

Advocating for Affordable Housing in Cincinnati

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Over-the-Rhine Community Housing

- Mission: Provide stable housing for individuals experiencing chronic housing insecurity in OTR.
- OTRCH is supported through rent payments, grants, and fundraising.



Services offered to residents

A vertical graphic with a dark blue, textured background. It lists five services, each with a corresponding icon: a heart with a pulse line for healthcare, a graduation cap for education, a dollar sign in a circle for employment, and a lightbulb for utilities. The text is white and right-aligned next to the icons.

- accessing physical and mental healthcare
- connecting with educational resources
- securing employment
- maintaining utilities



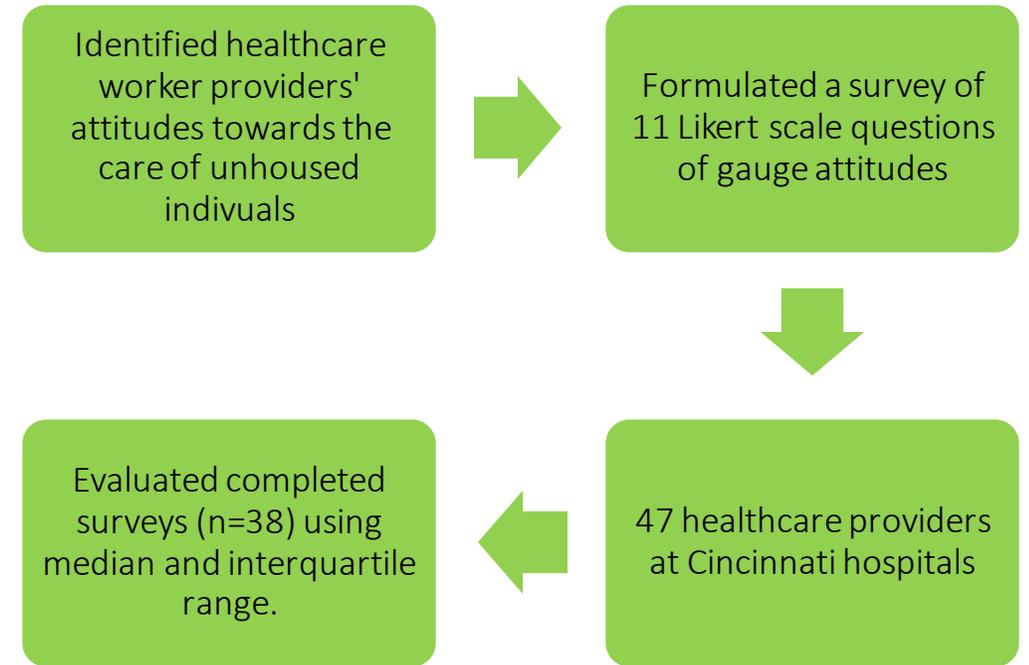
SDoH: Housing

- OTRCH addresses housing instability of OTR community members
 - purchasing, renovating, and leasing apartments at reduced rates
 - advocating for the construction of new affordable units
- Hamilton County has a deficit of nearly 30,000 affordable units (2021).
- Housing is an important SDoH and often intersects with areas such as mental health, substance use, and access to social services.



LC Project Overview

- Major healthcare systems are an untapped source of support for affordable housing efforts, but opinions from healthcare professionals about affordable housing are still unknown.
- We administered a mixed-methods survey to the gauge the level of support for affordable housing efforts.
- We found that healthcare professionals strongly affirmed the importance of affordable housing on their patients' health.



medication prescribed consultation
procedure recommendation
substance abuse
appointment scheduling medication
dosing schedule
social work
mental health service

Limitations to care as described by Cincinnati area health care providers

Our project and Cincinnati

The relevance of this challenge to the health and wellbeing of Cincinnati citizens.

- Cincinnati has a **growing problem with affordable housing**, especially within the Over-the-Rhine community
- Our survey indicated that **citizens health is affected** by a struggle finding affordable housing.
- If this problem with affordable housing continues, the health of the **citizens of Cincinnati will suffer**.





Our Request

- We are requesting more funding and political support for local affordable housing initiatives to improve the health of our community.
- Without city council engagement, housing initiatives might face opposition from communities, hampering progress and perpetuating the crisis.
- You can support this work by tax breaks and grants for those struggling to afford housing for themselves and their families.

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