

# Interim Joint Committee Health Services

## Violence Prevention Initiatives

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# Mission & Vision

## Our Mission

We make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

## Our Vision

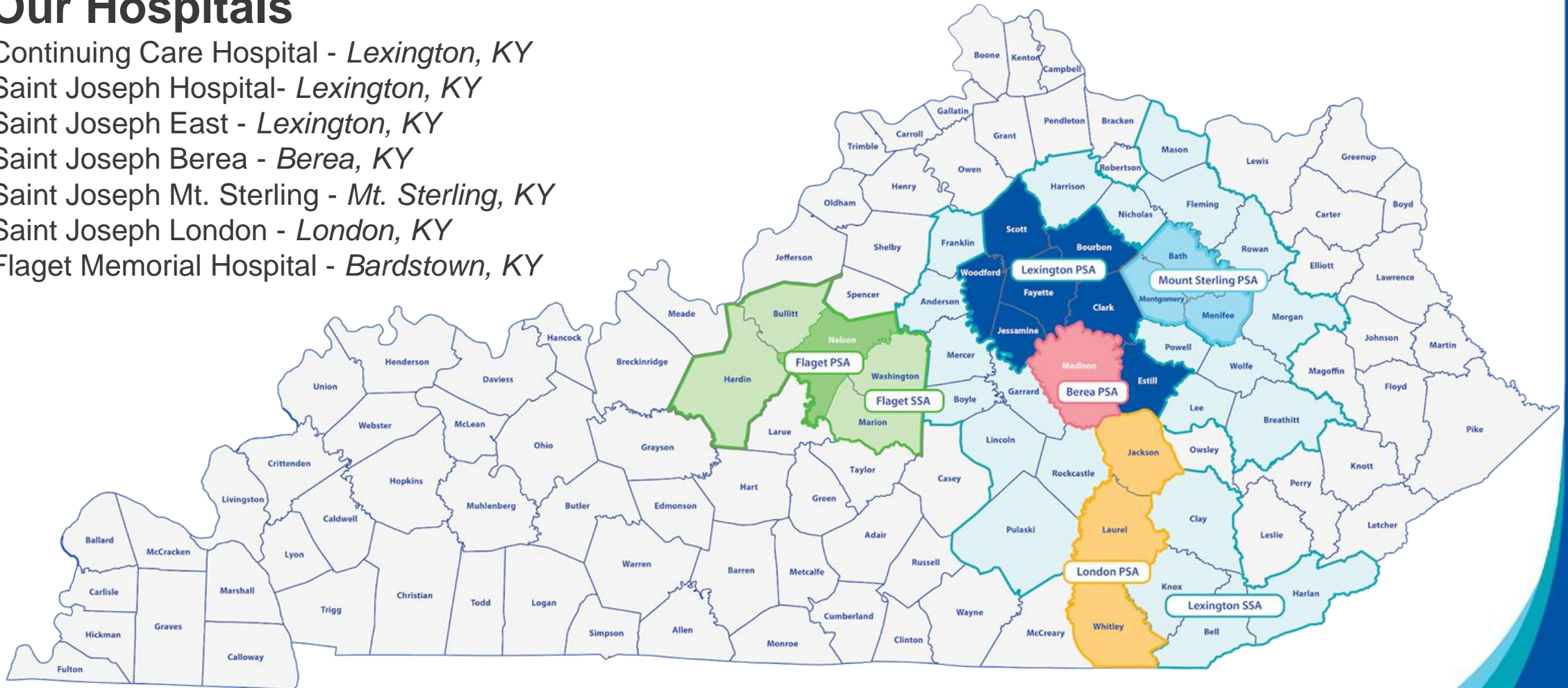
A healthier future for all – inspired by faith, driven by innovation, and powered by our humanity



