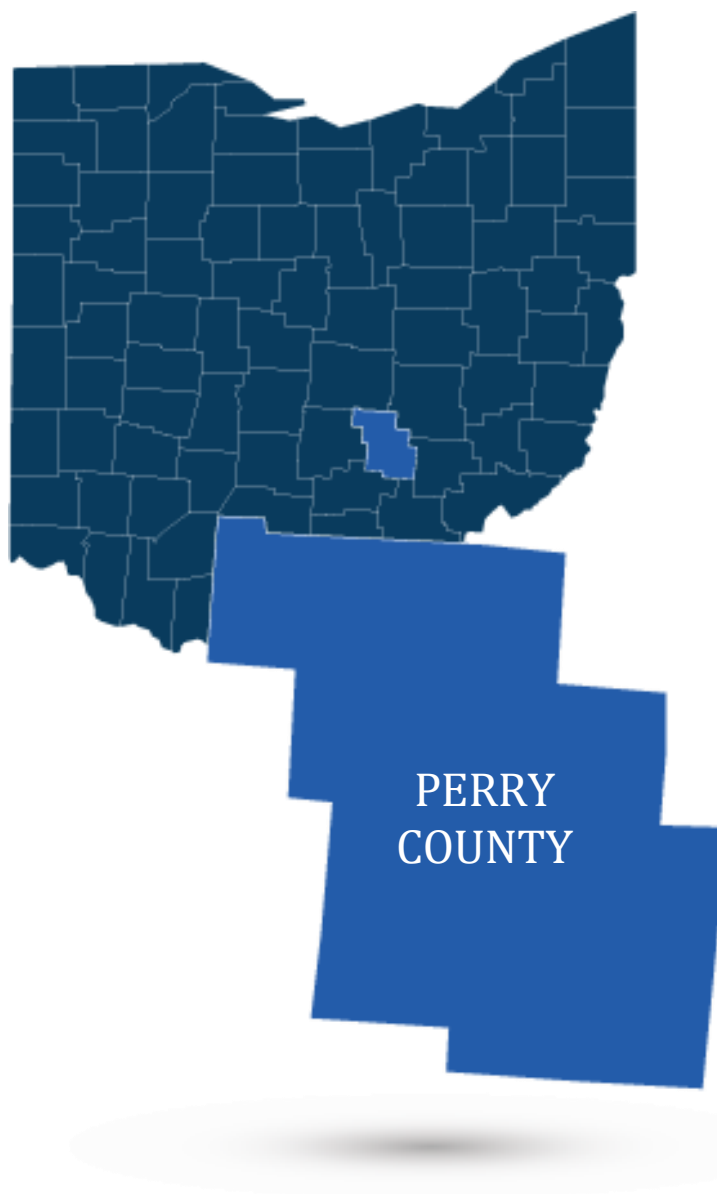


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# A NOTE FROM THE PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



The Perry County Health Department (PCHD) strives to bring together people and organizations to improve community wellness. The community health needs assessment process is one way we can collect citizens' health concerns and health data to establish goals addressing community wellness and the PCHD mission. In order to fulfill this mission, we must be intentional about understanding the health issues that impact residents and work together to create a healthy community.

A primary component of creating a healthy community is assessing its needs and prioritizing those needs for impact. In 2024, PCHD partnered to conduct a comprehensive Community Health Assessment (CHA) to identify primary health issues, current health status, and other health needs. These findings were then used to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to describe the response to the needs identified in the CHA report.

The 2025-2030 PCHD CHIP would not have been possible without the help of numerous community organizations, acknowledged on the following pages. It is vital that assessments such as this continue, so partners know where to direct resources and how to use them in the most advantageous ways.

The goals of public health can only be accomplished through community members' commitment to themselves and to each other. PCHD believes that together, Perry County can be a thriving community of health and well-being where we live, work and play.

Importantly, this report could not exist without the contributions of individuals in the community who participated in interviews and completed the community member survey. PCHD is grateful for those individuals who are committed to the health of the community, and took the time to share their health concerns, needs, behaviors, praises, and suggestions for future improvement.

