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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Akron Summit Pathways HUB selected as exemplary program**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (Jan. 26, 2021)** – Akron Summit Pathways HUB operated by the Community Action Akron Summit to be honored as an exemplary program by the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA) at the organization’s 2021 Winter Legislative Conference on January 26th, 2021. The determination of exemplary program award winners was a collaborative process between OACAA and Ohio University’s Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs.

Poor birth outcomes including infant mortality have been challenges in Ohio including the more urban centers. The Akron Summit Pathways HUB works collaboratively to coordinate services to at-risk women to improve birth outcomes in the greater Akron area. The program uses community health workers to support expectant mothers through their pregnancy and link the expectant mothers to needed services without duplicating such services. The Pathways Hub aims to improve access to treatment for substance use disorders as well as other barriers that low-income, at-risk women may encounter. The program is based on a national Pathways HUB model.

Margaret Hutzler who coordinates the project noted, “The Voinovich School is honored to work with OACAA on identifying and rewarding such exemplary work.”

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