

# The Community Health Improvement Plan: An All Hands on Deck Approach in Riverside County

## CHIP Basics

The **Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)** is a long-term, systemic plan created to address issues identified in the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA). These assessments reflect the priorities submitted by more than 4,000 residents, organizations, and health professionals. The CHIP outlines how partners and communities will work together to create a healthier and equitable Riverside County.

CHIP Workgroups are clustered within the four priority areas:

-  1. *Creating Healthy Communities*, which focuses on safe physical and social environments that promote health
-  2. *Promoting Healthy Behaviors*, which promotes healthy and active living by addressing preventable and treatable health conditions, such as obesity, chronic disease, and mental health
-  3. *Connecting and Investing in People*, which strives to achieve health equity, eliminate disparities, and improve the health of Riverside County residents by connecting and investing in people
-  4. *Improving Access to Care*, which supports healthy and active living by improving and increasing access to clinical preventable care

The comprehensive CHIP planning guide includes goals, objectives, strategies, and measurable benchmarks to guide stakeholders and RUHS-PH in addressing health priorities/issues for the County. The CHIP took over 12 months to develop through a series of collaborative partner meetings and community workshops.

## Timeline of Development



## The CHIP's Value

Riverside County is the fourth largest county in California. Border to border, Riverside County spans 7,200 miles with 28 cities and many unincorporated communities. The County is the same size as the state of New Jersey. There has been a 44 percent increase in population. In fact, Riverside County is the 10<sup>th</sup> most populous county in the nation. However, in comparison to other counties in California, Riverside fares poorly in health. According to the County Health Rankings, Riverside County is in 29<sup>th</sup> place out of 57 counties for health outcomes and 39<sup>th</sup> for health factors. Moreover, there are significant health disparities for populations *within* Riverside County.

The CHIP serves as a planning guide for all health initiatives in Riverside County. While it is incubated in RUHS-Public Health, it is useful for all county and city departments— as well as non-profit organizations and partners in the private sector. The great majority of CHIP's implementation is done by coalition partners and RUHS-PH provides technical assistance. Feedback from CHIP participants confirms that they are seeking a regular space to collaborate and support each other's work. Partners and organizations recognize that only they can only make a difference in the County's social determinants of health if they work together.

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## Issue Priority Areas



## Implementation & Evaluation

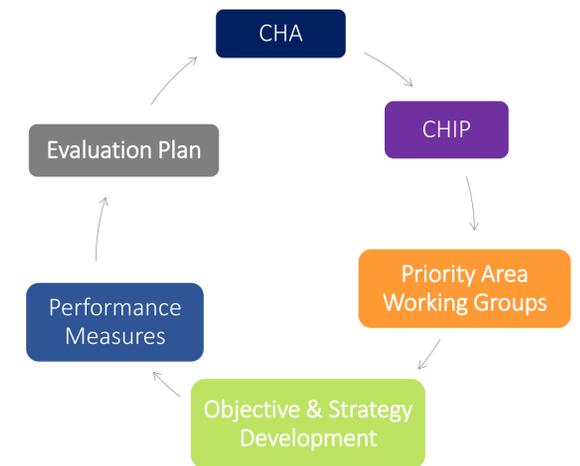
RUHS-PH developed a series of supportive documents to implement, monitor, and evaluate the County's progress on the CHIP:

- Implementation Plan
- Progress Reports
- Evaluation Plan

Through each of the tools, RUHS-PH can support each workgroup's efforts effectively. Additionally, RUHS-PH will be able to track momentum and challenges. For instance, if one goal requires additional support and investments, RUHS-PH will be able to capture that need in a timely manner and notify key stakeholders.

Illustrative Timeline for Evaluation Activities

Evaluation Activities	Timing of Activities for 2016-2021			
	January 2017	Oct. 2016 – Oct 2021	Quarterly, 2017- 2021	Annually
Evaluation Plan Outline	✓			
Data Collection		✓		
Priority Area Workgroup Meetings			✓	
Analysis & Interpretation			✓	✓
Report and Dissemination			✓	✓



## References

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- Riverside County, Community Health Improvement Plan: [http://www.shaperivco.org/content/sites/riverside/reports/chip\\_2015.pdf](http://www.shaperivco.org/content/sites/riverside/reports/chip_2015.pdf)