Sincerely,

**Angela DeRolph**

Health Commissioner  
The Perry County Health Department

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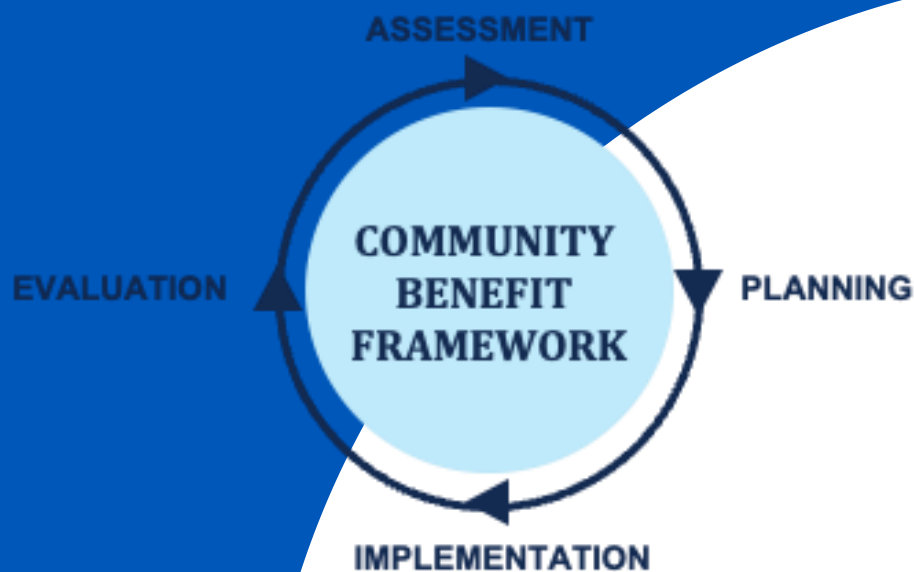
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## INTRODUCTION

# WHAT IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)?



**A Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)** is part of a framework that is used to guide community benefit activities, policy, advocacy, and program-planning efforts. For health departments, the Improvement Plan (CHIP) fulfills the mandates of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

# OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS



In order to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Perry County Health Department followed a process that included the following steps:

**STEP 1: Plan and prepare for the CHIP.**

**STEP 2: Develop goals/objectives and identify indicators to address health needs.**

**STEP 3: Consider approaches/strategies to address prioritized needs, health disparities, and social determinants of health.**

**STEP 4: Select approaches with community partners.**

**STEP 5: Integrate CHIP with community partners and health department.**

**STEP 6: Develop a written CHIP.**

**STEP 7: Adopt the CHIP.**

**STEP 8: Update and sustain the CHIP.**

Within each step of this process, the guidelines and requirements of both the state and federal governments are followed precisely and systematically.

**THE 2025-2030 PERRY COUNTY CHIP MEETS ALL PHAB REGULATIONS.**



# DEFINING THE PERRY COUNTY SERVICE AREA



For the purposes of this report, Perry County Health Department defines their primary service area as Perry County, Ohio.



We currently serve a population of

**35,551<sup>1</sup>**

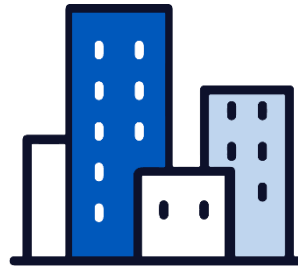
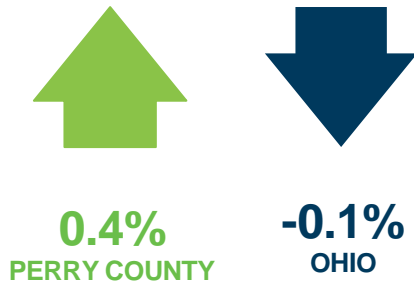
PERRY COUNTY SERVICE AREA			
GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	ZIP CODE	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	ZIP CODE
Bearfield Township	43731	New Lexington	43764
Clayton Township	43764	New Straitsville	43766
Coal Township	43766	Pike Township	43764
Corning	43730	Pleasant Township	43764
Crooksville	43731	Reading Township	43783
Glenford	43739	Rendville	43730
Harrison Township	43731	Roseville	43777
Hemlock	43730	Rushville	43150
Hopewell Township	43739	Saltlick Township	43782
Jackson Township	43748	Shawnee	43782
Junction City	43748	Somerset	43783
Madison Township	43760	Thorn Township	43076
Monday Creek Township	43766	Thornville	43076
Monroe Township	43730		



# PERRY COUNTY SERVICE AREA

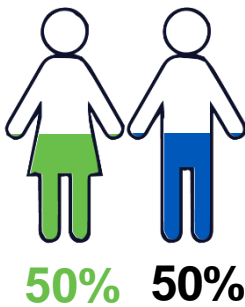
## AT-A-GLANCE

The Perry County population is **35,551**.  
The populations of both the county and Ohio  
**remained relatively the same** in the past 3 years<sup>1</sup>



