



Community Health Improvement Plan

2026-2028

Fayette County, Ohio



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Executive Summary

Strategic Highlights

The 2026-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is Fayette County's roadmap to address the many health challenges in our community identified in the 2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHIP addresses the scope and complexity of health challenges within Fayette County identified in the CHA. The goals outlined in the CHIP call for cross-sector partnerships and alignment to improve health outcomes for those that live in Fayette County. By working together in partnership, our community can improve health outcomes by building programs, collaborations, and services through a focused effort on addressing the major health factors identified in the CHA.

The CHIP is a tool to strengthen local efforts to improve health and well-being for those in Fayette County. The CHIP's main components are:

- Focus on health priorities areas to improve overall health.
- Utilizing evidence-informed strategies to improve health outcomes and services.
- An evaluation plan to track, report, and analyze progress.

With the long-term goal of ensuring all Fayette County residents achieve their full health potential, the CHIP takes a comprehensive approach to achieving equity and addressing the many factors that shape our health, including housing and environment, poverty, and education.

Fayette County Community Health Alliance

The Fayette County Community Health Alliance is a collaboration of community agencies aligned to participate in the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) processes. Adena Health and Fayette County Public Health serve as coordinators of the alliance and associated committees. Other health, social service and education organizations of the alliance include: Fayette County Parks District, Fayette County Community Action, Carnegie Public Library of Washington Court House, Fayette County Farmers Market, Fayette County Family YMCA, Paint Valley ADAMH Board, Fayette-Madison Transportation, Fayette County EMS and The Ohio State University Extension Office – Fayette County.

Utilizing the values of commitment, engagement, communication, and respect, the Fayette County Community Health Alliance works to ensure that all people within the region are empowered and inspired to reach their fullest potential by thriving physically and mentally in a clean and safe environment through positive community collaborations. By working through strategic initiatives that improve the physical, mental, emotional, and socioeconomic well-being of Fayette County residents, this will be achieved.

Vision Statement

“A vision of educating and empowering individuals and families in order to achieve a thriving, engaged and resilient community.”

For both the community assessments and strategic plans, partners used the data- driven Mobilizing Action for Planning and Partnership (M.A.P.P.) process developed by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). This six- phase process includes a four-part CHA and an in-depth analysis of current community trends, gaps, and resources.

This information was used to comprehensively evaluate the current state of health in Fayette County and to prioritize key public health issues. The CHA identified the top causes of death, health issues, health behaviors and social drivers of health for the Fayette County community based upon public health data related to top causes of death, county health rankings, health outcomes and health factors.

Top Causes of Death
• Heart disease • Cancer • Accidents/Unintentional injury • Chronic lower respiratory diseases • Alzheimer’s Disease • Stroke
Top Health Behaviors
• Smoking, vaping and tobacco use • Obesity • Poor mental health • Alcohol and substance use/abuse • Poor nutrition/Poor physical activity levels • Poor dental health • Social media safety
Social And Environmental Drivers of Health
• Economics and poverty • Educational attainment • Basic needs access (<i>housing, food & transportation</i>) • Safety • Health care access

Figure 1: 2024 Fayette County, OH Community Health Assessment Top Health Issues and Factors

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

The Fayette County CHIP is created by the Fayette County Community Health Alliance by analyzing the public health data collected in the CHA and drafting a plan to improve health outcomes for the county. As part of the planning process, the limitations of the community health continuum including care coordination and other social and community factors are considered as goals are written.



Community Baby Shower

A Note from the Health Commissioner

It is my pleasure to introduce the **2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)** for Fayette County, Ohio. This plan identifies key health challenges our community faces each day and provides a framework for addressing them through clear goals, strong partnerships, and meaningful actions to improve the health and well-being of our residents. Understanding the extent to which our community's health is being affected is a vital step in taking informed and effective action.

Through data analysis and community input, we have identified **five key areas of focus**:

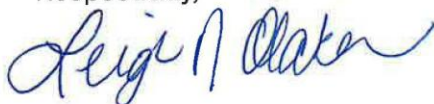
1. Chronic Disease
2. Cancer
3. Mental Health
4. Substance Use Disorder
5. Access to Care

These priorities were determined using local causes of death data, state and national health indicators, and feedback gathered through the **Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)**. Residents, community members, and focus groups shared their perspectives on the most pressing health concerns in Fayette County. Comparing these findings with broader health data confirmed that these are areas requiring focused attention and action.

The **CHIP** reflects a collaborative effort led by **Fayette County Public Health** and **Adena Health Systems**, in partnership with more than **30 local agencies**. Together, we have developed targeted strategies to guide improvement. However, the responsibility for creating a healthier Fayette County belongs to all of us — every agency, every organization, and every individual.

As your local public health department, we remain committed to working alongside our partners and community members to implement sustainable changes that make Fayette County a safer, healthier, and happier place to live.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Leigh N. Olaker".

