



2023-2025

Community Health Implementation Strategy

for Chicago infants, youth, adolescents and families

Every three years, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago conducts a comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) to inform our community health efforts. Based on our learnings from our 2022 CHNA, which included significant community input and an extensive analysis of key health and social metrics, we have developed a Community Health Implementation Strategy for 2023-2025 to create, support and advance positive change for the health of our communities. We have identified the following three key areas where we are uniquely positioned to have the most significant impact:



EQUITABLE and INCLUSIVE CARE



EDUCATIONAL and ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



SAFE and NURTURING SPACES



EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE CARE

Expand the availability and accessibility of physical, mental and behavioral health and social services closer to home for youth living in disinvested communities

Build a Community Clinic Hub on West Side

Plan, construct and open a new clinic-community physical location on Chicago's West Side

Bring Care to Areas with Greatest Disparities

Increase community access to specialty care through the expansion of mobile health, telehealth and partnerships with federally qualified health centers and community providers

Increase Social Needs Screening and Care Coordination

Expand social needs and safety screenings, care coordination and referrals to community-based services for patients

Support Primary Care Pediatricians

Educate and equip primary care pediatricians with preventive strategies and resources to better address patients' chronic physical and behavioral health conditions

Screen for Behavioral Health and Suicide

Expand screening, early intervention, therapeutic treatments and referrals to intensive interventions for various mental health and substance use disorders



EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Foster educational and economic opportunities to help infants, children, youth, their families and their communities thrive

Advance Anchor Mission Activities

Continue and expand upon activities focused on economic and workforce development and build capacity for community and mental health workforce

Expand Health Promotion and Education

Increase and broaden health education for youth, families and community partners via digital platforms, virtual and in-person clinical and community spaces

Support Youth in Schools

Grow school-based initiatives and partnerships that address students' health and safety needs



SAFE AND NURTURING SPACES

Cultivate safe, supportive and nurturing physical and social environments for youth where they live, learn and play

Grow Healing Centered Environments

Expand training and supports for healing centered, trauma-responsive practices in schools, youth-serving organizations, within families and throughout our hospital

Expand Injury and Violence Prevention

Continue and expand evidence-informed injury and violence prevention to address the leading causes of death and disability among youth that have the greatest racial disparities

Support Youth Programming and Activities

Increase support of and access to city, community and youth-serving organizations that provide and expand youth programming and out-of-school activities

Magnify Caregiver and Family Wraparound Supports

Expand parent, caregiver and family wraparound services to support relational health, starting at birth and continuing through infancy, early childhood and beyond

Champion Built Environment Improvements

Support neighborhood improvements and community development for safety, food access, physical activity, inclusive accessibility and social connectedness