Perry County is ranked **58th of 88** ranked counties in Ohio, according to social, economic, and health factors (with 1 being the best), placing it in the **bottom third** of the state's counties<sup>2</sup>

The % of males and females is **approximately equal**<sup>3</sup>



**7.1%**

of Perry County residents are **veterans**, slightly higher than the state average<sup>4</sup>



Youth ages 0-19 (23%) and seniors 65+ (20%) make up

**43% of the population**

In Perry County, nearly **1 in 5 residents are age 65+**<sup>3</sup>

The **majority (94%)** of the population in Perry County identifies as **White** as their only race<sup>3</sup>



**97% WHITE** **1% HISPANIC** **0.7% BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN RESIDENTS** **0.4% INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE RESIDENTS** **0.3% ASIAN RESIDENTS** **0.1% HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER RESIDENTS** **2% MULTI-RACIAL/OTHER RESIDENTS**

RESIDENTS OR LATINO RESIDENTS AFRICAN AMERICAN RESIDENTS INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE RESIDENTS RESIDENTS HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER RESIDENTS RACIAL/OTHER RESIDENTS

**97%** of the population in Perry

County **speaks only English**. **0.6%** are foreign-born<sup>4,5</sup>



The life expectancy in Perry County



is **73.9 years**, which is **0.5 years**



**shorter** than it is for the state of  
Ohio<sup>6</sup>

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**1 in 189**

Perry County residents will **die**  
**prematurely**, which is lower than  
the Ohio state rate of 1 in 195<sup>6</sup>

# PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS FOR PERRY COUNTY



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## ACCESS TO CARE

Perry County is considered both a **primary care provider and dental health professional shortage area**.<sup>7</sup>

**50%** of community survey respondents say that **specialist healthcare access is lacking** in the community, while **14%** ranked it as a priority.

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## CHRONIC DISEASE

**60%** of community survey respondents chose **chronic diseases** as a top community health need.

Heart disease is the **leading cause of death** in Perry County.<sup>8</sup>

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## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

**28%** of survey respondents say that maternal, infant, and child healthcare **resources are lacking** in the community.

**10%** of community survey respondents say that addressing **maternal and child health** in the community is a top concern.



# STEP 1 PLAN AND PREPARE FOR THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)



## **IN THIS STEP, THE PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

- DETERMINED WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN
- ENGAGED BOARD AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP
- REVIEWED THE COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT







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## PLAN AND PREPARE FOR THE 2025-2030 PERRY COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Secondary and primary data were collected to complete the 2024 Perry County Community Health Assessment (Available at <https://perrycountyhealth.info/community-health-assessment/>).

Secondary data were collected from a variety of local, county, and state sources to present community demographics, social determinants of health, healthcare access, birth characteristics, leading causes of death, chronic disease, health behaviors, mental health, substance use, and preventive practices. The analysis of secondary data yielded a preliminary list of significant health needs, which then informed primary data collection.

Primary data were collected through key informant interviews with **11** experts from various organizations serving Perry County and included leaders and representatives of medically underserved, low-income, and minority populations, or local health or other departments or agencies. A *community member survey* was distributed via a QR code and link with **191** responses. The survey responses (from community members) were used to prioritize the health needs, answer in-depth questions about the health needs in the county, and to identify health disparities present in the community. Finally, there were **3** focus groups held across Perry County, representing a total of **40** community members from priority populations. The primary data collection process was designed to validate secondary data findings, identify additional community issues, solicit information on disparities among subpopulations, ascertain community assets potentially available to address needs, and prioritize health needs. More detail on methodology can be found in the 2024 Perry County Community Health Assessment.

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**A CHIP is a  
long-term,  
systematic effort to  
address public  
health problems  
based on the results  
of community health  
assessment  
activities and the  
community health  
improvement  
process.**

**- Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention  
(CDC)**

”

## STEP 2

# DEVELOP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND IDENTIFY INDICATORS FOR ADDRESSING COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS



### **IN THIS STEP, THE PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

- DEVELOPED GOALS FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN BASED ON THE FINDINGS FROM THE CHA
- SELECTED INDICATORS TO ACHIEVE GOALS



