

# ENCompass: Connecting the Columbus Community to Resources Critical to Health

## Purpose

ENCompass is an undergraduate student organization dedicated to bridging the gap between medical and social care. Poor health can be exacerbated by many factors, and by connecting our clients with free resources available in their local community, we hope to address needs indirectly related to their medical care and improve our clients' overall health. We hope that our service model immerses volunteers in the Columbus community and cultivates interdisciplinary student leadership.

## Impact

**OUR CLIENTS:** ENCompass has recommended individualized resources for over 250 clients at 8 different locations. We've also collected over 300 winter jackets through coat drives and facilitated multiple projects at sites regarding food insecurity.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers undergo continuing education through guest speakers, documentaries, and group projects to explore public health topics such as food insecurity, Medicare, Medicaid, PIPP and HEAP, health and wellbeing, and narrative medicine.

**OUR RESEARCH:** We are currently performing IRB approved research to study transportation as a barrier for clients to access social and medical resources in the central Columbus area.

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Public Health

## Community Partners Involved

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Food Pantry

Total Health and Wellness Clinic at University Health East

Neighborhood Services, Inc.

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Westside Primary Care Center

## How you can get involved:

- **Join our Organization:** Our application process is during fall semester. Contact us if you're interested in joining.
- **Suggest a Resource or Site:** If you work or volunteer at a site, or know of a resource that could that could benefit ENCompass's services, get in touch! We're always looking to expand and improve our services.
- **Visit our Website:** Visit [encompassosu.org](http://encompassosu.org) to learn more about what we do, read our volunteer blog or support our efforts.
- **Spread the Word:** If you know of someone who may be in need of ENCompass's services, contact us and we can get them connected with resources in their area.

## To get involved, contact:

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