Leigh N. Olaker, MPH
Health Commissioner
Fayette County Public Health

Introduction

The term “health” has broad meanings, particularly from a community perspective. An individual’s health is measured by the presence and/or severity of illness, whether or not they engage in behaviors that are a risk to their health, and if so, the length of time the behavior has occurred. It can also be measured by asking individuals to report their personal perception of their overall health. The health of an entire community is measured by collecting and compiling individual data. Commonly used measurements of population health status are morbidity (incidence and prevalence of disease) and mortality (death rates). Socioeconomic data is usually included as it relates to the environment in which individuals live. A particular population’s level of health is usually determined by comparing it to other populations or by looking at health related trends over time.

Everyone in a community has a stake in health. Poor health is costly to people trying to maintain employment and employers addressing high rates of absenteeism and higher health insurance costs. Whole communities can suffer economic loss when groups of citizens are ill. As a result, everyone benefits from addressing social, environmental, economic, and behavioral determinants of health.



Community Health Assessment and Planning

Comprehensive Community Health Assessments (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP) can provide better understanding of a population's health needs, as well as direction toward positive change. Provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires all 501(c) (3) health systems operating one or more hospitals, as well as federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) to complete a community health assessment every three years. All public health districts are also required to complete health needs assessments and improvement plans every three years. In Fayette County, those required to complete the CHA work collectively to develop a more robust document. The purpose is to provide the health continuum in a community with a foundation for their community health planning and to provide information to policymakers, provider groups, and community advocates for improvement efforts, including the best ways to direct health-related grants and appropriations. While conducting a community health assessment can help provide clearer focus on a population's health needs, a community health improvement plan (CHIP) constructs "a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems based on the results of the community health assessment and the community health improvement process" (Centers for Disease Control, 2015). The plan can be utilized by all entities on the public health continuum – hospitals, healthcare providers, health departments, social service agencies, etc. – to help focus efforts around specific goals aimed at improving the health of the community. These plans should identify, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, as well as include a shared vision and metrics for success. The plan should also align with broader efforts at the state and federal levels.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services established five overarching health goals for the year 2030:

- *Attain healthy, thriving lives and well-being free of preventable disease, disability, injury, and premature death.*
- *Eliminate health disparities, achieve health equity, and attain health literacy to improve the health and well-being of all.*
- *Create social, physical, and economic environments that promote attaining the full potential for health and well-being for all.*
- *Promote healthy development, healthy behaviors, and well-being across all life stages.*
- *Engage leadership, key constituents, and the public across multiple sectors to take action and design policies that improve the health and well-being of all.*



Figure 2: Action Model for Healthy People 2030

Figure 2. Healthy People 2030



To achieve these goals a comprehensive action model (Figure 2) was established (Healthy People 2030), with leading health indicators to set priorities and measure health over a 10 -year period. These indicators, selected on the basis of their ability to motivate action, the availability of data to measure progress, and their importance as health issues for the public, influence the

development of state and local health improvement plans.



Figure 3: Healthy People 2030

The Ohio Department of Health has aligned statewide community health planning with the Healthy People 2030 approach. With the long-term goal of ensuring all Ohioans achieve their full health potential, the Ohio State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) takes a comprehensive approach to achieving equity and addressing the many factors that shape our health, including housing, poverty, education, and trauma (Figure 4). The SHIP is a tool to strengthen state and local efforts to improve health, well-being, and economic vitality in Ohio.

The Fayette County Community Health Alliance has aligned several of our local CHIP priorities with the SHIP. The SHIP's main components are:

- Six priorities including three factors and three health outcomes
- Thirty-seven measurable objectives
- A menu of evidence-informed strategies

