



# CHNA & HIP

## Three Key Questions for Partners Community Health Needs Assessment Worksheet

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# Identifying Top Issues Affecting Health and Assets and Resources for Our Community

The following pages can be shared with community partners for identifying the issues they feel are most important to address to improve health in your community. You might use these questions in a variety of ways to gather this feedback.

- Email a copy of the blank form to partners requesting that they fill it out and return it to you.
- Use the questions to create a survey for partners to fill out.
- Use the questions to focus discussion in a virtual meeting or forum.
- Use the questions to focus discussion in an in-person meeting or forum.

# Three Key Questions

1. Based on your interactions with the people you serve, what are the **3** most important issues/topics we need to focus on to improve health in our community?
2. What reasons led you to choose each?
3. Are there things that already exist in our community that we can capitalize on to make/sustain improvement?

## EXAMPLES of Responses

**Most Important Issue/Topic:** Based on your interactions with the people you serve, what are the 3 most important issues/topics we need to focus on to improve health in our community?

- Disease or condition;
- Behavior;
- Community culture or characteristic;
- Lack of some type of infrastructure or services or an inadequate system

**Reasons why:** What reasons led you to choose this issue/topic as important?

- Number/Percent/Rate of people affected;
- Survey results;
- Focus groups or other forums;
- Disparities/inequities;
- Comparison to other communities or the state

**Assets and resources:** Are there things that already exist in our community that we can capitalize on to make/sustain improvement?

- Existing programs or services;
- Buildings, structures, or spaces/locations in the community;
- Expertise provided by professionals, individuals, or a group of people

# Our Community's Top Issues Affecting Health

Community Name:

Submitted by:

On behalf of:

Date:

- 1. Most Important Issue/Topic:** Based on interactions with the people we serve, the most important issue/topic we need to focus on to improve health in our community is

**Reasons why:**

**Assets and resources:**

- 2. Second Issue/Topic:** the second most important issue/topic we need to focus on to improve health in our community is

**Reasons why:**

**Assets and resources:**

- 3. Third Issue/Topic:** the third most important issue/topic we need to focus on to improve health in our community is

**Reasons why:**

**Assets and resources:**