

2025-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan

PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center



Home

Strategy 1: Ensure coordinated critical supports for unsheltered and those facing extreme housing cost burden.

1a. Increase access to coordinated programs and services that address immediate needs of unsheltered individuals (e.g., respite care, hygiene services, warming beds).

Strategy 2: Invest in programs and services that increase housing stability and prevent homelessness.

2a. Partner to keep those experiencing vulnerability housed (individuals with disability, community elders, medically fragile individuals, youth and families).



Hope

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

3a. Invest in programs that meet students and youth where they are (including programs such as KGBSD RISE school-based social workers and SeaLevel planned programming).

3b. Advocate for increased community access to substance use disorder treatment for all ages.

3c. Support intensive care management solutions for those with patterns of high utilization of various systems (ER, EMS, law enforcement, etc.).



Nourish

Strategy 5: Increase food security and access to nutritious, culturally appropriate foods.

5a Partner with those educating on how to grow, harvest, and prepare foods.

5b. Invest in expanded food distribution programs serving low-income and hard to reach communities such as food pantries and community meals.

5c. Maximize enrollment and utilization of existing benefit programs (SNAP, WIC, Meals on Wheels, free and reduced lunch).



Care

Strategy 4: Reduce health equity gaps by improving care and service coordination for all generations.

4a. Encourage rise in community-based roles that help people navigate systems supporting health and well-being (e.g., community health workers, navigators, cultural liaisons, volunteers, and interpreters).

4b. Partner to improve access to foundational community supports, including transportation, in-home caregivers, preventative screening, vaccination, dental care, and childcare.

4c. Promote efforts that celebrate culture, honor heritage and integrate cultural knowledge to improve health.