

Dodge-Jefferson Healthier Community Partnership
A Journey to Create Powerful, Lasting Change

Dodge and Jefferson Counties work together, using **Collective Impact** and **Results-Based Accountability** to address important health challenges facing our communities.

COALITION HISTORY

The Dodge-Jefferson Healthier Community Partnership started in 1994. It was a natural fit because Dodge and Jefferson Counties have very similar demographics. Also, many community partners—like our medical centers—serve people across both counties.

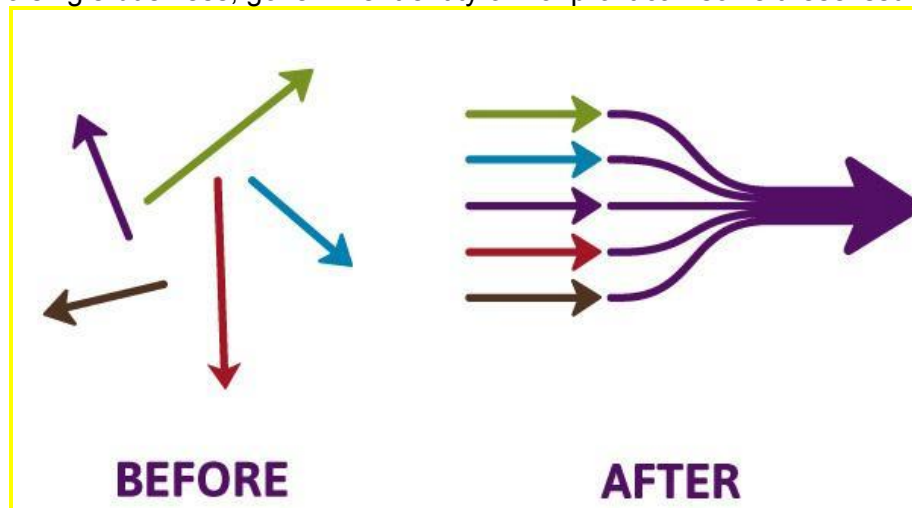
In August 2022, we hosted a Summit to share the Community Health Assessment. Partners from 54 organizations throughout Dodge and Jefferson County attended. Together, we began to develop a shared understanding of the key challenges facing our region.

With backbone facilitation from the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation, we began meeting monthly, using Results-Based Accountability to guide our work. Together, we will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the challenges,
- Develop measurement tools that hold us accountable for change,
- Explore evidence-based approaches that have worked in other communities, and
- Create a shared action plan (CHIP).

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

In 2017 Every Child Thrives, a partnership of 50+ organizations in Dodge/Jefferson county implemented Collective Impact and a Results Based Accountability (RBA) framework. Being part of Every Child Thrives, the Dodge-Jefferson Healthier Community Partnership chose to utilize a Collective Impact and RBA framework for the 2022 CHA & CHIP process. Collective Impact is an approach to complex, entrenched challenges, exactly the type of issues identified in our 2022 Community Health Assessment: **Transportation, Housing, Mental Health, and Childcare**. No single business, government entity or nonprofit can solve these issues alone.



Collective Impact brings the right community members to the table, aligning resources around shared goals. Through Collective Impact, we are uniting partners from multiple agencies across two counties. Using Results-Based Accountability, we will ensure that our actions are coordinated, measurable and evidence-based.