

2025 CHNA Implementation Plan - Amberwell Atchison Primary Service Area

Round #5 CHNA Health Needs Tactics Year 2 of 3 starting 1/1/27 through 12/31/26

CHNA Health Areas of Need	T	"Specific Actions" to Address Community Health Need or "Reasons Why Hospital Will Not"	Identified "Lead"	Identified Partners	Timeframe	(Hours)
1 Mental Health (Treatment) This health need is a community Social determinant, thus not part Hospital's Mission or Critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	a	Explore developing a task force among care coordinators and local agencies (The Guidance Center and ACHC) to work together to ensure that patients are getting care that they need and to identify what barriers exist. Increased collaboration between agencies to benefit the patients we serve.	The Guidance Center / ACHC	Aux, Health_Ext, Clinic, College, EMS, Drug/Alc, FQHC, HD, Hosp, Ind, LawEnf, LWLAC, MH, School, Senior, SS, State, Trans, Others		
	b	Continue to provide a mental health screener from The Guidance Center to the Emergency Department to assess patient-needs and treatment options available.				
	c	Expand mental health training through the Guidance Center. Create education materials / presentations in schools and community programs to destigmatize mental health issues.				
	d	Continue to expand access to mental health by adding additional mental health professionals (Mid-levels & MD) to serve the community. Work in collaboration with various providers at access points.				
	d	Continue to refer mental health patients to The Guidance Center, ACHC, Amberwell, Health Dept, and others. Continue to offer medication assisted treatment at The Guidance Center.				
	e	Continue to promote and expand Senior Life Services at Amberwell Atchison.				
	f	Continued partnerships with area schools around mental health education and services for both staff and students (ACHC)				
	g	Continue Guiding Lights Stabilizations at The Guidance Center. Explore secure transportation services for placement of mental health patients.				
	h	Utilize new transcranial magnetic stimulation tool at The Guidance Center.				
	i	Increase depression screenings by PSA primary care providers.				
	j	Continue and expand the mobile crisis response through The Guidance Center.				
	k	Promote existing mental health services, facilities, and providers. Educate community on placement process and options through hospital physicians, clinics, and E.R.				
	l	Continue the expansion of therapy services in the PSA.				
	m	Investigate grant writing to fund mental health education and services. If available, designate community lead to attain the necessary grant.				
n	Maintain the community inventory of services to document the availability of mental health resources, including hours of service. Promote and make the inventory available to the public. Document mental health services by age categories.					
2 Substance Abuse (Alcohol & Drugs)	a	Continue to develop meaningful community youth activities. Research prevalent issues leading to drug abuse by adolescents and work to establish systems to combat those issues.	The Guidance Center / Valley Hope of Atchison	Aux, Health_Ext, Clinic, College, EMS, Drug/Alc, FQHC, HD, Hosp, Ind, LawEnf, LWLAC, MH, School, Senior, SS, State, Trans, Others		

