Benton County Community Health Improvement Planning

What is a CHIP?

Benton County Public Health organizes its health improvement work around a Community Health Improvement Plan.

A Community Health Improvement Plan is:

- Organized around priority areas that focus on improving the health of our whole community, with special attention on issues of equity.

- A set of specific goals, strategies, and measurable data that guides the work of our health department, our partners, and our community.

- Developed by our community, based on an assessment of our community's health, and guided by our common values.

- A living document that is renewed on a five-year cycle.

- Known as a CHIP for short.

How you can help develop our CHIP:

- Read the seven data briefs describing the potential priority issues we are considering for our CHIP.

- Visit this website: bit.ly/BentonCountyCHIP to see all seven issues in an interactive webpage.

- Page through the 2017 Benton County Community Health Assessment on the Benton County Health Department website for much more information.

- Take this survey to help us prioritize 3 themes for our Community Health Improvement Plan: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018CHIPpriorities.

Sources for the data briefs

Most of the data in these briefs comes from the 2017 Benton County Community Health Assessment, which itself relies on many different sources. Other sources include:

- The Oregon Student Wellness Survey for Behavioral Health and Wellbeing.

- The National Climate Assessment,

- The Oregon Climate Assessment, and

- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Climate Change Resilience and Responsiveness.

- The Bureau of Economic Assessment for Economic Opportunity and Inequality.

- A survey of McDonald Forest visitors, analyzed and reported by:

  Needham, M. D., & Rosenberger, R. S. (2011). Public support, demand, and potential revenue for recreation at the McDonald-Dunn Forest. Final project report for Oregon State University College Forests and College of Forestry. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University, Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society

  for Natural Environment.

Map data comes from:

- Benton County GIS Department.

- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey.

- Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

- The Oregon Environmental Public Health Tracking Tool.

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