



2022

Community Benefit Implementation Strategy

Introduction

At Children's Hospital Los Angeles our mission is to "Create Hope and Build Healthier Futures." As a leading academic children's hospital, we fulfill our mission by caring for children, adolescents, young adults, and families, advancing knowledge, preparing future health care providers, and supporting our communities, especially underserved populations.

In FY22, Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) in an effort to understand the health care needs and issues that affect children and adolescents in our community. The CHNA incorporated existing demographic and health data for the community served. It also included collection and analysis of input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served by the hospital, including those with special knowledge of public health. The CHNA complies with California state and federal regulations regarding the provision of Community Benefits.

The following prioritized health needs were identified:

- Mental Health
- Homelessness/Housing
- Economic Security/Poverty
- Communicable/Infectious Diseases (including COVID-19)
- Patient/Family-centered health care
- Health Services Communication
- Obesity
- Food Security

As part of the CHNA, these health and social needs were identified through an examination of primary and secondary data and then prioritized through a structured process using defined criteria. Included in this process were the hospital's Community Benefit and Community Impact Advisory Committees, community leaders and representatives. The findings of this process were utilized by the hospital's Community Benefit Management to guide the development of the hospital's 2022 - 2024 Community Benefit goals into three broad domains.

Domains

- Health Access - "Well Families"
- Economic Advancement - "Working Well"
- Community Growth - "Well Communities"

This plan expands and builds upon our 2019-2021 Community Benefit Implementation Strategy as many of these areas are chronic, long-term issues and initiatives and evaluation of impact is on-going; the progress reports (Community Impact Reports) of that strategy are available on our public-facing website at CHLA.org/Community.

Addressing 2022 CHNA Identified health needs

CHLA believes that stronger communities create healthier and more resilient children. As a part of the hospital’s efforts to create hope and build healthier futures, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles continues to strengthen our commitment to the surrounding communities.

To do this, we operate in the above listed domains and continue to apply the hospital’s significant health care expertise, as well as its purchasing and employment opportunities, to help build communities where “wellness” goes beyond health care.

Health Access - “Well Families”

<p>Goals:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand access to pediatric health, behavioral health, and preventative services • Increase awareness of pediatric and family health care resources and information
<p>Identified Health Needs:</p>	<p>Mental Health: CHLA’s Behavioral Health Institute, Department of Psychology, Division of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, Developmental and Behavioral Outpatient Center and other programs are advancing initiatives that improve the behavioral and developmental health of children.</p> <p>Patient/Family-centered health care: We are working with community health promotion organizations and community health promoters to partner and conceptualize models that integrate navigation of community resources and services into the health care system.</p> <p>Communicable/Infectious Diseases (including COVID-19): CHLA continues to host annual community vaccination clinics for influenza and has hosted multiple COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the hospital and various community sites and will continue to explore partnership opportunities to expand this effort.</p> <p>Health Services Communication: We are deepening relations and increasing partnerships to extend the provision of health promotion and resource information to community members and community organizations through multiple platforms. We are also strengthening our efforts to train all of our team members, no matter their area of medical expertise, to assess social determinants of health and to advance hospital efforts to help families identify and navigate community networks of resources and services.</p> <p>Obesity: CHLA continues to explore opportunities to apply its clinical expertise and initiatives to extend its programs and services to the community, including but not limited to, nutrition programs, research within the CHLA Diabetes and Obesity Program to develop strategies to reduce the burden of obesity and diabetes in children and other CHLA weight management programs and clinics.</p>

Economic Advancement - “Working Well”

Goals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand workforce pipeline programs for youth and young adults • Expand support of local economic inclusion initiatives
Identified Health Needs:	<p>Economic security/poverty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are enhancing our systems to attract candidates from diverse communities for existing openings and training programs. • We are expanding our successful Careers in Health and Mentorship (CHAMP) program to increase the scope of the training provided for interns to maximize their ability to gain employment following participation in the program. • We continue to provide workforce development opportunities to youth in diverse communities through programs such as: Latino and African American High School Internship Program (LA HIP) – STEM and health research internships, Project Search – job-readiness program for youth with developmental disabilities and Camp CHLA- high-school health career exploration program.

Community Growth - “Well Communities”

Goals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spur local economic growth and champion environmental sustainability.
Identified Health Needs:	<p>Food Security:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We aim to address food insecurity by supporting food reclamation, fresh produce distribution and meal programs for families in need, conducted in partnership with community stakeholders. • We support the development of community gardens and green spaces. • We provide support to local nonprofits engaging in work to advance health equity in our communities.

Needs not Addressed by the Implementation Strategy

The Community Benefit Implementation Strategy adopted by Children's Hospital Los Angeles actively addresses most of the health and social needs that were identified in the CHNA as "Priority Areas." While “homelessness/housing” was another health and social need identified in prioritized list, there are other local and regional community organizations whose mission and resources are well-aligned to address this need that have been identified. CHLA will still continue to explore future opportunities to partner or collaborate regarding this need. Considering existing community resources, CHLA has selected those health and social needs into three broad domains listed above that can most effectively be addressed.