



2025 Community Health Needs Assessment

Parkview Huntington Hospital

Foreword

This report shares the results of the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) for Parkview Health. The Health Services and Informatics Research (HSIR) team at the Mirro Center for Research and Innovation led data collection and analysis efforts for this report. HSIR worked with Parkview and community leaders to prioritize health needs, reflecting the voice of community members.

This report is divided into sections identified by orange banners for headings. The report will first give context about the CHNA process, how primary data was collected from the community, how secondary data was analyzed to support the report and a demographic overview. Next, the report integrates primary and secondary data focused on social drivers of health and key health behaviors. Finally, the outcomes from the community prioritization sessions are presented.

It is important to note that the data presented in this report is just a snapshot and there may be supplemental data about the county not presented. While every effort was made to thoroughly understand the health of the community, information gaps may persist due to variations in geography and time span of data collection across different sources.

The Parkview team hopes that the findings from this report help to identify current needs to support the health and well-being of the community. Past and current reports for all counties, along with prioritization session presentations and implementation strategies, can be found on the Parkview website. Detailed data for each county included in the Parkview Health service area can be found on our Community Data Hub: <https://parkview.metop.io>.

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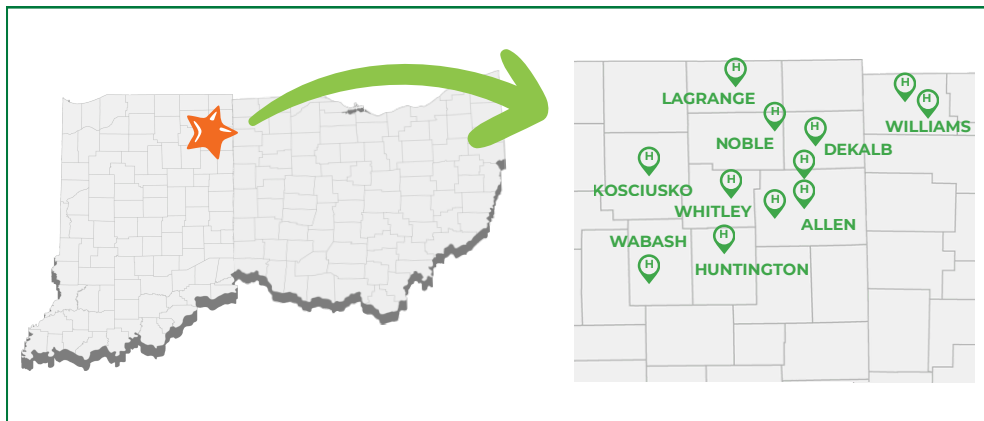
ABOUT PARKVIEW HEALTH



Parkview Health is a not-for-profit, community-based health system. It serves a population of more than 1.3 million in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio. With more than 16,000 employees, Parkview is the region's largest employer. Parkview started as Fort Wayne City Hospital and has been serving the community since 1878. Parkview Health formed in 1995, and the heritage of care and compassion continues today with 14 hospitals and over 200 outpatient centers and physician offices.

Parkview Health has a mission to improve health and inspire well-being in the communities we serve.

For the purposes of this Community Health Needs Assessment, the Parkview Health service area consists of the counties where a full-service Parkview hospital is located. This includes Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Wabash and Whitley Counties in Indiana and Williams County in Ohio.



INTRODUCTION TO CHNA PROCESS

The goals of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) are to learn about the health needs of the community and create plans to address those needs. In this CHNA for Parkview Health, several types of data were gathered to accomplish this:

- Surveys
- Focus groups
- Secondary data (through Metopio, a health data tool)

These data sources were chosen to broadly understand the community's health. We looked at needs across income level, race, ethnicity, age (18 years and older) and rural and urban areas. After all data was gathered and analyzed, the top health needs were shared with each community. Representatives selected the most important needs to address from 2025 to 2028.

Attention was given to learning the needs of specific groups, major health concerns and service gaps based on feedback from the community and key informants.

Priority Health Needs

Through a step-by-step process, we identified the top needs in each county.

Huntington County's Top Five Health Concerns

- Access to Mental Health Care and Addiction Services
- Cancers
- Diabetes
- Housing Affordability
- Obesity



Community and hospital leaders took part in a prioritization process to select the needs that were most pressing, widespread and fit for intervention. The top needs chosen for Parkview Health, Huntington County were Access to Mental Health Care and Addiction Services, Child Abuse and Neglect and Obesity. Mental Health was selected as the Parkview systemwide priority.



