



What is the Jackson Collaborative Network?

The network is a collaboration of many people and organizations that are committed to working together in new and different ways to address complex problems. *The network isn't an organization or a program, it's a way of being.* This way of being is built upon the knowledge that we're all part of a system of policies, practices, resources, and programs that aren't producing equitable results for community residents. Years ago, many people and organizations agreed that changing those results wasn't something any one person or organization could make happen by themselves. That's where Collective Impact comes in.

What is Collective Impact?

The Collective Impact Forum defines Collective Impact as "a network of community members, organizations, and institutions who advance equity by learning together, aligning, and integrating their actions to achieve population and systems level change."

Successful Collective Impact networks focus on creating and maintaining the following five conditions:

- Common agenda
- Shared measurement
- Mutually reinforcing activities
- Continuous communication
- Backbone infrastructure

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Learn more about Collective Impact and the five conditions by visiting the Collective Impact Forum's website (scan the QR code above).

Who is 'The Network'?

It's all of us! The network includes many parts and pieces that help make collective impact and systems change possible. Here's a quick breakdown:

- Network Partners - community members and organizational partners that are committed to working together in pursuit of lasting change that contributes to improved outcomes for residents.
- Network Council - a cross-sector group of community members and organizational partners responsible for network governance and effectiveness. They work closely with Network Staff on behalf of Network Partners to help create and maintain the conditions that are needed to make collective impact possible.
- Network Staff - a small team of staff that support network operations. The team provides core services and supports to help partners take action on systems change issues.

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What does it mean to be part of the Jackson Collaborative Network?

Network Partners are committed to a common vision for change and adhere to a set of shared values that guide behavior. As partners in this collaborative work together, we all commit to focusing on identifying and addressing the root causes of systems issues that contribute to inequitable outcomes for residents.

As a Network Partner, you are part of a learning community working toward common goals and have access to free coaching, training, and technical assistance designed to build your capacity for leading and engaging in systems change efforts.

How is the Jackson Collaborative Network funded?

The network is collectively funded through a combination of contributions from network partners and grants that are focused on supporting systems change infrastructure. Funds are used to employ the network staff team and pay for expenses related to supporting collaborative work. The network is not a program or service, so it does not compete with local nonprofits and partners for programmatic grant dollars. Interested in exploring how your organization can help support this local infrastructure? Contact Sheri Butters, Collaborative Network Manager, at Sbutter2@hfhs.org.

What is the connection between Henry Ford Jackson Hospital (HFJH) and the network?

HFJH is one of two organizations that serve as a fiduciary for the network. HFJH was selected as a network fiduciary by a cross-sector team following a formal request for proposal (RFP) process in late 2019. As part of its fiduciary responsibilities, HFJG also provides employment services for the network, which is why you'll see '@hfhs.org' at the end of staff emails.

What is the connection between the Jackson Community Foundation (JCF) and the network?

JCF is one of two organizations that serve as a fiduciary for the network. JCF manages a portion of network revenue in alignment with approved network expenditures, including things like processing stipend payments to community members serving on network-led groups, holding the contract for the network's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Justice (DEIRJ) Consultant, and network meeting and event expenses.

Want to learn more about the network? Scan the QR code below to go to the Jackson Collaborative Network website.

