

Analyze Community Health Assets*

The assets categorized as direct health services, health education and information resources, and ancillary community assets represent key community-based factors important for the health and well-being of everyone in your community.

Instructions: Mark the column that best describes your community’s situation. If a service is available to a subset of the population only, please indicate that the service is available but fails to meet needs adequately, and be sure to indicate what this subset of the population is in the comments section. This exercise helps local groups set goals and priorities to improve their health infrastructure.

| A. Direct Health Services | Available and meets existing needs | Available but fails to meet needs adequately | Not Available | Comments |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------|
| Access to primary care (doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant) within 20 minutes or 30 miles | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Access to mental /behavioral health care within 20 minutes or 30 miles | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Access to dental care within 20 minutes or 30 miles | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Emergency feeding programs, food pantries, soup kitchens, food shelves | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Food and nutrition assistance programs (SNAP, WIC, CACFP, Summer Feeding, WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Weight management services, including physical activity and nutrition education | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Immunizations for Children and Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Cancer prevention, screening & treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Cardiovascular disease prevention, screening & treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Diabetes prevention, screening & treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| STD and HIV/AIDS screening and treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Smoking cessation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment- gender specific and allows women to have young children with them | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| Shelter and services for victims of abuse, violence, and sexual assault | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Violence & Injury prevention programs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Prenatal, delivery, and postpartum care (and support) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Family planning | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Child Preventive Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Breastfeeding support | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Protection against environmental hazards | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Prevention of epidemics and the spread of disease | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Preparation for public health emergencies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Responding to public health emergencies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Recovering from public health emergencies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Emergency shelters and services for persons with disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

| B. Health Education & Information Resources** | Available and meets existing needs | Available but fails to meet needs adequately | Not Available | Comments |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------|
| Information about how and where to find needed health care services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Information related to health maintenance and disease prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Facts about specific diseases, disorders, and conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Information about how to access emergency feeding sites or food and nutrition assistance programs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| Comprehensive and reliable health education for adolescents, including STD and pregnancy prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Centralized coordination to help consumers navigate through health care and health information systems. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

**The health information resources listed should be available via health classes, Internet websites, publications available in a variety of languages and reading levels, phone-in Hotlines, health agency staff, newspapers and newsletters, and/or radio and television programs and public service announcements. Local health fairs and health-education programs sponsored by employers, faith- based organizations and non-profit agencies also add information and raise awareness about health issues.

| C. Ancillary Community Assets (Additional Support) | Adequate | Needs Improvement | Inadequate | Comments |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Child care and elder care services (including caregiver health) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Public areas accessible by disabled individuals | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Public policies that discourage discrimination based on sexual orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Racially/ethnically diverse healthcare workforce and services (including racial/ethnic diversity and linguistic/translator services) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Cultural competency training for local healthcare workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Safe recreational areas, exercise facilities, and a walkable environment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Healthy food access available at farmers' markets, community supported agriculture farms, community gardens, food retail | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Farm production practices that support individual and environmental health | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Local colleges and universities with open-admission policies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Emergency care centers available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Responsive public officials and justice system | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Air and water quality within safe limits | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Job training opportunities – gender specific | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| Access to public transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bike trails and lanes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Emergency medical services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Adequate supply of health providers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

| D. Community Building Activities | Adequate | Needs Improvement | Inadequate | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Economic development | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Income and income distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Food security and healthy food access | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Early child development | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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