Data to Action: Wrap-Up

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Wrapping up the 2021-2022 “Data to Action” Webinar Series

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Featured Organizations

- My Healthy Community
- Westside Family Healthcare
- Delaware Department of Education
- Healthy Families Delaware
- WIC Delaware
- VTSD
- Live United
- United Way of Delaware
- STRIVE
- DE Thrives
- Help Me Grow Delaware
- Children & Families First
- University of Delaware
- Biden School of Public Policy & Administration
INTRODUCTION
Deltaware’s My Healthy Community database offers up-to-date data concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and United States Census-based population health in Delaware. The community forum is a data sharing platform that gives information to Delawarians in a format that is easy to use and simple to understand. From this information, policymakers can translate data into action. Upon entering the site, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Data Dashboard is displayed. Users can then toggle to the Population Health Dashboard, where information can be viewed by state, city, or county. Navigating a search to a city focuses on the Population Health Dashboard (by name, for example), which focuses on the Community Dashboard, as well.
As a result of an increase in Delawareans, both students and faculty, returning to in-person classes in recent months, it is essential to keep track of various cases in schools to ensure the knowledge gained throughout the pandemic is not lost but rather applied to prevent a large increase in cases of COVID-19.

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This brief was written based on a webinar hosted by KIDS COUNT in Delaware supported by Highmark Health. The webinar featured a data presentation from Delaware’s Office of Women’s Advancement and Advocacy. The COVID-19 pandemic has led many to re-evaluate the resources available to help Delawareans achieve and maintain economic security, including basic needs, health care coverage, educational opportunity, and family supports. Children in households with single mothers are more likely than their peers to be living in poverty. Therefore, while support examined in this brief may be available to a large group of Delawareans, women beneficiaries who are mothers are of particular focus.

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Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the quality of healthcare in the United States and its impact on the U.S. population was already important to consider. The pandemic emphasized and worsened existing existing issues while it was improving upon it as well. For example, while more people (including children) appear to have healthcare coverage, a number of them still do not have access to it. The pandemic also led to a reassessment of and changes in top healthcare priorities, which is evident by a rise in the use of telehealth, also known as telemedicine. Healthcare providers have received concerns about some who are not technology savvy getting left behind in regards to telehealth. However, if properly invested in, telemedicine could help those who have trouble getting to a doctor’s office continue to access care. Routine vaccination rates have also been impacted by the pandemic, with some-at-risk groups having played a role. Children between the ages of 5 and 10 are now able to get the COVID-19 vaccine. While this may address some concerns about children’s physical health, it is also important to consider how the pandemic has affected children’s mental health. Due to the lack of routine check-ups, decreased dental visits, staying away from school, and a lack of general routine, children have been struggling with mental health decline. This problem did not just go away because children are back at school. Further action and support must be provided to children and their families to improve mental health after the pandemic.
Main takeaways...

HEALTH

EDUCATION

ECONOMIC SECURITY

FAMILY & COMMUNITY
The Impact of COVID-19 on Data
Students at KIDS COUNT in Delaware

- Graduate Research Assistants
- Undergraduate Student Researcher
  - Public Policy Fellows
  - Interns
- High School Representatives on the Board
What to watch...
Opportunities moving forward...
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