- An evaluation plan to track and report progress

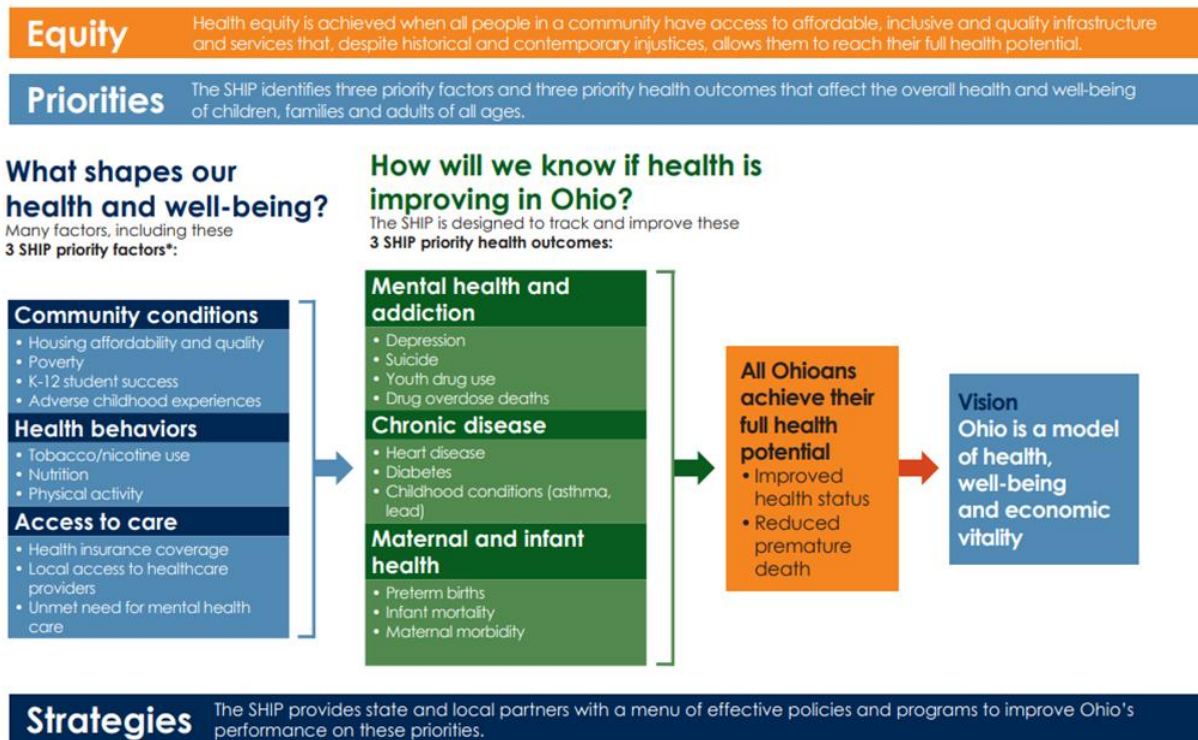


Figure 4. Ohio Department of Health State Health Improvement Plan 2020-2022

The Fayette County Community Health Alliance, a collaborative, community-based group whose efforts are aimed at improving the health and quality of life for residents of Fayette County, Ohio, has utilized the Healthy People 2030 and Ohio SHIP as tools for assessing the health of its community, and developing a community health strategic plan. The coalition has continued its collaboration to complete an updated community health assessment in 2024 and a community health improvement plan in 2025.

The Process

Creating a comprehensive community health assessment and effective strategic plan requires an interactive process not facilitated by one agency or group, but by a collective, engaged group of participants that are representative of the broader community. There are many strategic

planning frameworks available to create such a process. However, a health-focused framework, facilitated by public health leaders is an evidence-based recommendation. The Fayette County Community Health Alliance looked to their local public health leaders for recommendations on models that could be utilized for the 2024 community health assessment and health improvement planning processes.

Mobilizing and Action Through Planning and Partnership (MAPP)

The 2024 Community Health Assessment was completed through a comprehensive process of data collection and evaluation utilizing the MAPP process. The data for the report reflects Fayette County only. Both qualitative and quantitative data were collected from primary and secondary sources. Data was collected in a total of four categories (Figure 5): Community Themes and Strengths; Local Public Health System; Community Health Status; and Forces of Community Change. The information was compiled and evaluated by the Alliance steering committee and hospital and public health work teams in order to finalize specific health-related needs. The published assessment completed as part of those efforts is intended to inform decision makers and funders about the challenges Fayette County faces with improving



community health, and the priority areas in which support is most needed. The information is also intended to be useful as a planning tool for community organizations.

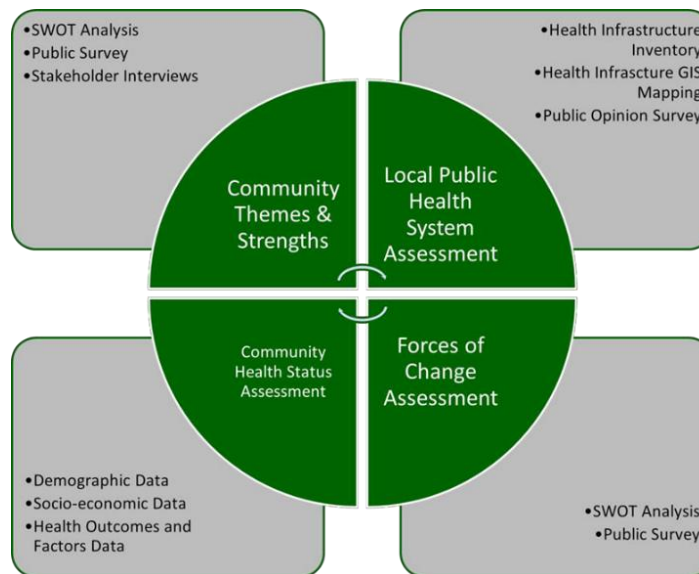


Figure 5. Four Assessments of the MAPP Process

Both the published assessment and plan are used to inform decision makers and funders about the challenges Fayette County faces in improving community health and the priority areas where support is most needed. The community health improvement plan serves as a planning tool for community organizations, including the local public health department, and to align their agency efforts and programming with the broader goals set to improve health in Fayette County.

Assessment Data Summary

The four assessments yielded data for the primary causes of death, as well as data and public opinion on the primary health issues in the Fayette County community. The prevalence of death and disease and the corresponding behaviors and environmental factors were then aligned to help prioritize the issues the Fayette County Community Health Alliance would focus on and

use to develop a community health improvement plan. Figure 6 provides a summary of the identified issues in the community.



