2022-2025 CHNA Implementation Plan

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center

The PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center Community Collaboration Committee supports collaborations that improve community health for all. We recognize that health outcomes are often driven by social factors, such as access to food or housing, the health of the environment, or economic well-being. Structural injustice, especially systemic racism, is woven into the fabric of our community. The outcome is unjust systems that are designed to leave some out and privilege others. Each strategy undertaken during the 2022-2025 Community Health Improvement cycle is directed at working toward the elimination of those health inequities in our community.



Improve access to service-enriched housing



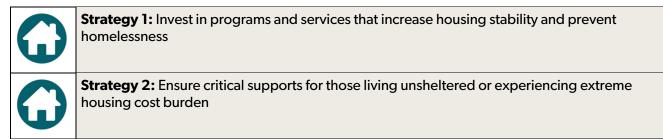
Increase education, access to treatment and prevention of dependence



Expand knowledge, access and engagement with community caregivers



Address food insecurities to enhance family and child well-being





Strategy 3: Grow access to youth mental health promotion and substance use prevention programming



Strategy 4: Reduce health equity gaps by improving care and service coordination within communities



Strategy 5: Increase access to healthy, culturally appropriate foods



Strategy 6: Promote total health education programs, including nutrition, physical health, & mental well-being



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Strategy 1: Invest in programs and services that increase housing stability and prevent homelessness

- 1a. Partner to keep individuals and families housed (e.g., housing case management, rental assistance programs, supportive programming at low-income housing sites, schools, etc.)
- 1b. Advocate and partner on preservation of low-income housing



Strategy 2: Ensure critical supports for those living unsheltered or experiencing extreme housing cost burden

2a. Increase access to services that address immediate needs of unsheltered individuals (e.g., shelter-based programs, hygiene services, respite, street medicine, and programming for specific communities)



Strategy 3: Grow access to youth mental health promotion and substance use prevention programming

- 3a. Increase protective factors for children, youth, and parents/caregivers especially for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQ+ youth (HW)
- 3b. Increase resources for preventative child & youth mental health life course approaches vs. focus on punitive systems



Strategy 4: Reduce health equity gaps by improving care and service coordination within communities

- 4a. Invest in expansion of community health worker programs that reach underserved communities.
- 4b. Partner on workforce development strategies that improve access to foundational community services (e.g., interpreters, dental services, behavioral health, childcare)
- 4c. Seek out partnerships that improve access to foundational community services such as dental and childcare
- 4d. Engage the talents and experience of PeaceHealth caregivers



Strategy 5: Increase access to healthy, culturally appropriate foods

- 5a. Support expansion of food distribution programs serving low-income and hard to reach neighborhoods
- 5b. Partner with food distribution programs to decrease barriers to access



Strategy 6: Promote total health education programs, including nutrition, physical health, & mental well-being

6a. Spread PeaceHealth internal efforts for total health (e.g., 5-2-1-0, reduction of sugary sweetened beverages, diabetes, and heart disease prevention activities, and more)

Note: HW references a Healthy Whatcom strategy or initiative.