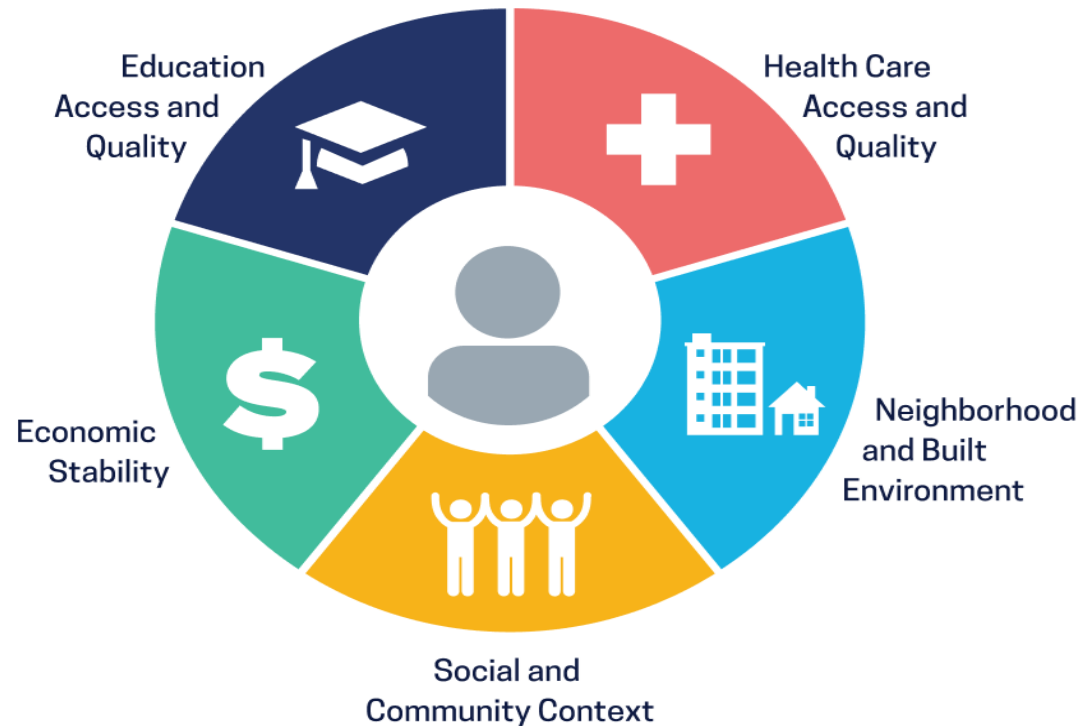
# Our Service Area

## Our Hospitals

- Continuing Care Hospital - *Lexington, KY*
- Saint Joseph Hospital- *Lexington, KY*
- Saint Joseph East - *Lexington, KY*
- Saint Joseph Berea - *Berea, KY*
- Saint Joseph Mt. Sterling - *Mt. Sterling, KY*
- Saint Joseph London - *London, KY*
- Flaget Memorial Hospital - *Bardstown, KY*



# Social Determinants of Health



*Medical care only accounts for around 20% of the variation in health outcomes for a population, whereas 80% can be traced back to Social Determinants of Health.*

# Nurturing Children Program - London

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2016-19: \$286,770

2019-22: \$351,495

2022-25: \$699,268

## Nurturing Children Program

From July 1, 2022 to July 13, 2023 we had 56 graduates. Of those graduates, 88% increased their level of empathy. 82% of graduates decreased their belief in corporal punishment.

**89% of parents who have completed this program have not recommitted acts of child abuse and/or neglect.**



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**Thanks to grant funding and partnerships with Laurel County Health Department and Cribs for Kids we have....**

- Provided Safe Sleep Education and tools to more than 200 families.

**Thanks to grant funding and partnerships with Cumberland Valley Area Development we have....**

- Provided over 30 car seats to individuals in need and provided Car Seat Safety Check Events and education to the community.



According to Kentucky's 2022 Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel, there has been a 350% increase in overdose and /or ingestion cases. Of the 63 cases reviewed, 83% of them occurred in children 6 years of age or younger.

We have distributed over 40 medication lock boxes to decrease the risk of overdose / ingestion in children.





# Evaluation Results

After receiving the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program, students were evaluated and asked these 3 questions:

- Do you know what to do if you see a gun?
- Should you ever pick up a gun?
- Should you tell a grown up if you see a gun?



# Results

**96% of students  
evaluated stated they  
now know what to do  
if they ever see a  
gun!**

# Safe Haven Baby Box

A Safe Haven Baby Box was placed at Corbin City Fire Department in Corbin, Kentucky. This is the first box in Southeastern KY. This made the 17th box in Kentucky.

