center and Louis Stokes, collaborated with the Cleveland Clinic School Mobile Unit to pilot onsite well-child visits, immunizations, and lead screenings.
- 53 children participated in the pilot program. All necessary paperwork was submitted immediately to the programs, ensuring continuity of services.