Figure 6

The leading causes of death in Fayette County are heart disease, cancer (all forms), unintentional injury, pulmonary and respiratory disease, Alzheimer’s disease, stroke and diabetes.

Health behaviors that directly correlate to these top health issues include tobacco use (smoking, vaping, tobacco use), obesity, lack of physical activity, poor mental health (depression and anxiety), alcohol and substance use disorder, poor nutrition, poor dental health and teen pregnancy.

In addition, the group identified through data collection of stakeholders and focus groups and a public survey the top environmental factors contributing to the primary health issues.

Factors identified were: economics and poverty; educational attainment, access to basic needs such as housing, food, and transportation; safety from crime and violence; access to healthcare, including preventative services and education.

This information was summarized and presented to the Fayette County Community Health Alliance members for review and consideration in November 2024. This information was utilized as the building blocks for a planning workshop held in the April 2025 to outline the strategy and priorities of the 2025 community health improvement plan.

Strategic Planning Process

A strategic planning workshop was held at the Fayette County Public Health Meeting. Members of the Fayette County Community Health Alliance, and other community agency representatives attended the event. The participants reviewed the previous CHIP, including work from the previous plan that had been completed. The current findings of the community health assessment were reviewed and priorities areas were set and will be used to help develop the goals and objectives for the community health improvement plan.

The team then discussed the best process to develop the goals and objectives for each of the priority areas. They decided to allow the lead task force of each priority to take it back to their meeting and set these. In each of these meetings some time was also spent discussing current community and agency capacity to address health priorities, as well as what progress had been made from the previous community health improvement plan.

Finally, these goals and objectives were reviewed and approved by the larger group of the Fayette County Community Health Alliance in October of 2025.

Addressing Priorities

The Fayette County Community Health Alliance reviewed the 2024 CHA, the 2022 CHIP, and held discussion regarding current community needs and capacity to construct the 2026-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan. This includes:

- Continuing to focus on the major health issues identified in the 2022 assessment – substance use disorder, mental health, chronic illnesses (such as obesity, diabetes prevention and cancer) and update the goals and objectives.
- Monitor health outcomes and indicators over the course of the project timeline along with tracking progress on subcommittee goals, objectives and metrics by the development and use of a Fayette County Community Health Improvement Plan dashboard such as Clear Impact Scorecard system which provides a way to track the performance of your programs, measure the impact of your funding, and report the success of your mission to community stakeholders worldwide.
- Added social and environmental drivers of health as a priority area to better address the indicators identified by the community in the public survey data, as well as coordinate more efforts around basic life skills, affordable housing, access to care and kindergarten readiness

The Fayette County Community Alliance also reviewed the newly released Ohio State Health Assessment (SHA) for common themes and strengths. They found that the top five finding for the state of Ohio are: mental health, substance abuse, obesity/nutrition/inactivity, social drivers of health and access to care. These were all common themes locally for Fayette County.

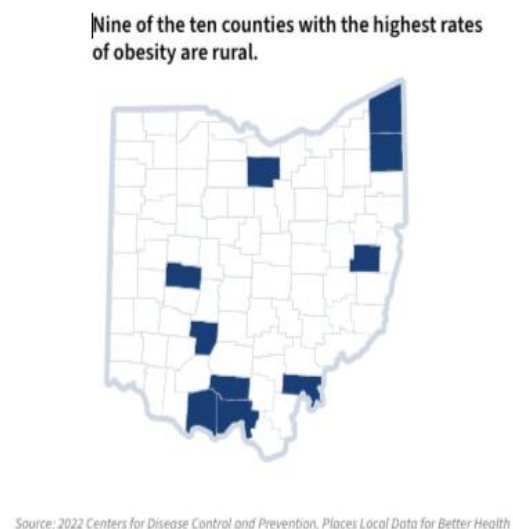


Figure 7 and Figure 8- 2023 Ohio State Health Assessment

There were also two places that Fayette County was identified directly in the SHA. The first of which was that Fayette County was one of the 21 counties with the most food insecurity and was one of 2 counties outside of Appalachia, see Figure 7. Fayette County is also identified as having a high rate of obesity in the state (see Figure 8).

Fayette County Community Health Alliance also reviewed various social and environmental factors that will influence the health outcomes of the community. The Alliance felt it was important to establish baseline data for the coming year and monitor with the current political environment

Project Timeline

The project timeline for the CHIP is set to start in January 2026 and end on December 31, 2028. The community health improvement plan developed by the Fayette County Community Health Alliance is aligned with the group's overarching vision of *“educating and empowering individuals and families in order to achieve a thriving, engaged and resilient community.”*

Goals and Objectives

Specific metrics around each goal and objective have been established to measure the success of the plan. The group will utilize the ODH Social Determinate of Health Dashboard to measure the broader improvement of health factors and outcomes, as well as quality of life and environmental indicators.

The following charts provides an outline of the updated 2026 Fayette County Community Health Improvement Plan. This document can be updated on a yearly basis. Goals with an asterisk (*) are in alignment with Ohio Department of Health's State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) strategies and initiatives.



Priority Area: Cancer

Goal: Increase the utilization of the preventative screening for cancer.

