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How You Can Help Your Hospitals Identify Health Needs

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The Center's Purpose

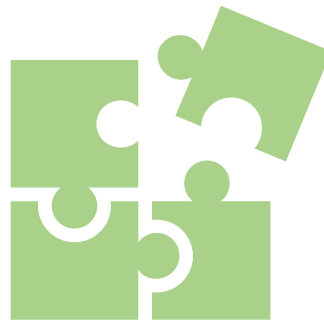
The National Rural Health Resource Center (The Center) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and improving health care in rural communities. As the nation's leading technical assistance and knowledge center in rural health, The Center focuses on five core areas:

- Transition to Value and Population Health
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Performance Improvement
- Health Information Technology
- Workforce



How can you help your hospitals to identify population health needs?

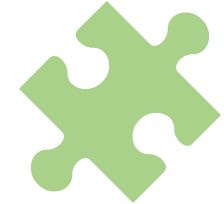
- Review Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) reports and describe.
- Facilitate, gather, and describe information.
- Track on issues.
- Know your rural data sources.
- Know your best practices for community health.



Review CHNA Reports

- Required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) every three years for all non-profit hospitals.

- [Guidelines](#)



- Review for similarities and patterns.
- Provide a statewide summary.
- Connect like reports to each other.
- Share unique or best practice approaches to address identified needs.
- Provide feedback on the quality of the CHNAs.

Facilitate, Gather, and Describe

- Help hospitals round out their data or connect with their community or peers.
- Practice your role of convening and facilitating.

- Facilitate town hall meetings, community cafes, focus groups, key informant groups.
- Review for similarities and patterns.
- Provide a statewide summary.
- Connect like communities.
- Share unique or best practice approaches to address needs.



Track on Issues and Connect the Dots

- Help communities note similarities/differences from state and national population health needs.
- Supporting incorporating social determinants of health (SDOH).

- Track on trending health and SDOH needs identified from other state and national partners
 - [State](#) and local public health
 - [National Association of City and County Health Officials](#)
 - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
 - American Hospital Association/[Association for Community Health Improvement](#)
 - [National Rural Health Association](#)



Know Your Rural Data Sources

- Population Health Portal
 - [Population Health Readiness Assessment](#)
 - [Rural Data Scenarios](#)
- Rural Health Information Hub
 - [Rural Data Explorer](#)
 - [Data Sources & Tools Relevant to Rural Health](#)
- [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)
- [National Opioid Misuse Community Assessment Tool](#)
- [CDC WONDER](#)
- [CAHMPAS](#)

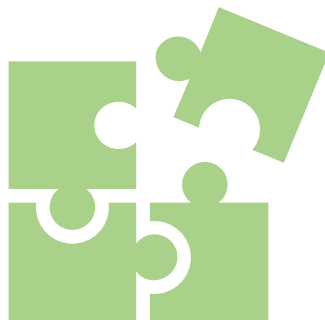


[Know how to display your data](#)



Know Your Best Practices for Community Health

- [Evidence-based Toolkits for Rural Community Health](#)
- [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)
- [Pathways to Population Health](#)
- [Improving Population Health by Working with Communities: Action Guide 3.0](#)
 - See Appendix E





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