# OVERVIEW

## OF THE PROCESS (CONTINUED)



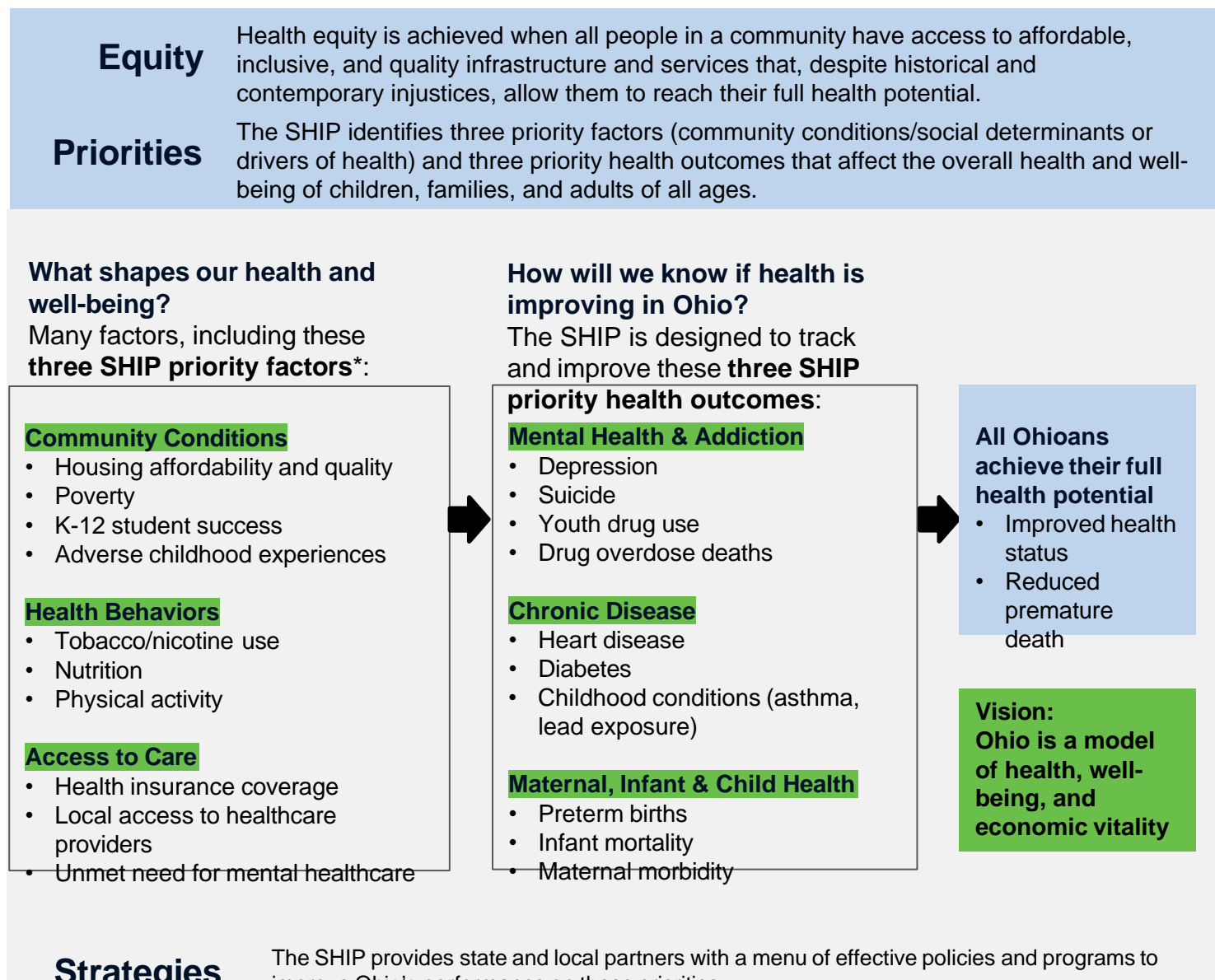
### Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Requirements

The following image shows the framework from ODH that this report followed while also adhering to federal requirements and the community's needs.

The Perry County Health Department (PCHD) desired to align with the priorities and indicators of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). To do this, they used the following guidelines when prioritizing the health needs of their community.

First, PCHD used the same language as the state of Ohio when assessing the factors and health outcomes of their community in the 2024 Perry County Community Health Assessment (CHA).

**Figure 1: Ohio State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Framework**



\* These factors are sometimes referred to as the social determinants of health or the social drivers of health.





Next, with the data findings from the community health needs assessment process, the Perry County Health Department used the following guidelines/worksheet to choose priority health factors and priority health outcomes (worksheet/guidelines continued to next page).

