



Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency



“Helping people by linking services, resources, and opportunities.”

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NMCAA's Health Innovations

- Community Health Innovation Region (CHIR)
Participants
- Joined region CHIR workgroups through 10 county area
- Participation in NeighborWorks Health Partnership Learning Community since October 2018

Incubating projects 2018-19:

- ❑ The Food As Medicine Project
 - ❑ Referrals at discharge of Adults over 60 to NMCAA Meals On Wheels
 - ❑ Medically tailored nutrition education, linkages to food pantries, and 10 meals delivered by volunteers
- ❑ Improving the Homeless Response System (grant)
 - ❑ Develop client centered service design process that will inform discharge policies.
- ❑ Housing Rehab-PFAS Contamination Water Program
 - ❑ NMCAA is helping connect households to water system with a 0% deferred loan by using recaptured county CDBG funds.
- ❑ Financial Capability/Housing Coaching (planning)
 - ❑ Referrals utilizing a customer connection form to refer customers for housing related services and bill payment plans.