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This health need is a community Social determinant, thus not part Hospital's Mission or Critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b	Continue / promote Discarding Old Prescriptions service at local police departments, pharmacies, and Amberwell Atchison.				
	c	Continue "Life Skills Program" at schools in order to prevent and reduce underage drinking, vaping, binge drinking targeting youth in grades 6-12.				
	d	Continue to access and monitor KTRACS system				
	e	Promote awareness and education about levels of intoxication, distributing information about excessive and binge drinking in all ages				
	f	Develop programs to destigmatize seeking drug and alcohol recession assistance				
	g	Continue Narcan education and distribution at health fairs.				
	h	Continue to train providers on medication assistance treatment at The Guidance Center and Amberwell Atchison.				
	i	Continue Amberwell Atchison "First Aid Training"				
	j	Continue to partner with Law Enforcement for Crisis Intervention Training and Mental Health First Aid.				
	k	Continue expansion at Valley Hope (New Counselor / Therapist).				
3 Transportation (All)	a	Explore Senior Life Services transportation specifically for seniors and people with disabilities. This can include accessible vans, specialized shuttles, or partnerships with agencies that provide transport for these populations.	Project Concern / County	Aux, Chamb, City, Co, EcDev, FQHC, HD, Hosp, Ind, LWLAC, MH, Senior, SS, State, Trans, Others		
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	c	Promote and continue The Guidance Center RideLV for the City.				
	d	Continue providing free pharmacy delivery				
	e	Provide bussing to school children regardless of distance to school, even though only required for those more then 2.5m away.				
	f	Explore and apply for additional grants for transportation opportunities in order to meet needs.				
	g	Re-launch LWLAC free bike share stations in downtown Atchison and near schools/parks; invest in bike lanes and safe crossings to encourage short-distance active travel.				
	h	Identify all transportation resources available to patients at Amberwell Atchison.				
4 Poverty & Economic Development	a	Update the inventory of all agencies serving Atchison County. Discover the causes of all agencies and provide resource guide to community	PSA Cities	Aux, Chamb, Club, CC, College, City, Co, EcDev, FQHC, HD, Hosp, Ind, LWLAC, NEKCAP, School, Senior, SS, State, SalvArmy, Food, Trans, House, Others		
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		c	Research and support evidenced-based intergenerational poverty programs.				
		d	Increase internships, work studies, and dual credit opportunities for students				
		e	Continue to provide education to families, improve quality of family relationships, teach key family management skills. Social workers in schools lead.				
		f	Support local food pantries and food distribution through Salvation Army.				
		g	Explore developing an interagency referral system that allows coordination of care more effectively				
5	Childcare (Affordable & Accessible)	a	Utilize First Step's Child Care Community Partnership Grant for Kansas communities working to address access to affordable, high-quality child care.	ACCA / First Steps	4H, FFA, Aux, Chamb, Club, CC, College, City, Co, EcDev, HD, Hosp, Ind, LWLAC, NEKCAP, School, SS, State, Others		
	This health need is a community Social determinant, thus not part Hospital's Mission or Critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b	Continue to provide after school activities for school age children throughout the community. Work with Boys and Girls club and ACCA. Research new options.				
		c	Continue to support non-profit childcare services through nonprofit childcare fundraising efforts.				
		d	Continue to offer extended clinic hours, in evenings and weekends, for working parents				
		e	Continue to offer incentives in the form of subsidies for licensed home daycare providers via Child Care Subsidy Program in Kansas				
		f	Research creating child care community task force to open child care facilities.				
		g	Explore securing quality childcare in rural areas in the PSA. Continue to encourage home childcare providers to open a facility.				
		h	Partner with local daycare providers and health professionals for early identification of children who could benefit from preK programs. "Count Your Kid In" and community fairs.				
6	Food Insecurity / Cost of Health Foods	a	Partner with local chefs, dietitians, health department, or extension office to offer free or low-cost classes on meal planning, cooking with pantry staples, and managing dietary needs (e.g., diabetes-friendly meals, heart-healthy diets).	Health Department / Salvation Army	Aux, Chamb, Club, CC, College, City, Co, EcDev, FQHC, HD, Hosp, Ind, LWLAC, NEKCAP, School, Senior, SS, State, SalvArmy, Food, Trans, House, Others		
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		c	Support Marywood Garden Food Project with shared tools, seeds, and training. Include youth-led plots, senior-friendly raised beds, and donation channels to food pantries.				
		d	Continue age-appropriate lessons on nutrition, food systems, and cooking into K-12 education (USD 409). Include hands-on activities like taste tests, garden visits, and recipe creation				

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	e	Continue Project Concern transportation for seniors without transportation to the grocery store				
	f	Continue to explore working with restaurants, grocery stores, and cafeterias to safely recover surplus food and redistribute it through pantries, shelters, and community fridges.				
	g	Continue "Meals on Wheels" program to support healthy lifestyles for elderly, disabled, or confined to their homes.				
	h	Continue / support school Backpack Buddy program. Increase access to healthy foods in schools for youth. Continue to promote WIC and food stamp programs. Utilize clergy, rotary, and other resources to increase access to healthy foods.				
	i	Continue Salvation Army food bag meal kits to provide nutritious, ready-to-distribute meal kits for families in need with food pantry. Partner with volunteers, schools, area churches, or local organizations to gather supplies, assemble bags, and distribute them regularly.				
	j	Continue to promote WIC and food stamp programs. Expand programs sending food home with kids over the weekends / summer. Backpack Buddies and food pantries. Also interfaith groups assist.				
	k	Continue to ask big employers to start annual food drives to stock area food pantries.				
7 Obesity (Food & Fitness)	a	Explore a weight loss and management program led by Hospital dietitian to support healthy lifestyles and reduce chronic disease risk. Focus on personalized nutrition plans, group education sessions, and long-term behavior change strategies to promote sustainable outcomes.	YMCA / Health Department	4H_FFA, Aux, Health_Ext, Clinic, Club, EcDev, Fit, FQHC, HD, Hosp, Ind, LWLAC, School, Senior, SS, State, SalvArmy, Food, Others		
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	c	Continue "Walk with a doc" program at Amberwell Atchison.				
	d	Understand / Explore Troy Wellness Committee grants.				
	e	Continue physical education for every student under k-8 daily.				
	f	Continue to promote pre diabetic program which included nutrition services while also expanding access. Increase marketing at the Hospital.				
	g	Continue "Heart Month Walk Challenge" with YMCA and Amberwell Atchison.				
	h	Continue awareness education for elementary/middle school children and their families about healthy lifestyles. Partner with Y on swimming curriculum. Bowling with Maur Hill.				
	i	Continue to promote / provide "low cost" sports physicals / wellness examinations with school parents. Amberwell Atchison & Health Department.				