## ALIGNMENT WITH PRIORITIES AND INDICATORS

**STEP 1:** Identify at least one priority factor and at least one priority health outcome.

PRIORITY FACTORS	PRIORITY HEALTH OUTCOMES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Conditions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health and Addiction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Behaviors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chronic Disease
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maternal and Infant Health

**STEP 2:** Select at least 1 indicator for each identified priority factor.

PRIORITY FACTORS	
COMMUNITY CONDITIONS	
TOPIC	INDICATOR NAME
Housing Affordability and Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable and Available Housing Units
Poverty	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Poverty
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Poverty
K-12 Student Success	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Absenteeism (K-12 students)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten Readiness
Adverse Childhood Experiences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Abuse and Neglect
Food Insecurity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Insecurity
Environmental Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
HEALTH BEHAVIORS	
TOPIC	INDICATOR NAME
Tobacco/Nicotine Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Smoking
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth All-Tobacco/Nicotine Use
Nutrition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fruit Consumption
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Consumption
Physical Activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Physical Activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Physical Activity
ACCESS TO CARE	
TOPIC	INDICATOR NAME
Health Insurance Coverage	<input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured Adults
	<input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured Children
Local Access to Healthcare Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas
Unmet Need for Mental Healthcare	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Depression Treatment Unmet Need
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Mental Healthcare Unmet Need

## ALIGNMENT WITH PRIORITIES AND INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

**STEP 2 (continued):** Select at least one indicator for each identified priority health outcome.

PRIORITY HEALTH OUTCOMES	
MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION	
TOPIC	INDICATOR NAME
Depression	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Depression
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Depression
Suicide Deaths	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Suicide Deaths
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Suicide Deaths
Youth Drug Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Alcohol Use
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Marijuana Use
Drug Overdose Deaths	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unintentional Drug Overdose Deaths
CHRONIC DISEASE	
TOPIC	INDICATOR NAME
Heart Disease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coronary Heart Disease
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Premature Death – Heart Disease
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hypertension
Diabetes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diabetes
Harmful Childhood Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Asthma Morbidity
	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Lead Poisoning
MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH	
TOPIC	INDICATOR NAME
Preterm Births	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preterm Births
Infant Mortality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infant Mortality
Maternal Morbidity/Mortality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Maternal Morbidity/Mortality

# ADDRESSING THE HEALTH NEEDS



The 2024 Community Health Assessment identified the following significant health needs from an extensive review of the primary (community survey, interviews, and focus groups) and secondary data (existing data). The significant health needs were ranked as follows through the community member survey (191) responses from community members).

COMMUNITY CONDITIONS RANKING FROM COMMUNITY MEMBER SURVEY	
#1 Income/poverty and employment	42%
#2 Access to childcare	27%
#3 Food insecurity	24%
#4 Adverse childhood experiences	24%
#5 Housing and homelessness	22%
#6 Internet/Wi-Fi access	22%
#7 Access to mental healthcare	21%
#8 Access to primary healthcare	16%
#9 Crime and violence	16%
#10 Access to specialist healthcare	14%
#11 Overweight and obesity	13%
#12 Physical health/exercise	12%
#13 Health insurance coverage	9%
#14 Education	8%
#15 Access to social engagement and volunteer opportunities	7%
#16 Transportation	7%
#17 Nutrition	7%
#18 Environmental conditions	6%
#19 Access to dental/oral healthcare	4%
#20 Preventive care and practices	4%
#21 Health literacy	4%
#22 Access to public/safe water and other utilities	2%
#23 Access to vision healthcare	2%

HEALTH OUTCOMES RANKING FROM COMMUNITY MEMBER SURVEY	
#1 Substance use disorder	85%
#2 Mental health	77%
#3 Chronic diseases	60%
#4 Tobacco and nicotine use/smoking/vaping	43%
#5 Suicide	15%
#6 Maternal, infant, and child health	10%
#7 Injuries	7%
#8 HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)	1%

# ADDRESSING THE HEALTH NEEDS



From the significant health needs, the Perry County Health Department chose health needs that considered the health department and community partners' capacity to address community needs, the strength of community partnerships, and those needs that correspond with the health department and community partners' priorities.

## THE THREE PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE 2025-2030 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN ARE:

**Priority Area 1: Access to Care**

**Priority Area 2: Chronic Disease**

**Priority Area 3: Maternal and Child Health**





## STEPS 3 & 4

# CONSIDER AND SELECT APPROACHES/STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS PRIORITIZED NEEDS, HEALTH DISPARITIES, AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



### **IN THESE STEPS, THE PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

- SELECTED APPROACHES/  
STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS PERRY  
COUNTY PRIORITIZED HEALTH  
NEEDS, HEALTH DISPARITIES, AND  
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH
- DEVELOPED A WRITTEN  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN REPORT



# #1

## PRIORITY AREA ACCESS TO CARE

*Includes transportation, mobile healthcare services, and overdose prevention*



### STRATEGIES

Increase the proportion of females who get screened for breast cancer by one in 2025.

