



Supporting Healthy Pregnancies for Healthy Babies

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# Beloit Lifecourse Initiative: Pathways to Healthier Families

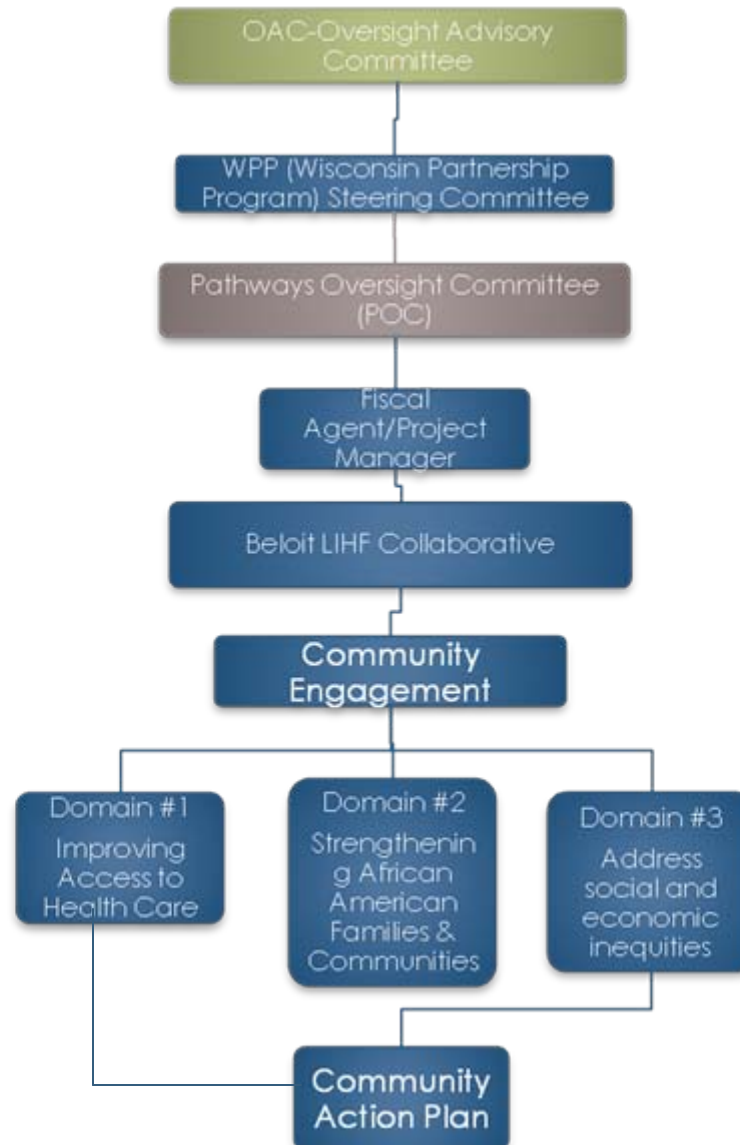
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# Our Structure (Existing)





# Mission

“To build a Beloit Community Collaborative to close the black-white gap in birth outcomes by improving the health and well-being of African American families and communities and addressing social economic inequalities. It is formed to reduce the African American Infant Mortality rate in Beloit”



# Our Partners and Represented Sectors

<b>African American Infant Mortality Coalition</b>	<b>Head Start – Early Head Start</b>	<b>Minority Parent Organization</b>	<b>Dream Works Teen Center</b>
<b>Nutrition and Health – WIC</b>	<b>Stateline United Way</b>	<b>Infant Death Center of Wisconsin</b>	<b>Rock County Youth to Youth</b>
<b>Beloit Memorial Hospital</b>	<b>WI Division of Public Health</b>	<b>Rock County Health Department</b>	<b>Beloit City Council Members (2)</b>
<b>Children’s Service Society</b>	<b>Rock County Board of Supervisors (2)</b>	<b>Beloit School District</b>	<b>Beloit Area Community Health Center</b>
<b>Beloit College</b>	<b>Merrill Revitalization Group</b>	<b>Stateline Community Foundation</b>	<b>Beloit Housing Authority</b>
<b>Merrill Community Center</b>	<b>Wisconsin Department of Health Services</b>	<b>HMO-Managed Health Services-Badgercare</b>	<b>YWCA of Rock County, Women’s Empowerment Programs and Alternative to Violence Program</b>
<b>Community Action -Teen Parent Programs and The Fatherhood Initiative</b>	<b>First Choice Women’s Health Center</b>	<b>United Health Care</b>	<b>Rock County Youth Network</b>
<b>African American Women and Families</b>		<b>Stateline Literacy Council</b>	



# Community Voices

1. Efforts focused on Community Outreach
2. Conducted feedback/discussion sessions
3. Pictorial Project
4. Developed Discussion Groups for 64

