

# Community Health Assessment (CHA) Report for Cass County

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**Community Engagement:** We collected data by administering a three-question survey to our Healthy Cass County coalition and additional county health partners identified by our planning team. We received 80 responses to this partner survey from people with experience working in sectors including education, healthcare, social work, mental health, local and state government, extension, domestic violence, home healthcare, public health, child and dependent adult protection, addiction, economic development, and more. After surveying our health partners, we administered a public community health needs assessment asking people who live and work in Cass County to help us prioritize nine health needs identified through secondary data, community asset analysis, and health partner surveys. 470 people provided feedback, and responses approximately represented the county population by geographic location, financial status, and race. Cass County Public Health will oversee the Cass County CHA CHIP with support of community partners identified in the CHIP and our Healthy Cass County coalition, which is open to the public and meets monthly.



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# Cass County Community Health Assessment Details

## Priority 1

Mental Health

### Data/Rationale

Mental health was identified as the most important health need in both our 2021 partner survey and our 2021 public survey.

Is this issue addressed in an improvement plan? Yes

## Priority 2

Quality and Affordable Childcare

### Data/Rationale

Quality and affordable childcare was identified as the second most important health need in our 2021 public survey.

Is this issue addressed in an improvement plan? Yes

## Priority 3

Quality and Affordable Housing

### Data/Rationale

Quality and affordable housing was identified as the third most important health need in our 2021 public survey.

Is this issue addressed in an improvement plan? Yes

## Priority 4

Older Adult Services and Support

### Data/Rationale

Older adult services and support was identified as a top health need in our 2021 public survey.

Is this issue addressed in an improvement plan? Yes

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## Priority 5

Physical Fitness and Outdoor Recreation

**Data/Rationale**  
Physical fitness and outdoor recreation was identified as a top health need in our 2021 public survey.

**Is this issue addressed in an improvement plan?** Yes

## Priority 6

Healthy Food Access and Awareness

**Data/Rationale**  
Healthy Food Access and Awareness was identified as top health needs in our 2021 public survey.

**Is this issue addressed in an improvement plan?** Yes

## Priority 7

Substance Misuse and Addiction

**Data/Rationale**  
Substance misuse and addiction was identified as top health needs in our 2021 public survey.

**Is this issue addressed in an improvement plan?** Yes

# Cass County Community Health Assessment Snapshot

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