Increase the rate of use of bystanders deploying automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for non-traumatic cardiac arrests occurring in public locations by deploying 45 AEDS in 2025.

Increase the number of heart-safe businesses in Perry County by one in 2025.

Increase the number of heart-safe parks by one in 2025.

Increase cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and education by providing 300 people with CPR training in 2025.

### PARTNERS

Perry County Health Department (PCHD), The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center (OSUCCC) - The James, Perry County Access to Care Committee

Perry County Access to Care Committee, Community Heart Watch

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### PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Females ages 50-74

All populations

All populations

All populations

All populations

### DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGIES

↑ Increase access and utilization of non-emergency healthcare services and existing healthcare resources

↑ Health education

↓ Delayed care

↑ Health screenings

### OVERALL IMPACT OF STRATEGIES

↑ Quality of life

↑ Access to healthcare

↓ ER visits and hospitalizations

↓ Unmet care needs

↓ Premature mortality and morbidity

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# #1

## PRIORITY AREA ACCESS TO CARE (continued)

*Includes transportation, mobile healthcare services, and overdose prevention*



### STRATEGIES

Implement county-wide measures to reduce drug overdose deaths by increasing the number of naloxone kits distributed by one in 2025.

Provide education and establish relationships with the Amish population in Perry County by holding one health and safety day event in 2025.

Develop a plan to quantify the need for dialysis services in Perry County by May 2026.

Increase the number of mobile healthcare services provided throughout Perry County.

Research the feasibility of implementing the Community Paramedic Concept with local Fire Departments.

### PARTNERS

Perry County Health Department (PCHD), Project DAWN, Integrated Harm, Perry County Access to Care Committee

PCHD, Genesis Healthcare System, Perry County Access to Care Committee

PCHD, Genesis Healthcare System, Perry County Access to Care Committee

PCHD, Perry County Access to Care Committee

PCHD, local fire departments, Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Genesis Healthcare System, Perry County Access to Care Committee

### PRIORITY POPULATIONS

People who use substances or those who have substance use disorder

Amish communities

People who receive dialysis services

All populations; people with barriers to care

All populations

### DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGIES



Increase access and utilization of non-emergency healthcare services and existing healthcare resources



Health education



Delayed care



Drug overdoses

### OVERALL IMPACT OF STRATEGIES



Quality of life



Access to healthcare



ER visits and hospitalizations



Unmet care needs



Premature mortality and morbidity

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# #2

## PRIORITY AREA CHRONIC DISEASE

*Includes food insecurity, obesity, physical activity, and public transportation*



### STRATEGIES

Develop and complete surveys with community residents with a goal of determining needs, desires, and hesitations regarding public transit by May 2025.

Engage community residents to pilot proposed transit interventions to garner feedback and determine any needed adjustments by June 30, 2025.

Begin implementation and complete chosen transit interventions with a goal of increasing ridership and ease of use based on outcomes of the assessment and community engagement efforts by July 1, 2025.

Plan and implement three Rest and Ride parks that are considered everyday destinations through the modification of existing parks or the building of new parks by September 1, 2025.

### PARTNERS

Perry County Health Department (PCHD), Health Education/Creating Healthy Communities

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Perry County Health Department (PCHD), Health Education/Creating Healthy Communities, Perry County Transit, Village of New Lexington

### PRIORITY POPULATIONS

All populations, New Lexington residents

All populations

All populations, New Lexington residents

All populations, New Lexington residents

### DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGIES



Community engagement



Transportation barriers



Reliable transportation



Access to community resources

### OVERALL IMPACT OF STRATEGIES



Access to healthcare



Mental and physical health



Quality of life



Chronic disease



Unmet care needs

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# #2

## PRIORITY AREA CHRONIC DISEASE (continued)

*Includes food insecurity, obesity, physical activity, and public transportation*



### STRATEGIES

Build ADA-compliant raised garden beds at Sugartree Apartments by April 1, 2025.

Organize first meeting of partners and community members to hire a community garden manager and to develop the "rules and regulations" by March 1, 2025.

Begin implementation of community garden including planting readiness, curriculum education, development and maintenance of the site and orientation of the garden manager by April 30, 2025.

Promote the outcome of the community garden through social media, flyer and community meetings by August 1, 2025.

Teach community residents to search out and apply for additional funding to ensure sustainability of the garden area by August 30, 2025.

