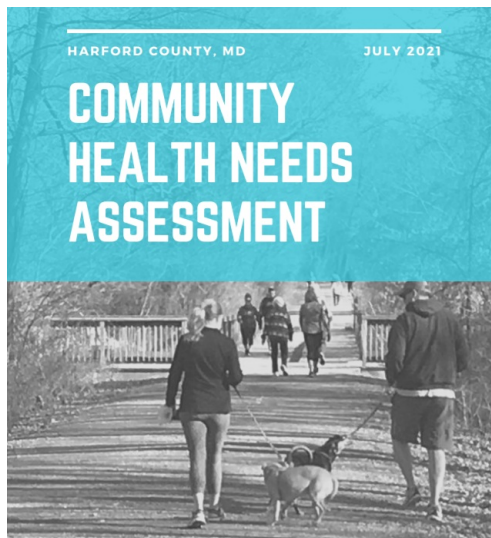




July Announcement

Release of the 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment



The Harford County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) offers a comprehensive evaluation of the health status of Harford County. The report is based on both qualitative methods and a compilation of data from Maryland Vital Statistics, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, County Health Rankings, Maryland Department of Health, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Cancer Statistics Working Group, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health, Health Services Cost Review Commission, Chesapeake Regional Information System, and

the Youth Behavioral Risk Survey. Primary data was gathered through a survey of 1,300 local residents regarding their health status, risk factors, and health outcomes. In addition, six focus groups provided diverse perspectives on the health of the community, and key informants and major stakeholders in the county contributed their feedback on the county's health priorities.

The CHNA is divided into five sections. The first two sections provide an overview of the county's demographics, and its social and physical environment. The remaining sections focus on health behaviors, health outcomes, and access to healthcare for variant groups and geographic areas. Results are compared to the state and nation as a whole, where applicable, and disparities are highlighted via zip codes, age, ethnicity, and race to provide a clearer picture of health equity in our community. Based on information provided in this report, the Harford County key stakeholders have prioritized the following top health concerns in order of importance: Behavioral Health (mental health and substance use disorder-addiction),

[Read the full report
here](#)

For any questions about the CHNA, you can contact Christina Claypool at christina.claypool@maryland.gov

Upcoming LHIC Meetings:

Chronic Disease Prevention and Wellness - Tuesday, July 27th at 8:00am at Harford Community College. If you feel more comfortable calling in, you can do so with the information below:

- meet.google.com/gts-xece-tbb
- (US) +1 510-854-9813 PIN: 688 400 225#

MHAAC | LHIC | OIT virtual meeting - Tuesday, September 28th, 2021 from 8:00 to 10:00am. Location TBD.

Family Health LHIC virtual meeting - September TBD

If you would like to attend these meetings or need the Google Meets information please email Christina Claypool (Christina.Claypool@maryland.gov) and Ronya Nassar (ronya.nassar@maryland.gov).

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