*The CHNA identifies the greatest health needs in the region.
It also helps find ways to address those needs in a manner
that aligns with Parkview's mission, expertise and resources.*

Since 2012, the CHNA has taken place every three years in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. It has helped Parkview Health understand the community's changing health needs. Since 2022, the CHNA has been led by the Health Services and Informatics Research (HSIR) group at Parkview's Mirro Center for Research and Innovation.

The CHNA helps Parkview learn more about what health concerns are important to the communities we serve in three ways:



1. Understand Community Needs

Pinpoint the health and social problems that each community faces.



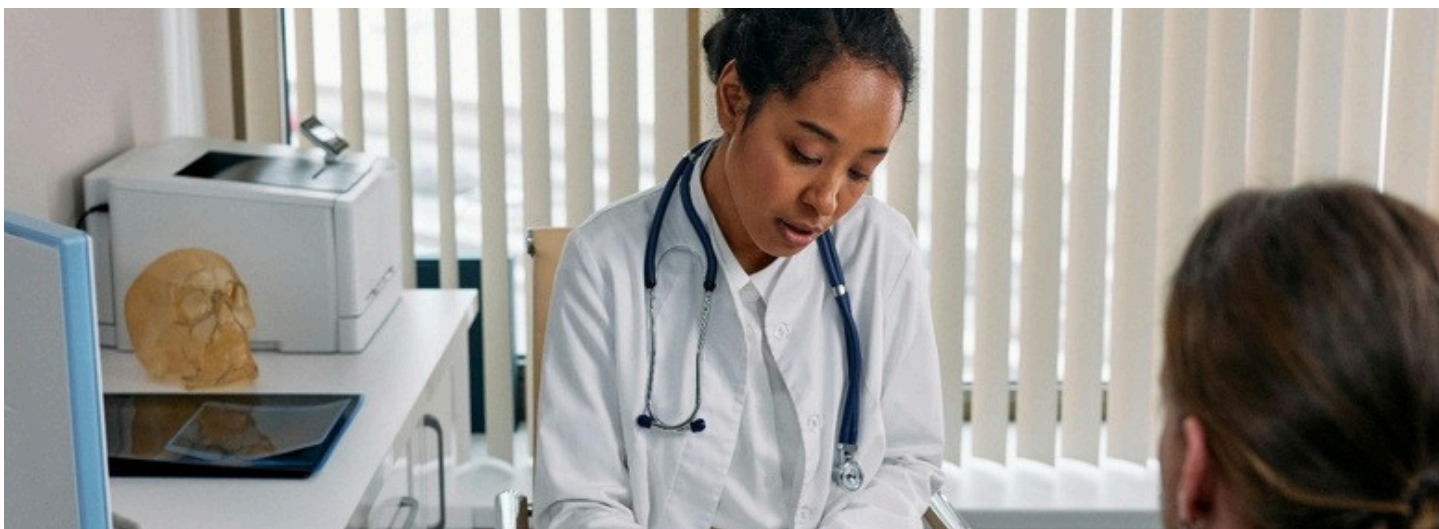
2. Prioritize Needs

Guide strategic plans based on what each community needs most.



3. Identify Resources and Challenges

Determine what is available and what is missing to address needs.



Conducting the Assessment

Parkview Health's HSIR team carried out the CHNA from February 2024 to September 2025. By using various data sources, we identified the top health needs in the community. We compared needs at the county level with those of the Parkview Health service area and the entire state. Findings were shared with the community and hospital partners to determine which health needs were most pressing.



Primary Data

Data were collected from the community using **surveys** and **focus groups**. The survey included questions aimed at both the respondent's personal health problems as well as their perceptions about top health concerns and other aspects impacting community well-being. Survey data was gathered from both people living in the community and individuals ("key informants") working for organizations that serve the community (e.g., schools, hospitals). Focus groups were held with a subset of community members and were used to gather deeper insights and experiences through conversation, allowing people to share thoughts that might not be mentioned in survey answers.

Community Survey Overview

- Carried out from September 2024 to December 2024
- Completed by 5,030 residents and 960 key informants in the Parkview Health service area, including 348 residents and 100 key informants in Huntington County
- Collected from residents aged 18 and older
- Available online and on paper in English, Spanish, Burmese, Karen and Arabic
- Shared through MyChart patient portal, mail, in-person, press release and blog posts
- Collected at in-person events: festivals, sporting events, health fairs for seniors, families and those experiencing homelessness, food banks, YMCAs, public libraries & markets
- Twenty questions for residents and nine questions for key informants
- Assessed demographics, top health concerns, top quality of life concerns, health care access, mental health and digital access
- Aimed to include people of all ages (18+), races, ethnicities, income levels and the urban-rural continuum

