

TeleEye Health Updates

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OUR SUCCESS

Our success is working directly with the community and community organizations to solve the problem of diabetic retinopathy collectively. We recognize the eye disease in the early stages that require less expensive interventions and are working to save the vision of high-risk groups in underserved areas.



Eye Screening at the Milwaukee Health Department

OUR STORY

The **TeleEye Health Collaborative** implements diabetic retinopathy screening within the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD). This is a successful partnership between MHD, Medical College of Wisconsin, United Community Center, Marquette University and Carroll University.

OUTREACH

Over **1,300** participants have been screened since June 2017, the MHD staff has been trained to use a diabetic retinopathy camera to provide free eye screening in the community.

NUMBERS AND OUTCOMES

We have exceeded our goal regarding the number of participants reached and our target population. This program reached a **diverse population** of Latinos and African Americans, as well as other, underserved communities. Our participants consist of 40% African Americans and 35% of Latinos, majority living in zip codes 53204, 53206 and 53215 and 53216 (identified underserved areas). Of those screened patients, **5%** (58) patients were identified with **diabetic retinopathy** and were provided with recommendations for follow-up care with area eye care specialists.

At the three-month check-in, over 40% of the patients followed up with our recommendations, while others have experienced barriers such as insurance (30%) and language barriers (30%). We are addressing these barriers by providing case management services in Spanish and referring patients to the free clinics.

“It is my hope that this program will help guide, motivate, and encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to help protect their health and vision”

