Community Health Needs Assessment

Siouxland District Health Department, along with Dunes Surgical Hospital, Mercy Medical Center and UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's complete a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Health Improvement Plan (HIP) every three years.

The purpose of *community health needs assessments* is to learn about the community: the health of the population, factors that lead to higher health risks or poorer health outcomes of certain groups, and community resources available to improve the health of the community. The purpose of the *health improvement plan* is to describe how the community will work together to improve the health of the population. The community health improvement plan sets priorities, directs the use of resources, and is a roadmap for the development and implementation of projects, programs, and policies.

The joint CHNA looks at data from the following six counties in the tri-state Siouxland area, as each hospital serves a larger territory outside of Woodbury County:

- Union, SD  
- Dakota, Dixon and Thurston, NE  
- Plymouth and Woodbury, IA

The top health issues identified for 2019 – 2021 are:

- *Mental Health*  
- *Homelessness/Housing*  
- *Obesity/Chronic Disease*  
- *Sexual Health*  
- *Substance Abuse*  
- *Access to Healthcare Services*
2019 - 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment

2019-2021 Health Improvement Plan

For additional information on our CHNA/HIP please e-mail mlewis@siouxlanddistricthealth.org

2016 Community Health Needs Assessment Final report

STATISTICS

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). Local MMSA data on a variety of health, nutrition and physical activity data.
**CDC Iowa Diabetes Statistics and trends**

**County Health Rankings**

**Iowa Data Center**

**Iowa Department of Education.** School enrollment, graduation rates, free and reduce meal rates, etc.

**Iowa Vital Statistics by county and state.** Overall births, teen births, death by cause, marriages, divorces, etc.

**Kids Count Data Center.** Kids demographics, economic well-being, education, health, etc.

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