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A Warm Bed on the Coldest Night: Bringing Comfort to Families Through EHA

As temperatures dropped below zero during the last winter storm, several families in our community faced freezing nights without proper beds for their children. Thanks to Ebenezer Healthcare Access (EHA) and its partner, Secret Smiles, beds were given to families who needed them most. This simple gift brought warmth and comfort on cold nights. One of these families is Beneconsera Nyirasafari's. With a big smile and heartfelt thanks, Beneconsera shared her gratitude after signing consent to share her story:

"I thank Ebenezer Healthcare Access from the bottom of my heart." Because of this Organization, my children now have beds to sleep in. May God bless this organization for their kindness."

Similarly, Hawa Rajabu expressed relief and joy after receiving beds for her children. She warmly encouraged others in her community to connect with EHA for support. Daryna Mikailova echoed this gratitude, thanking EHA for helping her find a bed for her son. Behind the scenes, EHA's Community Health Workers worked tirelessly to make these



connections happen, assisting families in overcoming language and cultural barriers, and providing compassionate care beyond medical services. Ebenezer Healthcare Access is more than a nonprofit

Organization—it's a lifeline. Their mission is to ensure that every individual, especially New Americans, has access to healthcare and essential resources delivered with respect and understanding. Through actions like providing beds during the coldest nights, EHA helps families not only survive but rebuild with confidence and hope.

Because of EHA, families in need are not just getting a bed—they're gaining comfort, security, and a brighter tomorrow.

Immigration Categories and Their Impact on Employment and County Benefits

On February 25, during the observance of Black History Month, healthcare

shame-based and guilt-based cultural frameworks, a topic that particularly captured

professionals convened for an educational session examining U.S. immigration categories and their



implications for employment and access to public benefits.

The training was organized by Ella Thomas, Director of Education and Development at Health Care Access Now (HCAN), and featured a presentation by Jean de Dieu Mukunzi, EHA's Executive Director regarding services provided to New Americans.

The session provided an overview of major immigrant classifications, including asylum seekers, asylees, refugees, lawful permanent residents (green card holders), U.S. citizens, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and undocumented individuals. Participants explored how immigration status affects eligibility for employment, professional licensure in Ohio, and access to county-administered and federally funded benefits such as healthcare coverage, SNAP Benefits (Food Stamp,) and social services. Following this overview, Mr. Mukunzi highlighted the distinction between

the attention of attendees. The discussion emphasized how community-centered decision-making in shame-based cultures differs from the individual-centered responsibility common in guilt-based cultures. This insight provided valuable context for those working with refugees, immigrants, and migrant populations and reinforced the importance of culturally responsive communication and care.

The event concluded with a shared lunch and networking opportunity, allowing participants to continue meaningful conversations and strengthen professional connections. Overall, the training underscored a shared commitment to expanding knowledge, enhancing cultural competency, and ensuring equitable access to services for the diverse communities we serve.

For more information, check the link:

[Immigration categories](#)



EHA Success: Mukeshimana's Path from Struggle to Strength

A new beginning in Ohio brought both hope and unexpected challenges for Beatrice



Mukeshimana, a 52-year-old single mother of eight. Determined to create a stable future for her family, she arrived ready to start fresh — but she was living with both thumbs paralyzed, making even the simplest daily tasks difficult. A significant language barrier added another layer of hardship, limiting her ability to navigate the healthcare system and access essential services.

Everything changed after she was introduced to Aline Mukashyaka, EHA's Community Health Worker. With culturally and linguistically responsive support, Beatrice was guided through the process of receiving medical care. She began treatment at Five Rivers Health

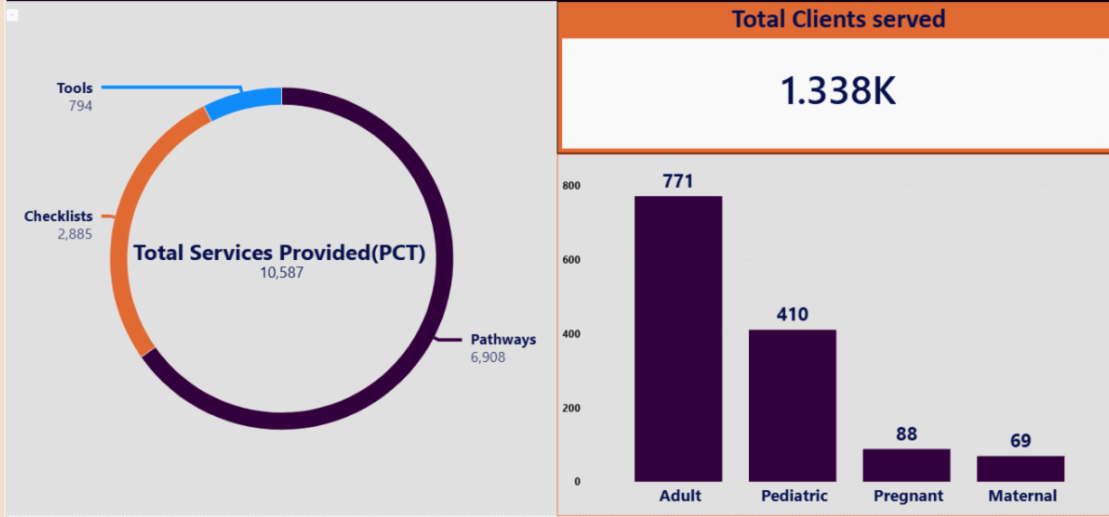
Centers and was later referred to Miami Valley Hospital North for further care. Along the way, EHA helped arrange for her transportation, assisted with Medicaid and food assistance applications, and connected her children to primary care and dental providers.

Today, Beatrice is celebrating a life-changing outcome: her treatment was successful, and she has regained full use of both thumbs. With her independence restored, she can care for her family with renewed confidence and hope. Her story highlights the meaningful difference, compassionate, community-centered care can make for families across our region.



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