

St. Joseph Hospital  
Community Health Needs Assessment-2022  
2023-2025 Implementation Strategy

St. Joseph Hospital has fully participated in the 2022 Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment Report. The primary service area for St. Joseph Hospital is Penobscot County, therefore, St. Joseph Hospital will utilize the findings from the 2022 Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment Report: Penobscot County.

As noted in the Report, the assessment report is to be used, “to fulfill the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements for non-profit hospitals as well as Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) requirements for state and local health public health departments. The next steps include: for hospitals, create an informed implementation strategy designed to address the identified needs.”

The Maine Shared CHNA-Penobscot County top health priorities are:

<u>Priorities</u>	<u>% of Votes</u>
Mental Health	59%
Substance and Alcohol Use	46%
Access to Care	42%
Social Determinants of Health	40%

St. Joseph Hospital’s Implementation Strategy for 2023-2025 will focus on applying action items to support Community Health Improvement related to the following areas and implementation strategy.

- A. Identified Community Need: Mental Health
  - 1. Expand access to mental health services
  - 2. Reduce the stigma associated with mental health
  - 3. Improve screening intervention for identified populations
- B. Identified Community Need: Substance and Alcohol Use
  - 1. Expand substance use disorder treatment options
  - 2. Participate in collaborative community initiatives focused on improving treatment access, substance use prevention and substance use education
- C. Identified Community Need: Access to Care
  - 1. Implement new care delivery models to enhance access to care
  - 2. Expand Same Day Care Services
  - 3. Expand Primary Care Access (the correct level of care at the correct location of service)
- D. Identified Community Need: Social Determinants of Health
  - 1. Implement programs to support food security
  - 2. Expand programs to support wellness services within the housing insecure population

St. Joseph Hospital will engage in specific action items associated with each identified community health need. These action items and associated measures of success will be contained within a yearly CHNA Action Plan. A CHNA Action Plan will be established for each of the associated years; 2023, 2024, 2025.