

Child hospital and local health department community health planning document review

Preliminary findings as of June 21, 2018

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Summary of preliminary findings:

HPIO reviewed all Ohio children's hospital community health needs assessments and implementation strategy documents as well as all local health department community health assessment and improvement plan documents available at the Ohio Department of Health *Population Health Plans and Assessment* [page](#). HPIO reviewed these community health planning documents to identify child-focused health issues prioritized by each children's hospital and local health department in their assessment or strategy/plan. A total of 127 documents were reviewed that had been completed within the past six years.

HPIO found that 109 of the documents reviewed (85.8 percent) included child-focused health priorities¹ and covered 87.5 percent of Ohio's counties. Priorities were analyzed by entity type (children's hospital vs. local health department) and by region.

Child-focused health issues that were in the top ten priorities shared across both children's hospital and local health department documents were:

- mental health,
- drug dependence and use,
- healthy weight/obesity,
- infant mortality,
- chronic disease,
- violence² and
- access to health care/medical care.

Notably, top ten issues prioritized by children's hospitals but not local health departments included:

- childhood asthma,
- diabetes,
- injury and
- education.

Conversely, the top ten issues prioritized by local health departments but not children's hospitals included:

- tobacco,
- nutrition,
- maternal and infant health and
- physical activity.

A strong focus on mental health was a general theme across regions for the children's hospitals. In addition to mental health, local health departments also focused on drug dependence and use across regions. These results reflect widespread desire to address mental health and addiction issues in children across the state.

¹ Child-focused priorities were those that were identified as a children's hospital or local health department priority and included a child focus as determined by the priority wording, data, objectives, outcomes, strategies or other relevant information regarding the priority.

² Includes physical and emotional violence, such as relationship or intimate partner violence, domestic violence, teen dating violence, street violence, bullying, self-harm, or other violence and crime general. Child maltreatment, trafficking and sexual violence were included in other priority categories.