The rate of cancer deaths for Fayette County is 204.5 (per 100,000 people) as compared to 162.4 for the state of Ohio and 146.2 for the US. The top types of cancer that lead to death for Fayette County is Lung (to include bronchus and trachea); Colon (to included anus and rectum); Lymphoid, Blood and Tissue; and Breast. And the top cancers for Fayette County are Prostate, Lung, Breast, Colon and Uterus.

Annual well visits and health screening such as mammograms and colonoscopies are proven methods to reduce the rate of death from cancers.

CDC Wonder2018-2020

Objectives	Action Steps	Time Frame	Responsible	Status
Objective 1: Increase the number of women receiving Mammograms	• Increase the number of women utilizing the BCCP program • Increase access to the mobile mammography unit to more county events • Have a public awareness campaign to educate on how screening can save lives.	• Baseline Dec 2025 Increase by 1% in 2026-2027 • Baseline Dec 2025 Increase by 1 event in 2026 and 2027 • December 2026	• Fayette County Public Health • Adena Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Objective 2: Increase participation in the Livestrong program	• Promote the program through various media forms	• Baseline Dec 2025 Increase to at least 10 people per year	• Fayette County Family YMCA • Fayette County Public Health • Adena Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Objective 3: Increase Skin cancer outreach.	• Increase the number of Derma scan screenings • Attend more community events • Set up a regular screening day at the Health Department • Increase education on preventative skin cancer measures	• Baseline Dec 2025 Increase by 2 additional events per year.	• Fayette County Public Health • OSU Extension-Fayette County. • Adena Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed

Objective 4: Decrease mortality cancer rates	Promoting education on the screenings when they are needed and how to get them.	1 % decrease in mortality rates from the 2024 CHA data by 2028.	- Adena Health - Fayette County Public Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Identified Assets & Resources: Adena Health, Fayette County Public Health, OSU Extension- Fayette County, Fayette County Family YMCA				

Goal: Increase the supports to the population impacted by substance abuse.

Background:

In 2017, Fayette County was ranked 2nd for its average unintentional overdose death rate per 100,00 population. In 2020 the rates were reduced by 62%. Fayette County is a rural community and is limited in ways that it can offer harm reduction to individuals. Stigma is a contributor to individuals not wanting to receive harm reduction items, offering a more discrete after hours option for them that would assist on eliminating this barrier.

The Post Overdose Response Team known as PORT operates once a week. It consists of a Police Officer and two treatment providers. Expanding team members is a need. This will offer more resources and a different perspective.

Homeless rates have increased in Fayette County due to the cost of living, lack of high paying jobs, lack of connection to resources, substance/mental health issues. Offering Peer Support to these individuals in hopes of connecting them with treatment resources, and housing programs.

Objectives	Action Steps	Time Frame	Responsible	Status
Objective 1: Expand access to evidence-based harm reduction strategies.	- Install Naloxone access boxes in the community - Install a Harm Reduction Vending Machine in county.	- Baseline for Data: 2025 - Complete 2026	- Fayette County Community Action - Fayette County Public Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Objective 2: Enhance the use of the Post Overdose Response Team.	- Recruit new partner agencies to participate in the team - Provide education through the community on the benefits of the PORT team and how to access it	- Baseline: 2025 - Increase by 1 agency per year - Baseline 2025 - Increase by 1 campaign per year	- Fayette County Community Action - Fayette County Public Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Objective 3: Reduce mental health substance abuse and chronic illness related homelessness	Increase peer contacts/ engagements with the homeless population to connect them with substance abuse treatment and housing programs.	- Baseline: 2025 - Increase engagements by 2%.	- Fayette County Community Action - Fayette County Public Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed

Objective 4: Increase staffing through substance abuse treatment	• Fill the open spots in the existing programs • Creation of new programs with treatment providers	• Baseline: 2025 Increase number of treatment providers by 5%	• Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health • Coleman MRSS	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Objective 5: Increase Education and Outreach across Fayette County	• Promote the Lock Your Meds Campaign. • Build the Y C.O.P.E. Program as the community outreach across the county • Funding for a CHES App that provides online education or locate apps that offer assistance for mental health	• Baseline: 2025 Increase engagements by 2 events per year.	• Fayette County Community Action • Fayette County Public Health • Fayette County Family YMCA • Paint Valley ADAMH	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Identified Assets and Resources: Fayette County Community Action, Fayette County Public Health, PARS, Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health, Fayette County Family YMCA, Paint Valley ADAMH				



Priority Area: Mental Health

Goal: Reduce stigma surrounding mental health and seeking support and increase awareness and availability of resources.

