

Wilcox Medical Center Community Health Improvement Plan for 2023-2025

Wilcox Medical Center (Wilcox) is pleased to share its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHI Plan), also called an “Implementation Strategy,” which follows the development of Wilcox’s Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This Community Health Improvement Plan was approved by the Wilcox Board of Directors on October 27, 2022.

Wilcox is part of the Hawai‘i Pacific Health (HPH) not-for-profit healthcare network of hospitals, clinics, physicians and care providers dedicated to the mission of improving the health and well-being of the people of Hawai‘i and the Pacific Region.

Community Health Needs Assessment

In 2021, nineteen not-for-profit hospitals across the state of Hawai‘i, including Wilcox, jointly conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment. Wilcox’s CHNA, completed in 2022, may be viewed on HPH’s website at: <https://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org/about-us/community>

Identified Community Health Priorities



Wilcox Community Health Priorities for 2023-2025

HPH has adopted the following focus areas for its community health improvement initiatives: *Strengthening families and developing resilient children by promoting 1) Economic Empowerment through food security, housing stability, and self-sufficiency; and 2) Education through holistic child development and family educational attainment.*

The CHNA identified five priority community health needs: Financial Security, Food Security, Mental Health, Housing, and Trust and Equitable Access. To select the community health priorities that Wilcox will address in its 2023-2025 Implementation Strategy, a committee of community benefits professionals from across HPH, including Wilcox, evaluated the priority health needs identified in the CHNA using the following criteria:

- Alignment with the above HPH community health focus areas,
- Opportunity to leverage planned and existing HPH community partnerships and initiatives,
- Alignment with HPH's resources and expertise, and
- Potential to have a measurable impact in collaboration with partners.

Based on these criteria, Wilcox Medical Center selected:

- Financial Security
- Food Security
- Trust & Equitable Access

The following table summarizes Wilcox Medical Center's Community Health Improvement Plan to address its identified priority health needs.

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| Community Health Improvement Strategies | Planned Activities | Planned Partners | Wilcox Resources |
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| FINANCIAL SECURITY | | | |
| Increase affordable financial services and other economic empowerment programs for low-income households | Support development of <i>Financial Opportunity Centers</i> that provide financial and support services to individuals who cannot access commercial financial institutions | Hawaiian Community Assets Hawaiian Community Lending | Financial donation |
| Increase access to living wage careers for individuals experiencing barriers to economic self-sufficiency | Offer training for, and access to, entry-level health care jobs to targeted, under-represented populations | Hale Opio Hawai'i Dept of Education | Expertise Program funding |
| FOOD SECURITY | | | |
| Increase access to healthy foods for food insecure families | Support the statewide <i>Double Up Bucks SNAP Incentives</i> program | Hawai'i Good Food Alliance Hawai'i Food Basket | Financial donation |
| Improve nutrition for preschool children | Support the <i>Farm to Keiki</i> program to implement a healthy foods curriculum in Hawai'i preschools | Kamehameha Schools Ola Pono | Financial donation Expertise |
| Develop strong community food systems | Support small, low-income farmers to access technical assistance and new revenue sources | Malama Kaua'i Feed the Hunger Fund Hawai'i Investment Ready Kamehameha Schools | Funding |
| TRUST & EQUITABLE ACCESS | | | |
| Increase access to health services for under-served families and individuals | Support mobile health care outreach on Kaua'i | Project Vision | Clinical services Financial donation |
| Improve access to, and trust in, health care services among Pacific Islanders in Hawai'i | Develop programs that strengthen Pacific Islander's ability to navigate the health care system, improve cultural safety in clinical environments, and develop a representative work force | Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i Health Care Association of Hawaii | Funding Expertise Staff Time |