

2025 AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY CHA/CHIP PROGRAM Together We Thrive

Austin/Travis County Community Health Plan

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Whose land are you

Turtle Island is one of the names used by Indigenous Peoples in the United States and First Nations for North America. It reminds us that we live in a place with deep cultural histories

Sources Cited: on?

- Land Acknowledgement ICAE Inter-Tribal Council of AT&T Employees (icae4nativeamericans.org)
- Native-Land.ca | Our home on native land (https://native-land.ca)
- UT Austin: Native American Indigenous Studies: https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/nais/land-acknowledgement/index.php







- CHIP Action Plan
- Leveraging Resources & Amplify Impact
- Monitoring Success
- Next Steps

OVERVIEW



The Austin/Travis County Community Health Plan is a collaborative planning initiative spearheaded by 11 partner organizations and facilitated by the Austin **Public Health Planning Coordinating Team.**

The planning process is comprised of two major components:

CHA

The Community Health Assessment (CHA) is conducted to identify Austin/Travis County's healthrelated needs and strengths. It includes research with stakeholders, members, epidemiological data.

Coordinating Team

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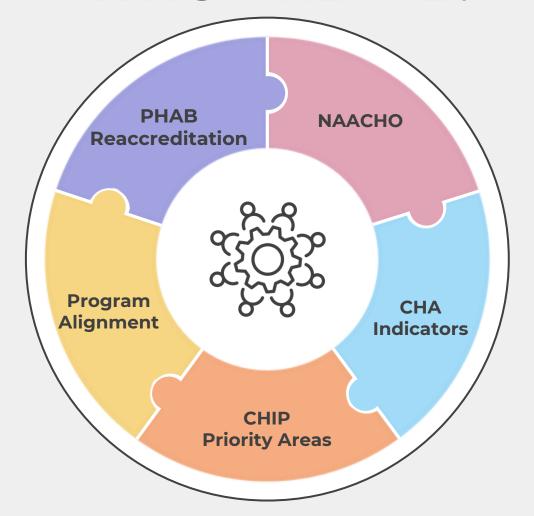
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CHIP

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems developed based on the results of the Community Health Assessment

WHO ARE WE?



WHAT IS THE CHA/CHIP?

CITY OF AUSTIN & TRAVIS COUNTY CHA/CHIP STRUCTURE

















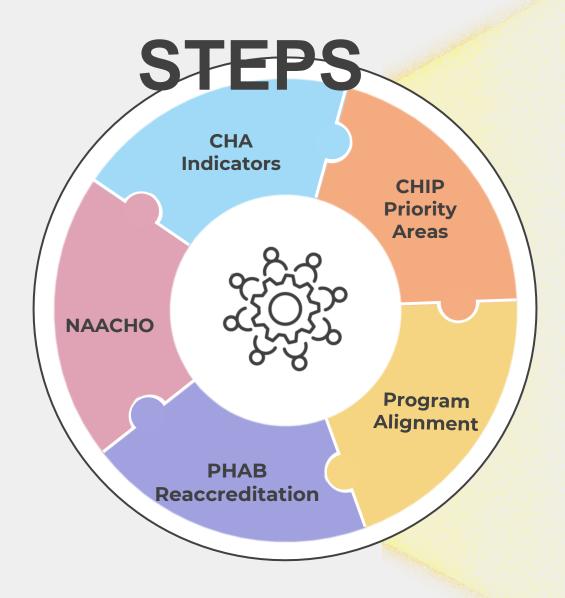








CORE



- Steering Committee & Core Coordinating
 Committee Oversight
- Collect Qualitative & Quantitative data
- Identify Critical Health Indicators
 - Priority Areas
- Develop SMART(ie) Goals:
 - Objectives & strategies to address priority areas
 - Adopt and Implement
- Monitor, Evaluate, and Revise





The Latest Community Health Assessment (CHA) Report (2025 Draft):

- Delivers a data-driven view of health across social, economic, and environmental factors.
- Commended for clear language and amplifying the voices of underrepresented communities.
- Lays the groundwork for aligning CHIP priorities with shared, cross-sector goals.
- Final approved Sept. 19, 2025 currently in design phase. Scan the QR Code to access