### PARTNERS

Ohio Health Improvement Zone Saltlick and Coal Alliance, Perry County Health Department, Creating Healthy Communities, Sugartree Apartment management

### PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Southern Perry County,  
Sugartree Apartment residents

### DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGIES



Education and awareness of resources



Access to nutritious food



Community engagement



Food insecurity

### OVERALL IMPACT OF STRATEGIES



Nutrition



Quality of life



Access to resources



Overweight and obesity



Chronic disease



Premature mortality and morbidity

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# #3

## PRIORITY AREA MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

*Includes child passenger safety, vaccinations, and safe sleep*



### STRATEGIES

Increase the percentage of correct car seat usage and installation through car seat check events and education by December 31, 2025.	Work with the Amish population to provide hands-on car seat educational sessions and installation demonstrations by December 31, 2025.	Continue ongoing partnership with OBB Car Seat Program in 2025 to provide infant seats, car seats and booster seats to eligible families.	Continue ongoing partnership with New Lexington Police Department in 2025 to provide Car Seat Basics training to law enforcement.	Continue ongoing partnership with Cribs for Kids in 2025 to provide Safe Sleep Environments for infants whose family qualifies for WIC.	Continue working with the Get Vaccinated Program in 2025 to increase vaccination for children under the age of 18.
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### PARTNERS

Health Education Child Injury, Prevention Program, Child Injury Prevention Coalition, New Lexington Police Department, Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB), Ohio Department of Health (ODH)	Perry County Health Department (PCHD) Health Education, Perry County Mobility, OBB, ODH	PCHD Health Education, Perry County Jobs and Family Services, OBB, ODH	PCHD Health Education, New Lexington Police Department, Perry County Police Chiefs Association, Perry County Safe Communities, Perry Neighborhood Connection, Ohio Department of Health	PCHD Health Education, Perry County Help Me Grow, Perry County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	PCHD Nursing Department PCHD Health Education, Ohio Department of Health
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### PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Children, vulnerable populations	Children, Amish communities	Children, low-income populations	Law enforcement	Infants, parents who qualify for WIC	Children
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#### DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGIES

Education and awareness of resources
 Vaccinations
 Decrease child injuries and fatality

#### OVERALL IMPACT OF STRATEGIES

Health status
 Access to resources
 Child injury and fatality
 Infectious disease

**ALL PERRY COUNTY RESIDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR FULL HEALTH POTENTIAL**

# CURRENT RESOURCES

## ADDRESSING PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS

### PERRY COUNTY



Information was gathered on assets and resources that currently exist in the community. This was done using feedback from the community and an overall assessment of the service area. While this list strives to be comprehensive, it may not be complete.

#### Access to Healthcare

Annual Drive Thru Flu Clinic  
Fairfield Medical Center  
Family Health Services of East Central Ohio  
Genesis Healthcare System  
Hocking College Dental Hygiene Clinic  
Hopewell - Primary Health Care Clinic  
The Ohio State University  
Comprehensive Cancer Center (OSUCCC) - The James  
Perry County Family Practice  
Shrivers Pharmacy

#### Community & Social Services

Alzheimer's Alliance  
Back to school bash  
"Blessing Box" Project  
Buckeye Hills Regional Council  
Harcum House  
Hocking, Athens, Perry County  
Community Action (HAPCAP)  
Mount Aloysius Corp  
Mount Perry Presbyterian Church  
PerCo Inc.  
Perry County Cancer Alliance  
Perry County Commissioners  
Perry County Courthouse  
Perry County District Library  
Perry County Emergency Management Agency  
Perry County Health Department  
Perry County Juvenile Court  
Perry County Law Enforcement  
Perry County Ohio Chamber of Commerce  
Perry County Senior Center  
Perry County Sheriff's Office  
Perry County Tribune  
Perry County Veterans Extravaganza  
Perry County Veterans Service Commission  
Perry County Villages and Townships  
Saint Vincent de Paul Center

#### Community & Social Services (continued)

Senior Expo and Health Fair  
South Central Power  
Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program (SAOP)  
Transitions Inc.

