



We Treat Kids Better

Children's Hospital
Los Angeles

2016-
2018

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, and preparing future health care providers.

In FY16, 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.

As part of the CHNA, 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 Advisory Committee and 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 2016 - 2018 Community Benefit goals and Initiatives into four broad priority areas.

Priority Areas

- **Access to Care**
- **Health Promotion and Prevention**
- **Health and Wellness**
- **Economic Development**

Access to Care

Goal: Increase access to healthcare resources and information to children, youth, and families in the community.	
Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct community education and outreach regarding federal, state, and local health access programs.• Carry out advocacy efforts that focus on children's health initiatives, including access to pediatric care and preventive services.• Expand access to healthcare resources and information regarding mental health, oral health care, early childhood development, and transition and transfer of care.

Health Promotion and Prevention

Goal: Raise awareness of pediatric health and related safety and social issues in the community.	
Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote healthy behaviors and prevention of disease through outreach and education at local schools, community events, and expositions.• Enhance knowledge and skills of parents, children, youth, and community service providers regarding child health and safety issues.• Partner with community organizations to coordinate child health and safety campaigns.

Health and Wellness

Goal: Have an impact on overall health and wellness of children and youth in our community.	
Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with community clinics to promote pediatric health and wellness and make available information and resources to providers who care for families in underserved areas.• Collaborate with local Community Based Organizations to work on initiatives that design and inform the development of interventions that address health inequities, particularly in underserved communities.

Economic Development

Goal: Expand economic opportunities for youth, young adults and families in our community.	
Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advance current hospital efforts to expand internships, mentorship and work experience opportunities.• Collaborate with community and civic stakeholders to maximize economic opportunity strategies that address health disparities and the social determinants of health.

Needs not Addressed by the Implementation Strategy

The Community Benefit Implementation Strategy adopted by Children’s Hospital Los Angeles actively addresses the health and social needs that were identified in the CHNA as “Priority Areas.” It was determined that certain other health and social needs that were identified are being addressed by other local and regional community organizations. Considering existing community resources, CHLA has selected those health and social needs that can most effectively be addressed.