

Sharp HealthCare 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment Guide



As a not-for-profit organization, Sharp HealthCare places great value on the health and wellness of the San Diego community. This value is reflected in Sharp's mission to improve the health of those it serves with a commitment to excellence in all that it does.

Every three years, Sharp works with other local health systems to conduct a countywide Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) that identifies priority health and social issues for San Diego County.

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Sharp's 2022 CHNAs relied on vital input from the San Diego community. In 2021, Sharp distributed community surveys in partnership with the Institute for Public Health at San Diego State University as well as through the Sharp Insight Community. Surveys gathered feedback from community members and Sharp care providers, staff and patients about the needs previously identified in Sharp's 2019 CHNAs, including questions specific to COVID-19 and health equity barriers, and their impact on those needs. In addition, Sharp conducted community- and hospital-specific quantitative data analysis. Through these processes, Sharp's 2022 CHNAs identified the top community health and social needs shown in the figure below.



Top Community Needs

Top health and community/social needs are interwoven in findings (listed alphabetically in the center of the circle).

Foundational Challenges

Health disparities and workforce shortages have deepened the severity of needs, especially among certain populations.

Key Underlying Themes

Stigma and trauma are barriers that became more pervasive during the pandemic.

Maternal & Prenatal Care, including High-Risk Pregnancy, added as a Sharp-specific finding.

After completing its 2022 CHNAs, in 2023 Sharp distributed follow-up surveys to the providers, staff, patients and community members whose input helped identify these priority needs. The follow-up surveys collected additional feedback on the 2022 CHNA findings to support the ongoing development and improvement of Sharp's community benefit programs and help guide future CHNA processes.

Next Steps

In response to the CHNA findings, Sharp hospitals develop a plan outlining their programs, services and resources to address each identified community health and social need. The table below provides an overview of strategies implemented by Sharp to address community needs. Complete implementation strategies for each Sharp hospital can be viewed at sharp.com/about/community/health-needs-assessments.cfm. Sharp hospitals review and update their implementation strategies on an annual basis.



Sharp HealthCare Implementation Strategy	Identified Community Need							
	Access to Health Care	Aging Care & Support	Behavioral Health	Children & Youth Well-Being	Chronic Health Conditions	Community Safety	Economic Stability	Maternal & Prenatal Care (including High-Risk Pregnancy)
Community education and resources through health fairs, seminars, lectures, educational classes, conferences and events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clinical community linkage programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collaboration with community organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Education/training for staff and community health professionals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Flu shots	✓	✓						✓
Screening programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Support groups/programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Research (actively exploring or participating in research activities)		✓	✓		✓			✓

Insight from the San Diego community is critical to Sharp's CHNA process and the programs provided to meet the needs of its community members. For questions or additional information on Sharp's CHNAs or implementation strategies, please contact Sharp's Community Benefit team at communitybenefits@sharp.com.

