

Joint Community Health Needs Assessment




Overview

Every three years, all nonprofit hospitals are required to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), which is a systematic process involving the community to identify and analyze community health needs. Since 2022, United Way of Acadiana has led the way in establishing and guiding a collaborative effort between 12 institutions from Ochsner Health and Our Lady of Lourdes Health systems to produce a joint CHNA reports to Acadiana. This collaborative effort brings together key stakeholders and the community to address the most pressing health needs across nine parishes in Acadiana.

By fostering a spirit of cooperation, the joint CHNA seeks to create a more equitable and healthier Louisiana, demonstrating a shared commitment to enhancing health outcomes for all residents.



Process



Ochsner Lafayette General, Our Lady of Lourdes, and United Way of Acadiana used a variety of data sources, including the Louisiana State Health Assessment, County Health Rankings, the US Census Bureau, and the Center for Disease Control, to gather demographic and health indicators for our community.

CHNA Values



Community Engagement



Focus on Equity



Data-driven Decision Making



Cross-sector Collaboration



Key Takeaways

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) are the conditions in the environments where people live, work, and play, which influence their quality of life and health outcomes.

After months of interviews, focus groups, and data analysis, the team has identified 10 critical health priorities that require immediate attention to improve community health and equity. The next step is to create a Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP) that will measure the effectiveness of interventions targeting SDOH and identify areas needing improvement, ensuring a comprehensive approach to community health.

Social Determinants of Health

Economic Stability

- Health Disparities: Food insecurity, poverty, homelessness, limited affordable housing, & unstable housing

Social & Community Context

- Substance Use Disorders: Issues with illegal drug use and addiction
- Mental/Behavioral Health: Stigma, provider shortages, depression, PTSD, burnout
- Health Disparities: Racism, discrimination, and challenges in rural areas
- Crime

Health Factors & Outcomes

- Heart Disease
- Cancer
- Obesity
- Diabetes

Education Access & Quality

- Crime/Drugs: High crime rates and substance use problems
- Violence: General violence affecting community health
- Air Quality: Concerns about pollution and environmental health

Healthcare Access & Quality

- Access to Care: Access to healthcare services
- Health Disparities: Dealing with health disparities related to social determinants of health and dental care

Neighborhood & Built Environment

- Crime/Drugs
- Violence
- Air Quality

Next Steps:

Partners will evaluate efforts and develop CHIP



To prepare for implementation, partners prioritize annual strategies

Performance measures will be reported quarterly, allowing for quality improvement opportunities where needed

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