

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How are Community Health Assessments conducted? How do you decide on the risk factors to focus?

In 1998, the Community Health Assessment Process (CHAP) was formed by community leaders concerned with the community's health, in order to identify, prioritize and address health issues. CHAP is made up of representatives from hospitals, schools, community organizations and human services agencies and meets quarterly. Each year, CHAP analyzes community data to determine/reinforce health priorities. Community data is collected from primary and secondary sources. United Community Services <http://www.ucsjoco.org> is a source of local statistical resources. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) provides state and county level data on behavioral health risks and preventive health practices. See CDC BRFSS website - <http://www.cdc.gov/BRFSS/> and Kansas BRFSS information - <http://www.kdheks.gov/brfss/index.html>

See the most recent [Community Health Assessment](#) and [Community Health Improvement Plan](#) . For more information: <http://www.jocogov.org/dept/health-and-environment/health/chap>

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Health promotion and Preventive care development - Strategies to address problem areas - Collaboration with others

JCDHE's mission is to protect the health and environment, prevent disease and promote wellness for all who live, work and play in Johnson County through exceptional public service. All the Department's programs and services are derived from this mission. Some services are state-mandated and some are discretionary. See <http://www.jocogov.org/dept/health-and-environment/home> for a complete description of services offered. Programs and services are developed based on the needs of the community. JCDHE collaborates with organizations, coalitions, businesses, schools, non-profits, churches, and hospitals in an effort to maximize the effort and have no duplication of services.

Interventions / Evaluation/ Outcome Measure

BRFSS information is available annually and is one of the sources used as a measure of success for JCDHE's interventions. Program and client evaluations are received and tabulated for intervention evaluation.

Funding for the services provided

County, state and federal government funding, grant funding and client payments fund the services provided. Some programs that are grant-funded, either partially or fully, include Safe Kids, Chronic Disease Risk Reduction (Tobacco Cessation), Making a Difference (sexual health program), Empowering Futures (pregnant and parenting teens program), Maternal/Child Health, Family planning, Immunizations and Tuberculosis Services.

How do you meet the health needs of the underserved?

JCDHE offers services with sliding scale fees and works closely with Johnson County's Federally Qualified Health Care agency, [Health Partnership Clinic](#) to refer clients with primary health care needs. JCDHE also collaborates with a variety of social service agencies to link clients to local services such as food pantries, transportation, utility assistance, etc.