# COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT



COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING. STAYING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS, AND WORKING TOGETHER IS A SUCCESS.- HENRY FORD



## WHAT IS IT?

A community health assessment is the first step of an ongoing, circular improvement process. This process consists of four steps designed to understand the health of the community:

1. Gather information about the health of the community.

2. Create a plan to improve the health of the community

3. Use the plan to improve the health of the community

4. Evaluate the plan.

Community health assessments look outside the performance of the individual organizations serving specific groups in the community to the activities of many organizations that contribute to the health improvement of the community.

Community health assessments provide information for problem and asset identification, policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation.

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH **ASSESSMENT**

Collecting comprehensive data to understand the health status of the community

### COMMUNITY HEALTH **IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Identify and prioritize a list of strategic issues to create a plan to address these issues.

#### **EVALUATION**

Stakeholders are able to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan, pinpoint areas for improvement, and celebrate the successes.

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT | THE ROLE OF PARTNERS

Partners guide the community health assessment process. An excellent community health assessment identifies key issues in the community through a variety of organizational and individual viewpoints.

To aid in a community health assessment, individuals and organizations can provide input on the data gathering process, can help choose priority areas to address as a community, and can help implement of a community health improvement plan.



A healthy community for all.

All the information gathered during this process will be shared with all organizations to fully understand the health of the entire community.

# CYCLE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT









