



Shared Community Vision

The local public health system is collaborative, engaged in the community, responsive to community needs, easy to navigate, focused on prevention, and creates access for all. The system is designed for a culture of health, and promotes an active, safe, empowered, resilient and, connected community that embraces diversity and equity.

2019-2021 Community Health Improvement Plan

The 2019 Linn County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is built upon findings from the 2019 Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHIP is designed to mobilize action through planning and partnership to improve health outcomes in our community.

Strategic Issue 1: Mental Health

Goal: Improved mental health through increased community awareness and equal access to mental health, substance abuse & prevention services

- Promote well-being through providing a timely and appropriate continuum of mental health care
- Advocate for a fully funded comprehensive array of services for children and adults

Strategic Issue 2: Obesity

Goal: Increase opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity to reduce the risk of obesity-related chronic disease for all residents

- Increase access to healthy food and access to nutrition and food preparation education
- Develop and utilize consistent messages around healthy living

Strategic Issue 3: Safety

Goal: Increase the effectiveness of community partnerships to change social norms and attitudes to reduce violence

- Align community partnerships
- Increase awareness of the connection between bullying and violence
- Promote prevention and awareness

What can you do as a resident of Linn County?

- Educate: Share the information in this document with your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers. Share the top health issues and social determinants of health. Challenge yourself to learn more about these issues and how they impact the health of our community.
- Get Involved: Think about ways you can become part of the solution, whether they are small or big changes. Every bit counts, and everyone should be inspired to be part of the conversation. Encourage others to work together to improve the health of our community.

What can you do as an organizational partner?

- Align: Reflect on how much of your strategic planning efforts align with the needs of the community you serve.
- Innovate: Challenge your organization to think about how they can come up with innovative solutions to improve the health of our community.
- Partner: Work done together is more impactful, and often reduces duplication. Find others that are willing to work together in new or different ways!
- Advocate: Lead your peers in advocating for actions that will improve the health of our community.