

THEORY OF CHANGE

OUR VISION:

All individuals in Bastrop County can equitably share in the social fabric of our community, access great educational programs, be economically stable, and live healthy full lives.

OUR MISSION:

Bastrop County Cares brings people together around large challenges that no one organization can solve on its own, to improve where our neighbors live, work, learn, pray and play.

WE VALUE:

- EQUITY
- INCLUSION
- RESPECT
- KINDNESS
- TRUST
- COURAGE

To achieve our mission we will:

- STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS
- HOLD, SHARE AND TRANSFER POWER
- SHIFT SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES
- CENTER EQUITY IN ALL WE DO



CHALLENGES & CONDITIONS



- Community assessment data is lacking that clearly defines and differentiates need and locale, to inform equitable solutions.
- Lack of investment in, and implementation of, evidence-based interventions driven by policy and focused on systems change.
- Difficult for people to get connected to the community and to give back their time, talent and treasures to help our community thrive.
- Significant negative impacts of poverty, historical racism and trauma for persons of color and other marginalized populations.
- Excluded populations, unincorporated areas, language barriers, fear of deportation.
- Inadequate access to affordable, high quality healthcare, healthy food, PK-12 education and training, affordable housing, childcare and jobs and economic opportunities.
- Barriers to access and full participation with technology for all residents.
- Lack of consistent and effective communication strategies with those needing services and supports.

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES



- Increase employment for working age people
- Increase # of pregnant women receiving early pre-natal care
- Create, build and deploy community wellness and recreation centers
- Reduce the # of people living in poverty
- Increase the # of women screened for breast cancer
- Increase the # of children who are ready for school
- Reduce the # of child abuse cases
- Increase the # of children who are in high quality education programs
- Increase the # of community members engaged in volunteer and lifelong learning opportunities

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

- Help people earn steady incomes that allow them to meet their needs
- Create neighborhoods that promote health and safety
- Increase educational opportunities and help the young do well in school
- Increase social and community support
- Increase access to high quality, comprehensive resources & health care services



IMPACT:

Make an equitable difference in the quality of life and well-being for all of Bastrop County residents

