

Update on Selected Priorities and Activities since the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment - York County

In response to the 2022 Community Health Need Assessment (CHNA) along with community input, hospitals and local districts developed their own three-year strategies and plans. Below are these organization’s updates on their selected priorities and activities since the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment. The Community Action Programs developed their plans in response to community input and their 2022 Community Needs Assessment. One full year of implementation has taken place to date in 2023, 2024 implementation work is currently underway with 2025 work on the horizon for implementation activity on these identified priorities.

For a number of organizations listed in this document priority work spans across multiple counties throughout Maine though their physical location may be in one county.

Priority	Activities	Partners	Key Accomplishments
Organization – York District Public Health Improvement Plan			
Local Public Health Systems Assesment.	YorkPublic Health District and District Coordinating Council did not have an updated District Public Health Improvement Plan for this reporting period. Work was primarily focused on pandemic response and assistance with basic needs; and after the close of the official pandemic, completing the 2022-23 Local Public Health Systems Assessment (LPHSA) and distributing the District Health Equity Funding in 2023-24.	Please see website for full details	Please see website for full detials
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Additional information on the Penquis District Public Health Improvement Plan priority activity can be found at: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district1/index.shtml Contact: Adam Hartwig York District Public Health Liaison, adam.hartwig@maine.gov 207-490-4625			
Organization - York County Community Action			
A Lack of Affordable Housing	In 2023, expanded housing navigation and supports for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness	Landlord Association, Sanford Housing Authority, York County Shelter Programs, Sanford General Assistance	451 families were permanently housed; 1,032 families received mortgage assistance payments to prevent foreclosure
	In 2023, YCCAC and other partners held a legislative summit focusing on Homelessness in York County	York County Homelessness Coalition; City of Biddeford	

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	In 2024, enhanced advocacy efforts.	Maine Community Action Partnership; York County summit partners	
A crisis in child care	In 2023, implement Head Start Change in Scope.	Child Development Services, Biddeford Schools, Sanford Schools	Head Start and Early Head Start enrollment has increased.
	In 2024, implement First4ME program	Biddeford Ready, YMCA, Biddeford Schools, Sanford Schools	Three child care providers have partnered and become First4ME sites acknowledging their commitment to enhance their quality
Access to healthcare	In 2023, began expansion of location in Springvale to expand dental care.		Nasson Health Care served 7,249 unduplicated patients for medial, dental and behavioral health. This number includes 1,164 homeless individuals.
	In 2024, begin expansion in Biddeford.		
Transportation barriers	In 2024, expand Southern Maine Connector Route		
	In 2024, implement Shipyard transportation pilot program	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	
Additional information on York County Community Action Corporations priority activity can be found at: www.yccac.org York County Community Action Corporation 207-324-5762			

Organization - Southern Maine Healthcare			
Priority: Social Determinants of Health	In 2023 Increase screening and resources for food insecurity for those who are inpatient at the hospital	Good Shepard Food Bank, Local Food Pantries	51.9 % of those who screened positive received extra assistance with food bags and resources. Emergency Department gave 29 bags out to those in need.
	In 2024 Increase screening and resources for food insecurity for those who are inpatient at the hospital		73.20% of those who screened positive received extra assistance with food bags and resources. Emergency Department gave 289 bags out to those in need.
Priority: Access to Care	In 2023 Improve connections to community -based organizations providing health and social services to address the unmet healthcare needs of vulnerable populations		715 referrals to the Patient Assistance Line
	In 2024 Improve connections to community -based organizations providing health and social services to address the unmet healthcare needs of vulnerable populations		1041 referrals to the Patient Assistance Line
Priority: Access to	In 2023 Expand, support and collaborate with partners to address needs of New Mainers.	Catholic Charities, MaineHealth	Started Refugee resettlement clinic in Saco - 18 families seen screened, vaccinated and connected to health care

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Care	In 2024 Expand, support and collaborate with partners to address needs of New Mainers.	Catholic Charities, MaineHealth	Refugee Resettlement clinic saw 27 families who were screened, vaccinated and connected to health care.
Priority: Healthy Aging	In 2023 Improve health outcomes of older adults by delivering and referring to preventive services		Increase the total % of qualified patients with an annual wellness visit in the last 12 months. Increased from 69.6% to 73.2%
	In 2024 Improve health outcomes of older adults by delivering and referring to preventive services		Increase the total % of qualified patients with an annual wellness visit in the last 12 months. Increased from 73.2% to 78.5%

Additional information on MaineHealth's priority activities can be found at:
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Organization - York Hospital

Increase access to mental health services and supports in Southern York County.	In 2023, Convene providers and hospitals to advocate at state level.	DHHS, YH, Sweetser, NAMI Maine	YH CEO advocates as part of Maine Hospital Association and Medical Director is part of Behavioral health workgroup through the Maine Dept of Health and Human Services
	In 2023 Convene Sweetser, NAMI Maine and local Behavioral Health Specialists to assess and share resources.	Choose To Be Healthy Coalition and Kittery, Noble, Marshwood, Wells and York School Districts, NAMI Maine	Choose To Be Healthy Coalition (CTBH) held 4 Regional School Counselor meetings and provided mental health resources, training and peer to peer assistance
Increase access to mental health services and supports in Southern York County.	In 2023, Monthly Mental Health First Aid and Leadership trainings provided to YH staff for increased capacity with patients and selves	YH, Sweetser	All staff provided mental health trainings
	In 2023, Hold monthly parenting sessions on mental health and youth substance use prevention.	Choose To Be Healthy Coalition and Kids Free To Grow	Community Health held monthly Strengthening Families Zoom session as part of collaboration with York County organization, Kids Free to Grow
Increase access to mental health services and supports in Southern York County.	In 2023 and 2024, Coordinate youth SUD and Mental Health Summit	Choose To Be Healthy Coalition and OUTMaine and Kittery, Noble, Marshwood, Wells and York School Districts	Held two Youth Summits featuring mental health awareness and resources for 8-12 th graders, focus on youth you identify as LGBTQ+
Increase and	In 2023, increase number of patients who see a PCP	York Hospital	Created system for follow up appointments with a PCP after all specialty or emergency care visits.

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Improve Access to Care	In 2023, increase number of patients who use the patient portal	York Hospital	Increased proportion of patients with online access to electronic medical records and appointment information thru improved platform and education.
Increase substance use disorder prevention, intervention and addiction services for those at highest risk including youth	In 2023, improve capacity for telehealth and recovery care	York Hospital, CTBH Coalition	Acquired Congressional Funds \$155,000 for Recovery Center to add coaches, counseling time and transportation
	In 2022/23, Support local community health coalition, CTBH and new coalition Youth Resiliency Coalition – both housed and staffed through YH Community Health	CTBH and YH	Community Health written 4 grants for prevention and staff; received new state funding for prevention as of Jan 23, and federal funding
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