**115 babies were saved by Safe Haven laws in 2021 in the US.**



# Creating Safer Neighborhoods Initiative - Lexington

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2013-2016: \$179,792

2017-2019: \$167,699

2020-2022: \$218,017

2023-2025: \$484,048



# Creating Safer Neighborhoods Initiative

## Promote Education Quality and Access

**Objective:**

Increase the number of youth that participate in after school and summer learning opportunities that improve Math & Reading

**Strategy:**

Academic Proficiency and Enrichment

**FY 2023:**

**Programs:**

LPL After School Program  
YMCA Power Scholars Academy  
FCPS Extended School Support (ESS) Program

**Partners:**



Fayette County Public Schools  
Lexington, Kentucky



Lexington Public Library



# Creating Safer Neighborhoods Initiative

## Promote Employability and Economic Stability

**Objective:** Advance youth knowledge and skill level in high demand career fields

**Strategy:** Career Access, Retention, and Mobility

**FY 2023:  
Programs:** Humankindness Patient Ambassador Program  
Spy Coast Farm Lunch & Learn  
Aviation Summer Program

**Partners:**



# Creating Safer Neighborhoods Initiative

## Promote Positive Neighborhood Environments

**Objective:** Increase the number of positive programs in neighborhood parks and community centers

**Strategy:** Safe Access to Neighborhood Parks and Community Centers

**FY 2023:  
Programs:** Cardinal Valley Park Initiatives  
Hunger Doesn't Take A Spring Break Initiative  
Camp in the Park Summer Initiative

**Partners:**



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# Creating Safer Neighborhoods Initiative

## Promote Behavioral and Mental Health

**Objective:** Increase the number of youth who show resilience to challenges and stress

**Strategy:** Access to Behavioral and Mental Health Supports

**FY 2023:  
Programs:** BeWell School Wide & Neighborhood Initiatives  
Box2Box After School Soccer Program for New American Youth  
Too Good for Drugs & Too Good for Violence Programs

**Partners:**



Fayette County Public Schools  
Lexington, Kentucky

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# Violence Prevention - Berea

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2015-2018: \$339,349

2019-2021: \$388,300

2022-2024: \$460,872

# Violence Prevention - Berea

## Program Overview

- 8 years in Madison County Schools
- Serving 5,600 students
- Green Dot Program in high schools
- Sources of Strength Program in middle schools

# Violence Prevention - Berea

## Where we serve

- 3 Middle Schools
  - Berea Community Middle School
  - Clark Moores Middle School
  - Madison Middle School
- 3 High Schools
  - Berea Community High School
  - Madison Southern High School
  - Madison Central High School

# Violence Prevention - Berea

## The Problem

- Bullying
- Dating Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Cyberbullying
- Racism
- Suicide Prevention
  
- Was there a bystander there that could help?
  - 87% of the time, there was a bystander

# Violence Prevention - Berea

## Green Dot Program

- Bystander intervention
- Raise awareness
- There is always an option to help
- Create culture change



# Violence Prevention - Berea

## Sources of Strength

- Upstream Prevention
- Mental Health
- Physical Health
- Trusted Adults
- Mentors
- Positive Friends
- Generosity
- Spirituality
- Healthy Activities
- Family Support

# Violence Prevention - Berea

## 3 Things to Keep in Mind

- Take a second look – Is this a bad situation?
- Check in – Are you ok?
- What are my options to help this situation get better or what resources are there to help the people involved?

# Violence Prevention - Berea

## Personal Connections

- Sharing personal stories and connections to violence.
- These students have been through more than we can imagine.
- 55% of students share real stories about themselves or a family member facing violence

# Violence Prevention - Berea

## Important Questions

- What if it were someone I loved?
- What if there were a bystander that could help the person I loved, but they chose to walk away?

# Green Dot Bystander Intervention - Bardstown

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2015-2018: \$391,873

2019-2020: \$327,740

2021-2023: \$500,919

**Green Dot focuses on fostering two norms that ensure every member of our community is safe and able to thrive:**

- (1) Power-based personal violence is not okay and**
- (2) Everyone is expected to do their part to help**







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