- Elders
- Mothers Across the Lifecourse
- Teens
- Fathers/Males
- Teen Parents

- Families and Couples
- Homeless
- Criminal Justice
- Working Class
- Mothers with young children
- Unemployed



# Discussion Groups – Needs of Women

- Way to minimize stress
- Better availability of community resources
- Clearing House/Systems Navigator
- JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!!
- Better Education for themselves and their children
- Reliable and Affordable Transportation to get to jobs, appointments, etc.
- Effective Health Care
- Finding a job and developing the skills needed to obtain and maintain a job that



## Discussion Groups – Needs of Women, continued

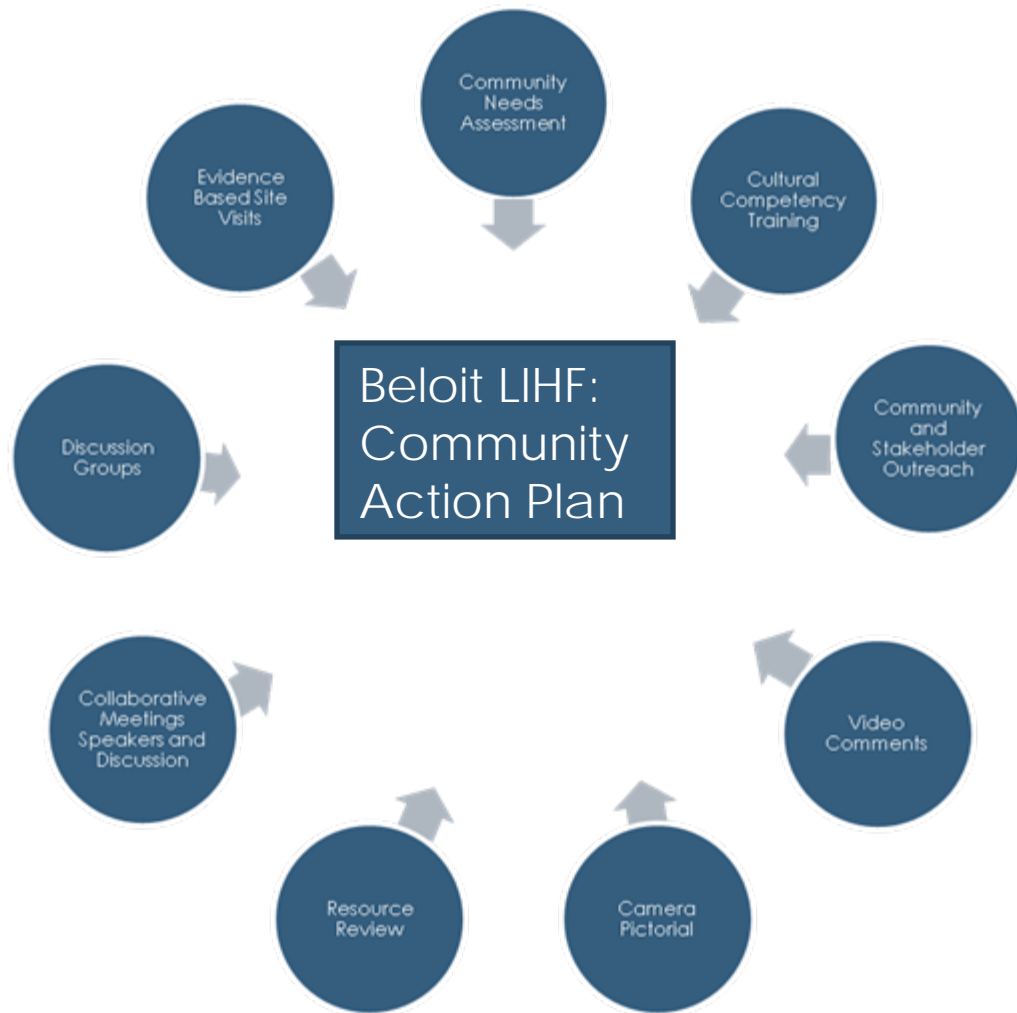
- Pays a livable wage
- A place where African American women can go for support
- Help with the challenge of raising children
- Affordable, safe and professional child care
- Churches to become more involved programs other than food pantries. Programs to assist families in financial literacy skills, counseling to families



# Discussion Groups – Needs of Women, continued

- Intervention in terms of apparent racism in the health service institutions and other areas.
- A mentor
- The community to look at and support pregnant African American women positively (reproductive social capital)

# Community Action Plan Components





# Next Steps

- Continue Community Outreach and Development
- Writing of the Community Action Plan
- Celebration and Community Report Out

# Questions?

