

2024 TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

# Health Priority Workshop

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**  
**4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**ROGOW ROOM**  
**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY LIBRARY**  
**212 S GASTON ST | BREVARD**

Open to all community members!

Learn more about health issues and help guide our focus as we work to improve the health of all people in Transylvania County.



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# ABOUT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

A community health assessment (CHA) refers to both a *process* and a *document*.

Local health departments throughout the state are required by the NC Division of Public Health to conduct a CHA at least every four years. As part of the Affordable Care Act, non-profit hospitals are required to conduct a community health needs assessment every three years. To meet these requirements and improve community health, hospitals and health departments in the westernmost counties of North Carolina work together in an innovative regional effort known as WNC Healthy Impact, coordinated by WNC Health Network and the Western North Carolina Partnership for Public Health.

The *process* involves:

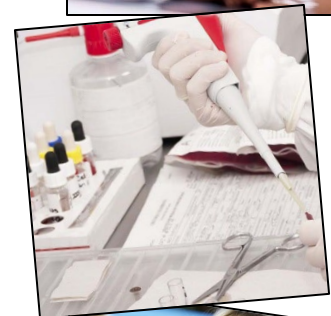
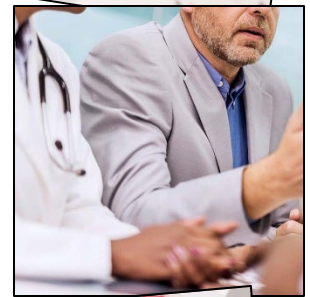
- collecting secondary health data from published sources;
- collecting health information directly from community members;
- analyzing and interpreting the data, comparing it with regional and state data;
- **working with community members and other stakeholders to determine priority health areas;**
- sharing the community health assessment document; and
- developing an action plan to address identified health priorities while building on community assets.

The CHA *document* is a summary of all the available evidence and serves as a resource until the next assessment.

Local health departments also create an electronic Community Health Improvement Plan (e-CHIP) that describes and tracks evidence-based strategies implemented to address key measures.

During the interim years between community health assessments, local health departments are required to create a state of the county's health (SOTCH) report that tracks the priority health issues identified in the community health assessment, identifies emerging issues, and highlights new initiatives.

Our last community health assessment was completed in 2021. The CHA document and SOTCH updates are available online at [transylvaniahealth.org/data](http://transylvaniahealth.org/data); printed copies can be viewed at Transylvania Public Health and the Transylvania County Library.



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