



Quality Improvement Coaching for Primary Care Practices Participating in the Heart Healthy Ohio Initiative

Health Impact Ohio continues to strive toward its vision of “Optimal health for *all* people in *every* community.” Our Chief Transformation Officer, Caroline Carter, and experienced Practice Facilitator, was selected as one of the Practice Facilitators to provide Quality Improvement Coaching to the Ohio primary care practices participating in the Heart Healthy Ohio Initiative. Ohio is in the top quartile of states for high cardiovascular disease event rates with people of color being disproportionately impacted.

The Heart Healthy Quality Improvement Project is funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and is focused on improving cardiovascular health and reducing disparities in cardiovascular health (the #1 cause of death in Ohio).

Starting in May 2022, 60 primary care practice sites, with Caroline’s guidance, will implement evidence-based strategies to improve cardiovascular health and reduce disparities in the ABCS (Aspirin when indicated, Blood pressure, Cholesterol management, and Smoking) with a primary focus on blood pressure and smoking.