

# COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2015

## CENTRAL IOWA



In alignment with the Capital Crossroads Regional Vision Plan, the Greater Des Moines Partnership and Capital Crossroads facilitated the development of this Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) along with a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from hospitals, health departments, philanthropic organizations, service providers, academic institutions and the private sector.

THE GROUP IDENTIFIED FIVE AREAS TO ADDRESS IN THE CHNA: ACCESS TO CARE, YOUTH, PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, WORKFORCE, AND MENTAL HEALTH.

#### CARE FACILITIES:

Broadlawns Medical Center  
Mercy Medical Center  
UnityPoint Health Des Moines

#### PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES:

Dallas County Public Health Department  
Polk County Public Health Department  
Warren County Health Services

The 2015 Central Iowa Community Health Needs Assessment is a collaboration of hospital and health department representatives along with other community stakeholders. The final report addresses six priorities, based on the potential for implementation and depth of impact:

- A.** Increase opportunities for expanded and alternative means of healthcare delivery to address issues limiting access to care.
- B.** Establish more vibrant communities and neighborhoods characterized by mixed- and joint-use spaces and facilities that are accessible and available to everyone, including public gathering places for diverse and integrated engagement, and designs that promote healthy lifestyles.
- C.** Expand statewide training efforts for all professionals working with children across the various health and child-serving systems in Trauma Informed Care, cultural competency and mental health first aid.
- D.** Identify additional sources of funding to create new and expand existing training programs in psychiatry and psychology and improve the mental health and disabilities training of primary care doctors and other primary care providers.
- E.** Ensure access to high-quality pre-K and K-12 education for Central Iowa children.
- F.** Ensure access to health care services and education for Central Iowa's newcomer population.

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