2022 CHA Report



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2024 CHIP Report





CHIP Implementation Phase (2024–2025)

- Disseminated the CHIP report and launched a communitywide engagement strategy.
- Recruited Core Coordinating Workgroups to guide action and align resources.
- Pilot Series Launched:
 Partnered with workgroups to amplify impact through the "Did You Know?" public forum pilot.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Use reliable, population-wide indicators and SDOH-informed data to track impact, close equity gaps, and align with regional health insights.
- Working on promoting inclusive engagement by ensuring representation from diverse lived experiences and fostering trust across sectors.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Focus on ongoing
 feedback loops through
 regular check-ins,
 community forums, and
 workgroup collaboration to
 refine strategies in real
 time.

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Sign Up Form



CHA/CHIP as a coalition hub:

- Serves as a central connector for stakeholders across sectors fostering collaboration, innovation, and shared accountability.
- Highlights community achievements while identifying gaps and opportunities for continuous improvement.
- Maintains an open invitation for community members and service providers to join CHIP workgroups and shape solutions togeth.

IMPROVEMEN T STRATEGY

CHIP ACTION PLAN

FOR: CHA **Indicators CHIP Priority** Areas **NAACHO Program Alignment PHAB** Reaccreditation



"DID YOU KNOW..." PILOT

- WHAT: A systematic coalition to amplify and optimize community resources through volunteer engagement and partnerships.
- WHY: To improve sharing/promoting community resources and ensure alignment with CHIP priority areas:
 - Mental Health
 - Neighborhood & Built Environment
 - Economic Stability
- HOW: Develop public presentations, enhance stakeholder engagement, and promote existing resources through coordinated forums

 Together We Thrive Austin/Travis County Community Health Plan

Our Community Assessment Process

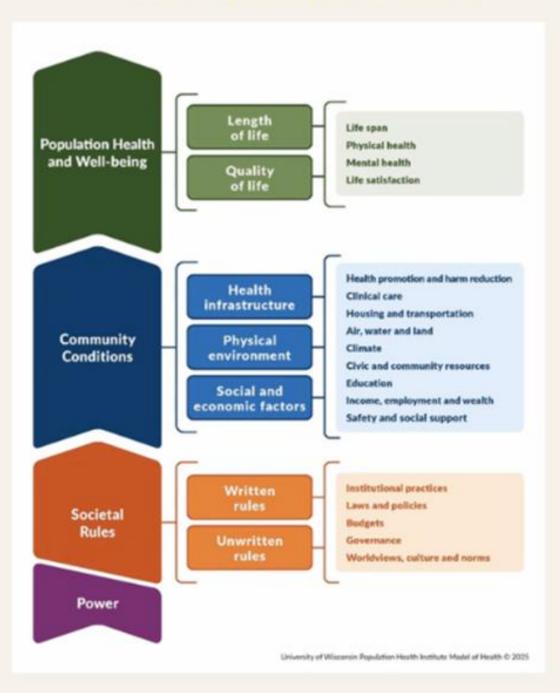
Purpose: Identify heath trends, disparities, and community strengths

Guided by MAPP 2.0* informed, multi-sector collaboration

Framing: Determinants of Health & Community voice and lived experience

Data Sources: Census, BRFSS, PLACES, Local reports and assessments, & Qualitative data gathered through local partner engagement.

UWPHI Model of Health



Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) -is a community-driven strategic planning process to achieve health equity. MAPP provides a structure for communities to assess their most pressing population health issues and align resources across sectors for strategic action. It emphasizes the vital role of broad stakeholders and community engagement, the need for policy, systems, and environmental change, and alignment of community resources toward shared goals.

Forces Shaping Community Health and Well-Being



Community Health and Well-being



Driving Forces and Well-being Restraining Forces

Expanded school-based services	Provider Shortages
Peer support and parent networks	Unequal school-based access
Culturally specific organizations	Geographic disparities
Faith-based and grassroots groups	Digital divide and transportation barriers
Growing openness and reduced stigma	System complexity and navigation challenges
Creative community-led solutions	Socioeconomic constraints

"Seed organically created parent networks by bringing folks together for a meal and engage them in talking about mental health in a fun way."