#### Education

Alpha Program  
Crooksville Exempted Village Schools  
Hocking College Perry Campus  
Muskingum Valley Educational Service System  
New Lexington City School District  
New Lexington Head Start Center  
Northern Local School District  
Southern Local School District

#### Employment

Ohio Means Jobs Center - Perry County

#### Food Insecurity

Global Meals  
Homestyle Direct  
Hopewell-Madison Township Food Pantry  
Junction City Community Building - food pantry  
Meals on Wheels  
New Lexington Food Pantry (PEAP) - Pike, Bearfield, Clayton, and Pleasant Townships  
Perry County Senior Center - congregate dining  
Roseville Community Food Pantry  
Saint Vincent De Paul County Conference Food Pantry  
Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program - Buckeye Hills Regional Council  
Shawnee Farmer's market  
Somerset Food Pantry  
Southeast Ohio Regional Food Bank and Kitchen  
Southeast Perry County Food Pantry  
Thornville Food Pantry

#### Housing & Homelessness

Fairview Assisted Living  
Integrated Services for Behavioral Health - housing  
Perry Housing Coalition  
Perry Metropolitan Housing Authority

#### Mental Health & Addiction

Integrated Services for Behavioral Health - New Lexington  
Never Alone - Ohio  
Perry Behavioral Health Choices  
Perry County Suicide Prevention Coalition

#### Nutrition & Physical Health

Amish Ridge Bulk Foods & Variety Store  
Carpenter's Market  
Clark's Grocery  
Crooksville Recreation Center  
John's Place (DJ's)  
Kroger  
K&J Market  
Millcreek Market (Bulk Foods, Deli, Bakery)  
New Dimensions  
Outdoor fitness equipment  
Perry County Bike Lending Program  
Perry County Park District  
Perry Recreation  
Road Dog  
Save A Lot  
Shawnee Crossing  
T C Market Inc.  
The G1 Fitness Complex  
Underground Athletics, LLC  
Walking trails

#### Transportation

Perry County Mobility Management  
Perry County Transit  
Region 8 Mobility Solution Center

## STEPS 5-8

# INTEGRATE, DEVELOP, ADOPT, AND SUSTAIN COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)



### **IN THIS STEP, THE PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL:**

- INTEGRATE CHIP WITH COMMUNITY PARTNER AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLANS
- ADOPT THE CHIP
- UPDATE AND SUSTAIN THE CHIP





# THE PERRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEXT STEPS



The Community Health Assessment and this resulting Community Health Improvement Plan identify and address significant community health needs and help guide community-led activities. This Community Health Improvement Plan explains how The Perry County Health Department (PCHD) plans to address the selected priority health needs identified by the CHA.

This CHIP report was adopted by the PCHD Board of Health in July 2025.

This report is widely available to the public on the PCHD website:

<https://Perrycohd.org/data-resources/>

Written comments on this report are welcomed and can be made by emailing:

[angela.derolph@perrycountyohio.gov](mailto:angela.derolph@perrycountyohio.gov)

## EVALUATION OF IMPACT

PCHD will monitor and evaluate the programs and actions outlined above. We will track the actions taken to address significant health needs, improve health knowledge, behaviors, and status, increase access to care, and overall help support good health. PCHD is committed to monitoring key indicators to assess impact. Our reporting process includes the collection and documentation of tracking measures in Clear Impact Scorecard, such as the number of people reached/served and collaborative efforts to address health needs. A review of the impact of PCHD's actions to address these significant health needs will be reported in the next scheduled CHA.



# APPENDIX A **PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB) CHECKLIST: IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

## **MEETING THE PHAB REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHIP:**

The PHAB Standards & Measures serve as the official guidance for PHAB national public health department accreditation and include requirements for the completion of Community Health Assessments and CHIPs for local health departments. The following page demonstrates how this CHIP meets the PHAB requirements.





# APPENDIX B:

## PHAB COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST



PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB) REQUIREMENTS FOR CHIPs			
YES	PAGE #	PHAB REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST	NOTES/ RECOMMENDATIONS
✓ ✓ ✓  ✓ ✓	18-23	<b>MEASURE 5.2.1 A: Adopt a community health improvement plan.</b> 1. A community health improvement plan (CHIP), which includes all of the following: a. At least two health priorities. b. Measurable objective(s) for each priority. c. Improvement strategy(ies) or activity(ies) for each priority. i. Each activity or strategy must include a timeframe and a designation of organizations or individuals that have accepted responsibility for implementing it. ii. At least two of the strategies or activities must include a policy recommendation, one of which must be aimed at alleviating causes of health inequities. d. Identification of the assets or resources that will be used to address at least one of the specific priority areas. e. Description of the process used to track the status of the effort or results of the actions taken to implement CHIP strategies or activities.  The CHIP must address the jurisdiction as described in the description of Standard 5.2.	A detailed work plan (living document) has been developed that included strategies, SMART objectives, annual activities, indicators, partners, and priority populations.
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# APPENDIX B REFERENCES



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