

city of
CINCINNATI
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**Live-Work-Play-Cincinnati
Coalition Meeting**

March 4, 2026

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Welcome

Virtual & In-Person Sign-In

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2. Complete & Submit the Teams form.



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OWL Camera

Please keep side conversations to a minimum because the camera will direct focus to anyone talking.



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Constant Contact

- Communications
- Newsletters
- ListServ
- Posted to our website!
 - [WEBSITE LINK](#)
 - Find announcements and monthly presentation details.

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Guiding Principles

- Diverse Perspectives and Health Equity for All
- Funding Coordination and Resource Sharing
- Collaborative and Cross-Sector Approach
- Comprehensive Focus on Health and Well-being
- Legislative and Policy Awareness
- Shared Learning and Data-Driven Action
- Strategic Growth and Recruitment
- Community-Centered Engagement and Co-Production

More details [HERE](#)

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Agenda

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Introductions

Virtual – Enter in the chat and Allyn will announce your name and organization

1. Your Name
2. Your Organization



Member Announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Needed

Avondale Respite Center
710 Ridgeway Ave.

Mural Painting Volunteers Needed

March 20, 2026
11 AM – 5 PM



**Mural Painting
Volunteers**

NEEDED

FRIDAY MARCH 20TH, 11-4P

We need help painting
murals and assembling
furniture at the
Avondale Respite
Center!

Drop in! Lunch and
music provided!

710 Ridgeway Ave

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

To Share an Announcement:

Email Information to:

LiveWorkPlayCoalition@cincinnati-oh.gov

“ANNOUNCEMENT”

in subject line of email

To have an announcement shared in the newsletter,
it must be emailed by 12 PM the Friday after our meeting!



Funding Opportunities

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Funding Opportunity

Services for Victims of Human Trafficking

PURPOSE:

This NOFO will develop, expand and strengthen victim service programs for victims of human trafficking throughout the United States and its territories

TOTAL ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR ALL CATEGORIES:

\$440,000 – 950,000

Application Deadline:

March 11, 2026

[Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)



Subcommittee Share-Outs

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Goals & Objectives



CHAMPS

Advance health equity through policy and systems change.

SMARTIE Objectives:

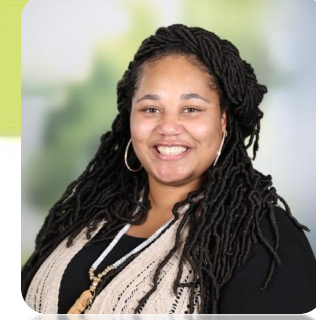
- **Between July 2025 and June 2030, conduct one comprehensive Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) assessment per year in five Cincinnati communities with the lowest life expectancy, to identify and address local health inequities and structural barriers.**
 - ❖ Currently Conducting PSE in E. Price Hill, Additional assessments will occur in Winton Hills/Terrace, West End, South Fairmount and East Westwood
- **By June 2028, develop an equitable licensing and regulatory framework for the retail sale of hemp-derived THC products.**
 - ❖ Senate Bill 56 –The law moves most intoxicating hemp products (Delta-8, Delta-10, and THCA) into the same regulated system as recreational marijuana. They are banned from sale in gas stations, convenience stores, and smoke shops.
 - ❖ The transition is currently in progress; the law is set to take full effect on March 20, 2026. However, there is a major effort to stop this law before it hits the March deadline. A group called *Ohioans for Cannabis Choice* is attempting to put a referendum on the November 2026 ballot to repeal SB 56. If they succeed, the law would be put on hold until voters decide in November
- **By June 2030, develop a comprehensive tobacco retail zoning policy aimed at reducing youth access, promoting health equity, and addressing retailer density.**
 - ❖ Will begin this work once 3 out of the 5 PSE assessments are completed

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Goals & Objectives

RISE

Foster community empowerment and engagement.



SMARTIE Objectives:

- **By September 2026, develop inclusive, equity-centered criteria for coalition awards and launch an annual awards ceremony** that recognizes individuals and organizations advancing health equity in Cincinnati.

Status Update:

- Hosted 3 engagement sessions with diverse groups to gather input on award values, criteria, and categories.
- Developed names for each award and identified nomination platform.
- Award selections shared with vendor.

- **By September 2026, develop a 4-year strategic engagement plan** to support coalition marketing and delivery of action items from all coalition subcommittees.

Status Update:

- Identify internal and external audiences and segment based on influence, interests, and engagement goals.
- Facilitate 3-5 cross-subcommittee strategy sessions to align shared marketing and engagement needs.

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

A coalition **member (individual or organization)** that has demonstrated meaningful, measurable **impact** on community health through sustained **engagement** and **collaboration**.

POWER OF PARTNERSHIP AWARD

An **individual or organization** who is working in partnership whose **innovative, collaborative** work has **strengthened** community health outcomes and **advanced systems-level change**.

CHAMPION OF CHANGE AWARD

An individual whose leadership is rooted in **lived experience** and who elevates **community voice, builds trust, and drives change** within the coalition and broader community.

Cincinnati Live Work Play Committee (LWPC) Award Nomination

Cincinnati LWPC will host its inaugural awards ceremony on December 2, 2026 to recognize advances in health equity in Cincinnati. If you have any questions, email bemnet.melaku@cincinnati-oh.gov or

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Goals & Objectives

ACCESS

Improve access to preventative health services and comprehensive resources

SMARTIE Objectives:

- **By September 2026**, develop, launch, and maintain a **publicly accessible community resource list** that connects Cincinnati residents to services addressing social drivers of health (e.g., housing, food, transportation, healthcare).
 - Identified resource lists through collaboration with United Way Greater Cincinnati and Buckeye Health plan-, on their current resource platforms [211](#) and [Community Connect](#)
 - Next steps: Collaborate with engagement team to promote resource lists
- **By December 2027**, establish and host the **first annual LWPC community event**, a free, family-friendly event that connects residents to health-related services, resources, and education, with the goal of sustaining the event **annually**.
 - *Will begin working on this 3rd quarter*
- **By June 2030**, develop an **interactive, equity-focused map of services and programs** addressing **social drivers of health (SDOH)** across Cincinnati.
 - *Will begin working on this 2nd quarter (April 2026)*



LWPC Helping Hands Instructions

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Helping Hands 2026

UpSpring

UpSpring is a nonprofit organization with a mission to **empower children experiencing homelessness** in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky by providing opportunities through **education** and **enrichment**. Since 1998, UpSpring has worked to provide these children with the consistency needed to achieve academic success, including **academic support, social-emotional wellbeing, and essential resources**. Through summer camps, after-school programs, college and career preparation, and school resource programs, UpSpring reaches over **4,000 students** in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky each year.

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Looking Ahead

NEXT IN-PERSON MEETING:

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

10:00 am - 12:00pm

Location TBD