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		j	Continue expansion for Parks & Rec to get full utilization of this new available resource. Spread awareness of this new service coming and/or create a social media page for updates, events, or classes the community can engage in.				
		k	Continue to expand access to healthy foods in schools. Participate in Community Engagement Program with FDA to give access to nutritious breakfast and lunch free of charge, regardless of income level.				
		l	Continue to roll out Hospital Marketing Plan to promote existing healthcare services, facilities and specialists. Con't Community Health Education Activities, use both traditional & social media tools and develop website virtual tours.				
		m	Continue public health campaign using social media, local radio, and community events to raise awareness about the importance of healthy eating and regular exercise in preventing obesity. Share local success stories of individuals or families who have adopted healthier lifestyles.				
		n	Explore grants for free education regarding nutrition / physical activity / owning your health.				
8	Housing (Affordable, Quality, Rental Options)	a	Continue to recruit Builders to County. Research options for housing estates new building development. Explore potential new apartment complex development.	City / County	Chamb, EcDev, HD, Hosp, Ind, LWLAC, NEKCAP, Senior, SS, State, House, Others		
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		c	Expand County Housing Development Plan to include City of Atchison to address affordable / safe housing for residents.				
		d	Relaunch community Rental Housing Policies to update codes, procedures, etc.. Improve countywide housing code enforcement.				
		e	Continue to encourage FDA and banks to offer mortgage loans to first time home buyers and/or allow loans which aid in improvement of existing housing.				
		f	Continue Guidance Center rent assistance program. Evaluate county income to assist in accurate rent collection in the area to expand housing options for individuals.				
		g	Promote "Buy Nothing Atchison" for appliance donation options (if someone buys a new appliance, donate the old one to those who need it).				
		h	Continue "Fuller Center for Housing" program and "Rebuilding Together" to teach technical skills (weekend workshops) to rehab houses for resell.				
		i	Continue NECAP support for housing options within the PSA, especially for the homeless.				
	Overall Total Contributions						

Atchison, KS PSA - CHNA Stakeholder Reference Listing

Code	Stakeholder Description
4H_FFA	4H Clubs & School FFA
Aux	Atchison County Auxiliary
Chamb	Atchison Chamber of Commerce, Horton Chamber, Doniphan County Chamber, Leavenworth/Lansing Chamber,
Health_Ext	Chiropractors, Dentist, Eye
Clerg	Ministerial Alliance
Clinic	Amberwell, Mosaic, Leavenworth,
Club	Rotary, Lions, Elks, Kiwanis, American Legion, Project Atchison
CC	Atchison Child Care Association (ACCA), First Steps
College	Benedictine College / Highland Community College / St Mary's / KCCC
City	PSA Cities
Co	Atchison County
EcDev	Atchison Economic Development Advisory Group
EMS	PSA EMS
Drug/Alc	Valley Hope of Atchison, The Guidance Center
Fire	PSA Fire
Fit	YMCA, SNAP Fitness, Maximus Fitness, Troy Wellness Committee
FQHC	Atchison Community Health Clinic, Swope Health Center
HD	NEK Multi County Health Department, Leavenworth Health Department
HH_Hosp	NEK Multi County Health Department, St. Croix
Hosp	Amberwell Atchison, St Johns, Army Hospital
Ind	Blish Mize, MGP Ingredients, Botoroff Construction, Blish Mize, Golden Star, Walmart, Volken, Hallmark
LawEnf	Local / County Law Enforcement
LWLAC	Live Well Live Atchison County
MH	The Guidance Center is primary, Hope Family Therapy, Tree of Life, Alive Family Psychiatry, Victory Clinic, Trusted Care, AllWays Community Health Center, VA
NEK CAP	Northeast Kansas Community Action Program
School	PSA Schools
Senior	Project Concern, Brown County Senior Center, Leavenworth Senior
SS	Three Rivers, Achievement Center, Leavenworth Council on Aging, NEK Area Agency on Aging, Alliance Against Family Violence.
State	KHA, Kansas, US, Feds
SalvArmy	Salvation Army
Food	First Christian Food Pantry, Catholic Charities
Trans	Project Concern, The Guidance Center (MH Patients)
House	Atchison Housing Authority
Others	KSR&E, Atchison County Community Corrections
GRANTS	KDOT Grants

	Factor Critical Bridge
	The Guidance Center writes grants to SAMHSA, KDOT, KDADS