

Kapiʻolani Medical Center for Women & Children Community Health Improvement Plan for 2026-2028

Kapiʻolani Medical Center for Women & Children (Kapiʻolani) is pleased to share its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHI Plan), also called an “Implementation Strategy,” which follows the development of Kapiʻolani’s Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This Community Health Improvement Plan was approved by the Kapiʻolani Board of Directors on October 15, 2025.

Kapiʻolani is part of the Hawaiʻi 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 Hawaiʻi and the Pacific Region.

2025 Community Health Needs Assessment

Beginning in 2024, eighteen not-for-profit hospitals across the state of Hawaiʻi, including Kapiʻolani, jointly conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment. Kapiolani’s CHNA, completed in 2025, may be viewed on HPH’s website at: <https://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org/about-us/community>

Kapiʻolani’s Community Health Priorities for 2026-2028

The 2025 CHNA identified five priority community health needs: *Financial Security, Food Security, Mental Health, Housing, and Equitable Access to Health Services*. To select these priorities, the research team synthesized input from all sources and proposed prioritization options for feedback to the Steering Committee and Community Advisory Committee. The CHNA consultants guided this process by presenting progressive prioritizations for feedback, integrated input, refined the prioritization, and presented it again for feedback until agreed upon.

To select the community health priorities that Kapiʻolani will address in its 2026-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan, a committee of community benefits professionals from across HPH, including Kapiʻolani, evaluated the priority health needs identified in this CHNA using the following criteria:

- Alignment with HPH’s community partnership focus areas, which are: *Strengthening families and developing resilient children by promoting 1) Economic Empowerment through food security, housing stability, and self-sufficiency; and 2) Education focused on early child development and family educational attainment.*
- Opportunity to leverage planned and existing HPH community partnerships and initiatives.
- Alignment with HPH’s resources and expertise.
- Potential to make a measurable impact in collaboration with partners.

Based on the above criteria, Kapiʻolani selected the following priority community health needs to address in its 2026-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan:

- 1) Housing
- 2) Food Security
- 3) Financial Security
- 4) Equitable Access to Health Services
- 5) Mental Health

The following table summarizes Kapiʻolani’s Community Health Improvement Plan to address its identified priority health needs.

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Community Health Improvement Plan for 2026-2028

Community Health Improvement Strategies	Planned Activities	Planned Partners	Kapi'olani Resources
FINANCIAL SECURITY			
Increase affordable financial services and other economic empowerment programs for low-income households	Support financial education, credit-building, savings and access to capital for individuals and households who cannot access commercial financial institutions	Hawai'i Community Lending	Financial donation
Promote community-driven solutions and reduce systemic barriers to economic mobility and financial security for household.	Support the ALICE Cohort, a collective of nonprofit organizations collaborating to advance financial stability, housing solutions and workforce opportunities for Hawai'i's low-income households	Aloha United Way Hawai'i Community Foundation	Financial donation
FOOD SECURITY			
Increase access to healthy foods for food insecure families	Support the Hawai'i Farm to Families program that procures fresh local produce and distributes it to food pantries across O'ahu.	Hawai'i Food Bank	Financial donation
Increase access to healthy foods for food insecure families	Support FarmLink Hawai'i's program to deliver fresh healthy local foods directly to SNAP households	FarmLink Hawai'i	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
Provide access to healthy meals for food insecure seniors	Support delivery of medically appropriate meals to seniors in their homes	Hawai'i Meals on Wheels	Financial donation Meal preparation in HPH facility kitchen
Develop strong community food systems	Support small, low-income farmers to access technical assistance and new revenue sources	Kahumana Food Hub FarmLink Hawai'i	Financial donation Retail food purchases
HOUSING			
Address barriers to stable housing for low-income families with children	Support a fund that provides the security deposit and first months rent for houseless families with children seeking to obtain permanent housing	Family Promise of Hawai'i	Financial donation
Increase the supply of affordable housing for low AMI households	Support construction of homes for low-income households	Habitat for Humanity	Financial donation Employee volunteers
MENTAL HEALTH			
Increase access to behavioral health services for vulnerable youth	Support RYSE, a youth-specific shelter on O'ahu providing intensive support services including behavioral health	RYSE: Residential Youth Services and Empowerment	Financial donation

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES			
Address legal barriers to access to care for low-income patients	Implement the Medical Legal Partnerships program, which embeds free legal services for low-income patients on-site at the hospital facility, at Kapi'olani	UH Richardson School of Law	Financial donation Staff Time Supplies & Space
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
Increase access to care for houseless persons	Support the HOME Project mobile health care outreach program	UH, John A Burns School of Medicine	Financial donation Physician volunteers