

County Health Assessment

The mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee. Accomplishing this mission begins with a good understanding of our population's health as well as factors that influence our health, driven by good data and local expertise. In order to achieve such understanding, the Tennessee Department of Health aims to provide support for counties to conduct a County Health Assessment (CHA) process for local stakeholders to identify specific areas of need and opportunities for improvement that are unique to each county. To begin, counties will be provided data related to Tennessee's Vital Signs, the state's scoreboard for population health.



Each year, one-third of the 89 rural counties in Tennessee will conduct a CHA through their local health councils. In 2019, 16 counties participated in the pilot round, conducting a CHA and establishing a three-year action plan to help the health council address the CHA priorities. Ultimately, the Tennessee Department of Health seeks to promote organizational alignment of resources and programming in a way that reflects the priorities of our counties. Ultimately, health councils will feel confident in knowing they have chosen the issues most important to them and supported in addressing those issues through a set of evidence-based strategies being developed known as the Vital Signs Actions.



Public health impacts every aspect of our lives today, and stakeholders from a variety of industries have a role to play in the local public health system, including you! You are invited to participate in the CHA as a resource to provide your industry's unique perspective on health and the indicators that influence how healthy we are. In addition, the CHA may benefit your organization by providing insight as to what is important to the communities with which you work.



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