

Why Support GLUI

1 of 6 persons in the United States live in the GLUI Region (16.2%).

The 6 GLUI cities are among the 50 largest US cities; 4 are in the top 20.



Populations within these cities are more diverse (race and ethnicity) than the average US population.



Poverty rates for seniors, veterans, children, and single women of color with children are up to 4 times higher than the US average.



Between 2014 & 2015, death rates from opioid overdose have risen between 2.6 % and 21.5%- significant increases for 4 of the 6 GLUI states.



Rate of persons (18+) reporting a serious mental illness in a year is almost 2 times higher for those living at or below 100% of poverty.

Through GLUI, services that improve health outcomes are being developed, piloted, evaluated and disseminated, while specifically honoring the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of inner city populations.

GLUI Structure and Impact

Governed by a steering committee whose members are drawn from 7 coalitions within 6 urban areas: Chicago, Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis.

The 7 member coalitions represent over 100 community, faith, grass-roots, and culturally-based organizations within these cities.

These organizations provide an array of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery supports to people living within these cities.

Together, these organizations serve more than 100,000 youth, adults, and families in these 6 cities.



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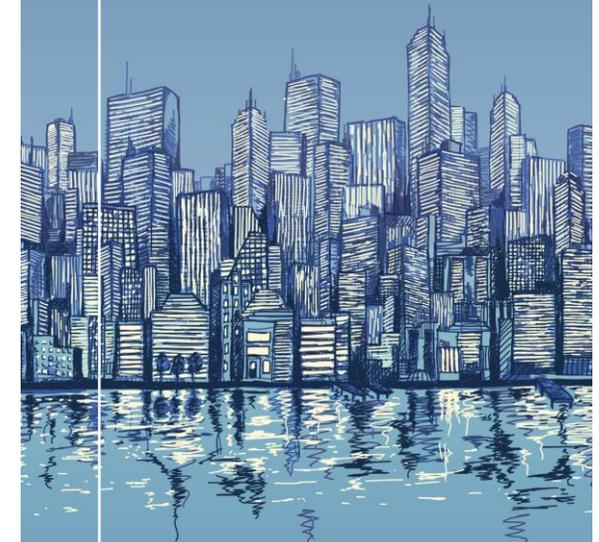
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THE GREAT LAKES URBAN INITIATIVE



The nation's only multistate/regional coalition implementing collaborative solutions to inner-city health issues

Great Lakes Urban Initiative Membership

Chicago, Illinois

Westside Coalition for Healthy
Neighborhoods

Indianapolis, Indiana

Communities That Care Coalition

Detroit, Michigan

BUF of Michigan Coalition

Minneapolis, Minnesota

McCorvey Center Coalition

Somalia American Community
Coalition

Columbus, Ohio

Franklin County Urban Coalition

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Moving Families Forward



GLUI Vision

The Great Lakes Urban Initiative envisions urban environments within the Great Lakes Region where there is a culture of peace, mental and physical stability, and all people are treated equally.

GLUI Mission

The mission of the Great Lakes Urban Initiative is to design, implement, evaluate, and replicate a culturally intelligent, high-impact, cost-effective demonstration partnership addressing specific behavioral health and public health needs in communities of color within the region.

GLUI Priorities

- ❖ Raise awareness of mental health well-being and assist people to lead more productive and autonomous lifestyles through service, advocacy, and education.
- ❖ Reduce public and behavioral health concerns within communities of color related to the misuse and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD), including prescription drugs and medications.
- ❖ Collaborate with members on community “trauma-informed care.”

GLUI represents the epitome of a coalition framework that has effectively and successfully been able to create linkages and develop networks between the myriad of recovery initiatives throughout the region. The outcome has been, and continues to be, the cultivation of a multitude of opportunities that provide services and support to individuals and families, while investing toward healthier communities.

Enid Osborne, PhD, SAMHSA, CSAT Project Officer

GLUI Regional Programming and Activities

- ❖ **Peer-to-Peer** idea-generation, problem-solving, project development, education and training, and interaction and support.
- ❖ Provide an **information clearinghouse** focused on educational and training opportunities, culturally-intelligent approaches to serving people of color, program innovations and successes, government and foundation funding opportunities, and networking.
- ❖ Promote national, multi-state, and statewide **recognition for culturally intelligent, best practices, and practice-based programming** developed by and used with people of color and inner-city populations.
- ❖ **Coordinated regional project development, financing, and implementation** in the areas of mental health, alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment, and trauma-informed care.
- ❖ **Support the development, financing, and implementation of local programing** aimed at inner-city youth, adults, and families.