Background: In Fayette County, the percentage of adults reporting 14 or more days of poor mental health per month (age-adjusted) was 23%, as compared to 19% for Ohioans overall. Mental health was identified as one of the most urgent concerns in the 2024 Fayette County Community Health Needs Assessment, with depression, anxiety, and self-harm, especially among youth, ranked among the top health challenges in the county. Community members cited limited awareness of where to seek help. Survey results also showed that residents are most likely to learn about services through word of mouth, Facebook, newspapers, and community signs, pointing to the need for diverse, accessible communication channels. An analysis of Crisis Text Line, a national text-based crisis service, indicates that rural counties have lower rates of service use than urban counties, while suicide risk in rural counties is higher than the risk in urban counties ([Thompson 2018](#) - Thompson LK, Sugg MM, Runkle JR. *Adolescents in crisis: A geographic exploration of help-seeking behavior using data from Crisis Text Line. Social Science and Medicine.* 2018;215(July):69-79.) This strategy includes outreach to non-traditional spaces, supported by national evidence showing that these settings are effective at reducing stigma and connecting people with care. ([Allure, 2021](#), [TCU School of Medicine, 2023](#)). By combining local insight with proven strategies, this plan aims to reduce stigma, promote the 988 crisis line, and ensure mental health education reaches people where they already live, work, and gather.

Objectives	Action Steps	Time Frame	Responsible	Status
Objective 1: Fayette County will increase the promotion of mental and behavioral health resources in the community.	- Promote the use of the 988-crisis line. - Expand distribution of educational materials to non-traditional audiences such as salon owners, bar staff, parents, day cares, pre-schools, Chamber of Commerce and businesses, Walmart staff, VFW, American Legion, servers, legal system and probate offices. - Identify and compile a list of non-traditional media outlets by Q2 2026 (e.g., community signs/boards, flyers with tear-offs and QR codes, radio ads, community calendars.) Begin promotion of mental and behavioral health resources through these channels by Q3 2026 and continue through 2027, with annual evaluation and updates to the media list. - Provide ongoing support to schools and school counselors with check-ins and mental health resource updates. - Host one in-person mental health awareness event annually.	- Monthly, 2026-2028 2026-2028 Aim for 5% increase in contacts each year in 2026 and 2027 2026-2028 Implement in 2025 Update list annually - Quarterly beginning in 2026 Check-in/send resources once per quarter (4x/year) starting in fall 2025 and continuing through 2026, 2027 and 2028. - Complete one event per year in 2025, 2026, and 2027.	- Adena Health - Adena Senior Life Solutions - Fayette - Coleman/MRSS - Community of Hope: Suicide Prevention Coalition - Fayette County Public Health - NAMI of Southern Ohio - Paint Valley ADAMH - Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed

Objective 2: Fayette County will increase awareness of community members of where to seek mental health support for self or a loved one.	• Increase Mental Health First Aid, QPR (Question-Persuade-Refer) and Trauma Informed Care training for community organizations and groups. • Educate primary care providers, urgent care, and emergency department staff on suicide risk assessment and referral options. • Distribute printed resource guides and digital referral tools (QR codes, wallet cards, posters in common areas). • Promote 988 and local resource hotlines across platforms	• Baseline: 2025 Increase by 5% attendance per year for 2026, 2027and 2028 • Annually, 2026-2028 • Annually, 2026-2028 • Monthly, 2026-2028	• Adena Health • Adena Senior Life Solutions- Fayette • Coleman MRSS • Community of Hope: Suicide Prevention Coalition • Fayette County Public Health • NAMI of Southern Ohio • Paint Valley ADAMH • Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Identified Assets & Resources: Paint Valley ADAMH, 988, NAMI of Southern Ohio, Scioto Valley Paint Mental Health, Fayette County Public Health, Community of Hope Suicide Prevention Coalition, Adena Health.				

Priority Area: Chronic Illness

Goal: Increase access to exercise opportunities and healthy food in Fayette County.

Background: More than 41% of the population of Fayette County are obese, as compared to 38 % of Ohioans overall. The diabetes rate in Fayette County 13% (Data from the 2025 Community Health Rankings)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state to reverse the obesity epidemic, community efforts should focus on supporting healthy eating and active living in a variety of settings, including early childhood care, hospitals, schools, food service and parks. Improving active mobility infrastructure and access to healthy foods are a proven method of reducing obesity rates at the community level.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, May 24, 2023 <https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/strategies/community.html>

Objectives	Action Steps	Time Frame	Responsible	Status
Objective 1: Increase utilization of the Farmers Market vouchers for fresh foods	• Provide information on when Ohio Harvest of various goods are for best use. • Timely rollout of benefits • Expanding information distribution-HMG, Family and Children First, • Encourage Community partners to sponsor Farmers Market Vouchers for incentives at events	• Baseline-Dec 2025 • Increase of 5% per year for 2026 and 2027	• Fayette County Farmers Market • OSU Extension- Fayette County • Fayette County Public Health (WIC, HMG) • Adena Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Objective 2: Increase access to trail and park opportunities	• Partner with Fayette County Parks and Rec to develop a strategic plan • Support the Inclusive Playground Initiative • Increase the number of activities Hosted by community agencies with in the community parks and recreation areas.	• Complete by Spring 2026 • Baseline-2025 • Increase by 2 events per year for 2026 and 2027	• Fayette County Parks and Trails • Washington Court House City Council • OSU Extension- Fayette County • Fayette County Public Health	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed

