

Austin Travis County Community Health Plan

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Together We Thrive
Austin/Travis County Community Health Plan

A logo for 'Together We Thrive' featuring a stylized sun with orange and yellow rays rising over a blue crescent shape that resembles a speech bubble or a protective shield.

Why Community Health?



Good health begins where we live, learn, work and play. Stable housing, quality schools, access to good jobs, and neighborhood safety are all important influences, as is culturally competent healthcare.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Social Determinants of Health



Partners

- Ascension
- Baylor Scott & White Health
- Capital Metro
- Central Health
- Integral Care
- The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School
- St. David's Foundation
- UTHealth School of Public Health
- Travis County Health and Human Services



Understanding the Community Health Plan

The Austin/Travis County Community Health Plan is a collaborative planning initiative spearheaded by 11 partner organizations and facilitated by the Austin Public Health Planning Coordinating Team.

The planning process is comprised of two major components:

The Community Health Assessment (CHA) :
Identifies local health needs and disparities through data and community input.

- **Goals:** Equity-focused, measurable, and implemented over 3–5 years.
- Led by 11 partner organizations, coordinated by Austin Public Health.

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):
Strategic, community-driven plan to address CHA findings.

- **Monitoring & Evaluation:** Utilizing dependable and regularly updated population-wide indicators.
- **Improvement Strategy:** CHA/CHIP as a coalition hub.



The CHA/CHIP Evolution



2012–2026: Four CHAs, Three CHIPs, and a fourth CHIP in progress

2018 CHIP: Behavioral health, equity strategies, LiveHealthyATX

2024 CHIP: Mental Health, Economic Stability, Built Environment

Learning from gaps: Need for deeper engagement and accountability

Future: Co-creating CHIP with community

2024 – CHIP Priorities



Mental Health: Increase access to mental healthcare and prioritize substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery.

Economic Stability: Improve access to resources that support financial security

Built Environment: Support environments that promote health and safety

Goal for All Priorities: Strengthen navigation to trusted services

2024 – CHIP SPOTLIGHT – Mental Health



Co-Chairs - Integral Care and Community Advancement Network

- Participating Organizations

- Any Baby Can
- Austin Public Health
- Healthier Texas
- St. Edward’s University – School of Social Work
- UT Health San Antonio – School of Public Health
- Other community-based organizations

- Primary Goal - Increase awareness of and access to existing mental health and wellness resources by strengthening coordination across providers and incorporating community-informed insight into CHA analysis.

- “Did You Know? / ¿Sabía que?” forum series

- LGBTQ+ communities, including affirming mental health and wellness resources
- Immigrant families, with attention to access, prevention, and navigation of services
- Community-wide wellness, including physical activity, nutrition, and preventive health

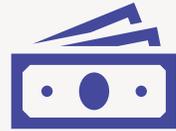


Highlights from the 2025 Assessment



Chronic & Communicable Disease

Heart Disease
Cancer
Diabetes
HIV



Economic Stability

Poverty
Childcare
Under employment



Environmental Health

Air Quality
Climate
Water Quality



Food Insecurity

Limited Access
Uncertain Access



Highlights from the 2025 Assessment



Healthcare Access

- Insurance
- Wait Times
- High Cost



Housing Instability

- High Costs
- Displacement
- Eviction Rates



Maternal & Child Health

- Teen Births
- Low Birth Weight
- Maternal Morbidity



Mental Health & Substance Use

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Drug -related ED visits

Priorities and Next Steps

✓ Inclusive prioritization process guided by equity criteria.

 Identify 3–4 priority areas for 2026–2029 CHIP

 First prioritization session: January 23, 2026.

 Finalize priority areas based on community and data insights.

 Build workgroups to develop goals and strategies.

 Launch CHIP framework in Spring 2026.



Vision for the Future

▪ Moving Toward a Healthier, More Connected Austin

Co-creating the 2026 CHIP with community at the center

Grounded in equity, healing, and shared responsibility

Built on transparency, trust, and deep partnerships

Informed by lived experience— not just DATA



Questions?

Link to the full report

[2025 Community Health Assessment](#)

