

2021 CHNA Implementation Plan - Thomas County (KS)

Wave #4 2021 CHNA Health Needs Tactics - Year 1 of 3 (Starting 1/1/2022 - 12/31/23)

#	CHNA Health Areas of Need	T	"Specific Actions" to Address Community Health Need or "Reasons Why Hospital Will Not" Address Need	Identified "Lead"	Identified Partners	Timeframe
1	Mental Health (Diagnosis, Placement, Aftercare) and BH Long Term Care	a	Conduct a physician manpower assessment to identify number of Mental Health providers needed. Recruit Mental Health providers to meet specific mental inventory needs as identified. Consider recruitment of locum or visiting provider.	CH		22/23
		b	Enhance a 24-hour crisis hotline (Statewide Number: 800-273-8255), 1-800-784-2433). High Plains crisis line / screenings	HPMH		ongoing
		c	Continue to enhance Mental Health clinic care support. Increase depression screenings by PCPs. Identify what screenings are currently taking place in all domains to know where enhancement or improvement is needed for screenings.	CH		ongoing
		d	Continue to investigate grant writing to fund mental health and depression. Use grant funding to support mental health care and mental health prevention.	CH	HD/HPMH	ongoing
		e	Continue to formalize county-wide health coalition to develop relationships with key community partners in the area of mental health for collective impact.	LiveWell		ongoing
		f	Continue to educate Community to build awareness of services. Update & distribute overview brochures detailing mental health services.	HD	CH/HPMH	ongoing
2	Housing	a	Work with City / County officials to recruit Home Builders / Developers to build affordable quality housing units.	County / City		ongoing
		b	Support Colby Estate Residential Rural housing Incentive initiative.	County / City		ongoing
		c	Expand (City, HD, County) Radon & Lead home testing to ensure safe housing.	Extension		ongoing
3	Child Care Options	a	Assist with the recruitment of childcare firms to Thomas County. Continue to evaluate access to child care needs and confirm number of child care providers needed.	LiveWell/CCC	CH	22/23
		b	Support Child Care Support education i.e., teen babysitting classes etc. Continue to provide support for licensure i.e., CPR classes.	Extension	HD	ongoing
		c	Investigate grant writing for seed money to fund child care and to help existing businesses.	LiveWell/CH		ongoing
		d	Continue to offer CH childcare services to staff. Work closely with local daycare centers, schools, churches, etc. to develop BEST service offering delivery. Visit local daycare facilities to understand delivery.	CH		ongoing
		e	Encourage local businesses to offer on site child care services. Explore Thomas County COOP Childcare share services.	LiveWell/CCC	CH	ongoing
		f	Educate young families on child care community options / resources. Utilize advertising and media outlets to keep the community aware of childcare available.	Smart Start		ongoing
		g	Provide continuing education and training to parents. Investigate adding infant, toddler, and pre-school child care	Smart Start		ongoing
4	Lack of Qualified Available Workforce	a	Conduct career fairs with high school students. Build program in partnership with chambers, hospital, and other businesses.	CH		yearly
		b	Continue School Scholarship / Internship Program.	CH		yearly
		c	Continue to educate high school students on health care career options. Have on site experiences. Educate and partner with schools to promote a Free Adult CNA class, nurse Aid class and GED Program.	CH		ongoing
		d	Partner with Health Department, Chamber, and Economic Development groups in PSA to have seminars offered at several locations on: employee readiness, dress for success, skill building, interview guides, resume workshops, and hands-on experience for new job offerings in PSA. Conduct employable skills training	CH		22/23
		e	Support college and school career development. Provide guest speakers as need be.	CH		ongoing
5	Drug & Alcohol Abuse	a	Conduct a Community Inventory Survey to document scope of substance abuse services and hours of service. Publish via count/city websites.	HD / LiveWell		22/23

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		b	Continue / promote Discarding Old Prescriptions service at local police departments, focus on opioids.	Extension		ongoing
		c	Continue to educate providers on available Drug Abuse resources. Develop educational handouts for medical providers to distribute when prescribing schedule II drugs.	Valley Hope		ongoing
		d	Continue to provide counseling and support for opioids abusers and their families. Treat them as patients who need health care instead of addicts.	Valley Hope		ongoing
		e	Recruit providers to provide visiting outpatient substance abuse. Treatment programs.	Valley Hope		22/23
6	Nutrition / Healthy Food Options	a	Promote K-State Extension Healthily Eating programing and local programing. Assist with further ongoing marketing efforts.	Extension		ongoing
		b	Increase access to healthy foods in schools for youth and nursing homes for seniors. Provide healthier school vending options. Collaborate with local schools back pack program.	LiveWell		ongoing
		c	Continue to promote hospital nutrition services. Encourage the utilization of dietician in primary care and specialty care settings.	CH		ongoing
		d	Promote a community garden where families can grow and produce their own food to decrease meal costs / increase healthy eating.	LiveWell		ongoing
		e	Market and promote the local farmers market. Use social media, radio, and newspaper to expand and grow vendors.	LiveWell		ongoing