Objective 3: Increase the attendance to the health cooking, exercise, weight management programs	• Create an “inventory” of classes and programs available within the county • Increase the promotion of the programs. (First Steps, Diabetes Prevention, Fresh Food Rx, OSU Nutrition Classes) • Rebranding and refreshing of the Fat Fighters program	• Complete by Jun 2026 • Baseline 2025 • Increase by 2% in 2026 and 2027 • January 2027	• Fayette County Public Health • Adena Health • Fayette County Family YMCA • OSU Extension -Fayette County	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Identified Assets & Resources: Fayette County Farmers Market, OSU Extension of Fayette County, Fayette County Public Health, Fayette County Family YMCA, Adena Health				



Priority Area: Social And Environmental Drivers of Health

Goal: Assess the gaps of the health, well-being and social supports

Background: The climate of this current administration is creating a moving target for many of these items and they will require monitoring and flexibility. Fayette County faces ongoing challenges that influence residents' health and well-being. About 16% of residents and one in five children live in poverty, and roughly 12% of households experience severe housing problems such as cost burden or overcrowding. Limited provider availability—averaging over 3,200 residents per primary care provider—and nearly 8% of residents under age 65 lacking insurance create significant barriers to care. Transportation and broadband gaps further limit access to telehealth and specialty services. These economic and access-related factors contribute to higher rates of chronic disease, absenteeism, and food insecurity, underscoring the need for coordinated community efforts to address healthcare access, basic needs, and education.

Source: County Health Rankings

Objectives	Action Steps	Time Frame	Responsible	Status
Objective 1: Healthcare access	Gather and review data on: • Wait times for appointments • Health insurance coverage • Number health care and specialty providers with in county • Telehealth options • Reliable Transportation to out of county appointments • Student Absenteeism • Infant Mortality	Baseline 2026 Review yearly 2027-2028	• Community Health Alliance • Adena Health • Miami Trace Local Schools • Washington Court House City Schools • Fayette County Public Health • Fayette-Madison Transportation	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Objective 2: Basic Needs access	Gather and review data: • Food security opportunities • Transportation • Affordable housing	Baseline 2026 Review yearly 2027-2028	• Community Health Alliance • Local Food Pantries and Community Center • Fayette Madison Transportation • Fayette County Commission on Aging • Fayette County Metropolitan Housing	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed

Objective 3: Attainment of education and life skills	Gather and review data: • Life skills classes • Life coach • GED program at jail • Kindergarten Readiness • Student Absenteeism	Baseline 2026 Review yearly 2027-2028	• Community Health Alliance • OSU Extension Fayette County • Rose Ave Dream Center • Fayette County Sheriff's Office • Children Offered Resources Early (CORE) • Fayette County Help Me Grow • Miami Trace Local School • Washington Court House City Schools • Fayette County Community Action Head Start and Early Head Start	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Completed
Identified Assets & Resources: Community Health Alliance, Adena Health, , Fayette County Public Health, Local Food Pantries and Community Center, Fayette Madison Transportation, Fayette County Commission on Aging, Fayette County Metropolitan Housing, OSU Extension Fayette County, Rose Ave Dream Center, Fayette County Sheriff's Office, Children Offered Resources Early (CORE), Fayette County Help Me Grow, Miami Trace Local Schools, Washington Court House City Schools, Fayette County Community Action Head Start and Early Head Start				

Project Communication

The Fayette County Health Care Alliance will utilize multiple means to make the completed plan visible and accessible to participating partners, as well as the broader community. A communication plan will be developed to outline venues such as community events, social media, local media, and civic groups to share the information from the community health assessment and the community health improvement plan. Executive summaries for each document will be distributed along with the full version of each plan made available on multiple coalition partner agency websites, including the Fayette County Public Health and the Adena Health websites.

Next Steps and Call to Action

The Fayette County Community Health Alliance will integrate the community health improvement plan into established community efforts and use it to bridge the gap of infrastructure needed to ensure that activities to improve the health of the Fayette County community are focused, communicated, documented, and measured to benchmark long-term success. Communication of the finalized plan, the current task forces will continue to work on their current initiatives and will integrate the new goals into this.

The Fayette County Community Health Alliance believes community-based projects have the best opportunity to make a real difference in the health of individuals and their families, and those providing care. Visions for future community support in all the priority areas will require identifying suitable leadership, raising awareness among stakeholders, determining how to involve them, and agreeing on the areas of, and how each group will collaborate. In addition,

different strategies will be used depending on the capability of participating agencies to address the issues.