Ideas for Meeting Unmet Needs, General Focus
 Group Themes

"Working with Central TX Foodbank & Amazon to deliver food boxes to families who met requirements. Many times these families lived in food deserts. Dell Valle - Wait a week before you can get to the store." — Children's Health Focus Group

CHA/CHIP FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW

CHA

CHIP Development CHIP Implementation January 2025

Monitoring & Evaluation

Sustainability



THE COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA)

• IDENTIFIES LOCAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING NEEDS AND BARRIERS.



THE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

 ARE ACTIONABLE STRATEGIES INFORMED BY LOCAL DATA AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER INPUT.



THE ALIGNMENT

• THE CHA/CHIP FRAMEWORK ALIGNS PUBLIC HEALTH
AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING FOR SHARED
RESULTS.



INSIGHTS FROM REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEMS



Access Barriers To Care

 Families face significant obstacles to care—from insurance and provider shortages to transportation and language barriers—particularly in underserved and rural communities.

Economic Stress Is Widespread

 Childcare, housing, and food insecurity strain families and are cited as economic stressors that affect health, employment, and school readiness.

Mental Health is a Persistent Challenge to Address

 Demand outpaces services, with youth and low-income communities most affected.



Affordability Limits Access

 High housing, food, and care costs reduce workforce health and reliability.

Disconnected Services Create Gaps

 Language barriers, long wait times, and lack of local care impact community stability.

Chronic & Mental Health Strain Persist

 Rising chronic disease and limited mental health resources strain families and systems.



Economic Pressures Strain Health & Workforce

 Rising costs and lack of childcare limit access to essentials, leading to absenteeism and workforce instability.

Systemic Barriers Block Collaboration

 Rigid funding and politicized systems hinder innovative, community-driven solutions.

Mental Health Demand Outpaces Supply

 Care needs exceed provider capacity, especially for youth—deepening access gaps and burnout.



CHA/CHIP + CAN ATX ALIGNMENT

INFORM

- CAN ATX Dashboard informed by APH CHA & CHIP cyclical reports
- Makes data accessible and meaningful by disaggregating indicators to highlight disparities
- Tracks 17 key socioeconomic indicators that reflect the social health and well-being of Austin-Travis County

ENGAGEMENT

(Source CAN ATX)

- Community Council
 discussions and
 Deliberative Dialogues
 amplify public voice
- Regional Summits align with CHA/CHIP Partner
 Summits to foster crosssector collaboration

Together We Thrive

ACTIVATE

- Expanding Opportunity
 Framework aligns with
 CHIP equity goals
- Language Access tools advance inclusive communication
- Person-Centered
 Community initiatives mirror
 CHIP community-led
 workgroups

Opportunities for Partnership and Engagement CALL TO ACTION:

Support the ATC CHA/CHIP Initiative

- **ENGAGE IN STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR A RESILIENT COMMUNITY**
 - Use CHA/CHIP to prioritize investments in emergency planning
- INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LEADERS TO PARTNER IN THE CHA/CHIP PROCESS
 - IDENTIFY SHARED GOALS FOR EXAMPLE: EMPLOYEE RETENTION = ECONOMIC LEVERAGE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS
 - CO-DESIGN & COORDINATE HIGH-IMPACT SOLUTIONS FOR WORK-LIFE-
- JOIR THE CHIP CORE COORDINATING COMMITTEE WORKGROUPS
 - WHY? PREPARING FOR HAZARDS LIKE WILDFIRES, FLOODING, PANDEMICS, AND WINTER STORMS DIRECTLY PROTECTS OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH AND WORKFORCE.
 - What? Business, civic, and community leaders—alongside the Emergency Response Volunteer Corps and ATCMRC—play a vital role in shaping sustainable, community-grounded solutions that protect lives and livelihoods.





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