

Emmet County Public Health Community Health Implementation Plan

2022-2025

Priorities	Contributing Factors	Strategies	Activities
Mental Health Services	<p>COVID-19</p> <p>Severe psychological trauma</p> <p>Emotional, psychological or sexual abuse</p> <p>Loss of a loved one</p> <p>Genetic and environmental factors</p> <p>Substance abuse</p>	<p>Promote public awareness of mental health issues</p> <p>Identify resources to address mental health concerns</p> <p>Determine gaps in programs/services that address mental illness</p>	<p>Update network of community partners to assess needs and determine actions to address mental health issues in Emmet County</p> <p>Provide education which will assist community members to recognize and respond to individuals experiencing distress to potentially prevent a medical emergency through early intervention</p> <p>Educate community on suicide prevention and utilizing the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline 988. Hotline is available for those who are suicidal or people who know someone that is suicidal</p>
Access to Health Care	<p>Lack of providers and/or frequently changing providers</p> <p>Need for more flexible and convenient hours of service</p> <p>Desire for decreased wait times and greater efficiency</p> <p>Concern regarding cost of care</p>	<p>Change hours of vaccine clinics to accommodate working families</p> <p>Provide education on free and reduced insurances, depending on eligibility</p> <p>Streamline clinic processes to ensure people move through in a timely manner</p>	<p>Determine what hours of service will best address the need for greater flexibility</p> <p>Educate community members on the importance of yearly exams and preventative care to help improve health and wellness before larger issues arise</p>

<p>Access to Dental Care</p>	<p>Lack of providers that accept Medicaid patients</p> <p>Inability to afford dental insurance</p> <p>Inability to afford to pay out of pocket for dental services</p> <p>Lack of transportation to distant dental services</p>	<p>Encourage local dental providers to accept cash payments for services</p> <p>Determine hours for free dental clinic and increase availability of appointments</p> <p>Look at state resources and grants to provide dental services/improve access to care</p>	<p>Increase screening and education in daycares and schools for prevention and early intervention</p> <p>Expand iSmile services through Public Health to educate families on dental care at home</p> <p>Provide education to parents on replacing toothbrush after antibiotics when appropriate and/or give free toothbrushes when antibiotics are prescribed</p> <p>Advocate to state and local legislature for changes to dental insurance and services to meet needs</p> <p>Expand free dental clinic to include children</p>
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Needs Not Addressed and Why

Needs	Why
Drug and alcohol addiction	Lack of professional resources; competing priorities and goals
Obesity	Being addressed by multiple community partners, has been focus of previous improvement plans
Aging	Competing priorities and goals

APPROVAL

The Community Health Improvement Plan was approved by Emmet County Board of Health

Written copies of the final report are available by contacting Emmet County Public Health at (712) 362-2490.

Emmet County Board of Health Chair

Date



5-17-2023