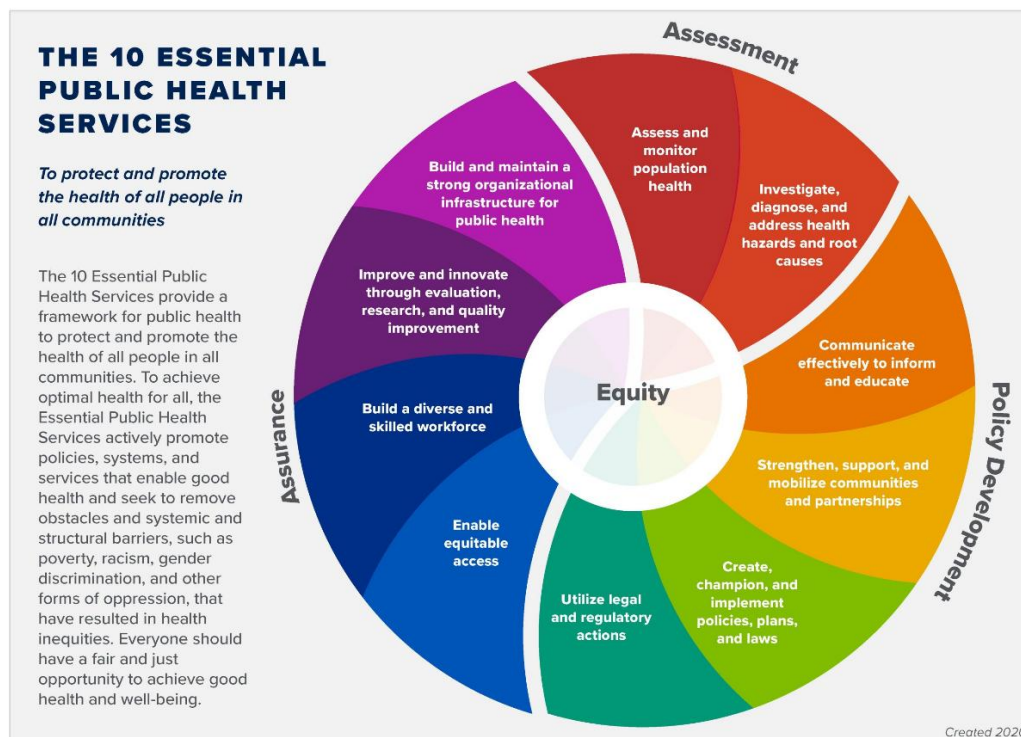


Figure 8 _ Ten Essential Public Health Services- (CDC Website)

The Fayette County Community Health Alliance will utilize the Ten Essential Public Health Services as guide and framework for the activities coordinated around its health priorities and goals. The key principles involved with this framework involve:

- A primary focus on the population
- A public service ethic, while considering concerns for the individual
- An emphasis on prevention and health promotion for the whole community
- Employment of a spectrum of interventions aimed at the environment, human behavior and lifestyle and medical care
- Promoting health equity.

Appendix

Appendix A: Community Partners

Fayette County Health Care Alliance Agency members and the respective task forces include the following agencies.

Name	Organization
Joy Stanforth	Rose Avenue Community Center Fayette County Community Action Transportation
Baker, Chelsie	Fayette County Parks and Recreation District
Anderson, Tony	Fayette County Commissioner
Briggs, Chris	Washington City Schools-Superintendent
Batson, Megan	Fayette County Public Health
Baughn, Bambi	Fayette County Community Action
Truman, Brooke	Fayette County Community Action
Pfeifer, Jessica	Fayette County Community Action
Olaker, Leigh	Fayette County Public Health
Cobb, Jan	Fayette County Department of DD
Fleak, Donnie	Fayette County Commissioner
Denen, Joe	City Manager WCH
Swisher, Melanie	Paint Valley ADAMH Board
Fitton, Lenora	Fayette County Coroner
Gabis, John	Adena Health
Garland, Jim	Fayette County Commissioner
Garren, Tony	Fayette County Christian Schools
Havens, Melissa	Emergency Management Agency
Hisey, Brigitte	Fayette County Soil and Water
Huffman, Gaye	Fayette County Homeless Shelter
Crawford, Jennifer	Adena Health
Rose, Jacob	Jefferson Township EMS
Glispie, William	Jefferson Township EMS
List, Rod	Fayette County EMS
Hesselbein, Emily	American Red Cross
Brown, Dreama	Domestic Violence Shelter
Merriman, Mary	Public Health EPI-Union County (contracted)

Nash, Chiquita	Second Chance Center of Hope
Frumpp, Sarah	Carnegie Public Library
Parsley, Marissa	Senior Life Solutions
Persinger, David	Fayette County Farmers Market
Pittser, Kim	Miami Trace Local Schools- Superintendent
Roberts, Ashley	Fayette County Public Health
Royster, Cheryl	Adena Fayette Medical Center
White, Jaclyn	Fayette County Family YMCA
Smith, Melissa	Fayette County Public Health
Stanforth, Vernon	Fayette County Sherriff's Department
Bach, Lori	Fayette County Commission on Aging
Thomas, Sue	Saint Catherine's and Court House Manor LTC
Williamson, Faye	Fayette County Job and Family Services
Wolfe, Susan	Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health
Dennis, Kelly	Paint Valley ADAMH Board
Eggleton, Jennifer	OSU Extension Fayette County
Lewis, Jackie	Fayette County Public Health
Showman, Bill	Paint Valley ADAMH Board
Havens, Susan	Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health
King, Mary (Lisa)	Fayette County Probate and Juvenile Court
Gibbs, Sharon	Fayette County Help Me Grow