Focus Group Overview

- Carried out from March 2025 to May 2025
- Thirty-four focus groups held during local Community Forums across the Parkview Health service area
- Five to 15 people in each focus group
- Participants were 18 years and older, from diverse backgrounds and provided a range of services to community members
- Each hospital's community health leaders sent email invites to participants
- Aimed to understand top community health needs, related barriers and available resources and solutions for addressing health needs

Secondary Data

The Metopio platform helped us gather data from several public sources. Combined with survey and focus group findings, this data helped us better understand each community's health landscape. We used Metopio to examine health behaviors, outcomes and social factors across groups. This allowed us to pinpoint the areas of greatest need within the Parkview Health service area. For each health theme, data is reported using the most recent five-year average or single year of data.

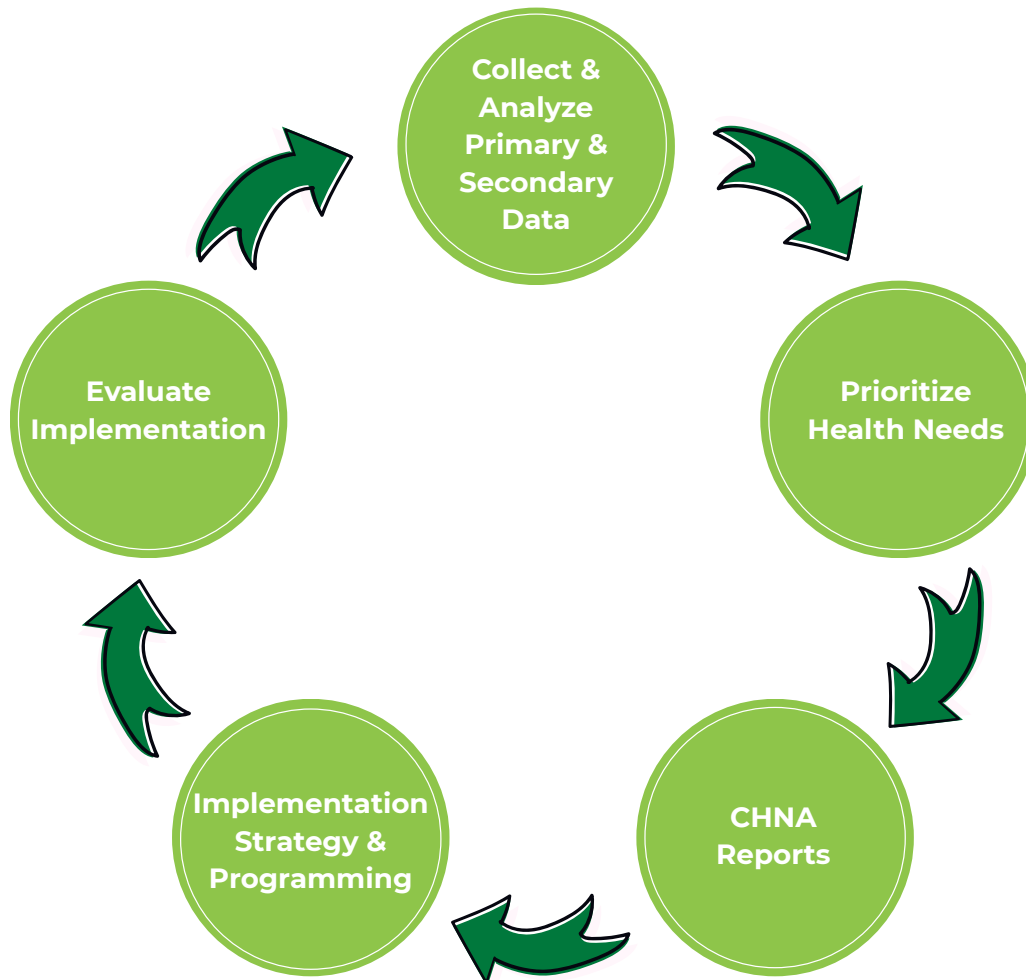
To learn more about each community in the Parkview Health system, please visit our **Parkview Health Community Data Hub**: <https://parkview.metopio.io>

Closing the Loop

The CHNA is not just one report. Instead, it is a continuous three-year cycle where Parkview:

- Collects and analyzes community-based data
- Pinpoints needs within each county and within the health system
- Implements action plans to address those needs

Three-year CHNA Cycle; Parkview Health CHNA Process



Priority Health Needs & Impact from 2022 CHNA

During the 2022 CHNA prioritization session, Huntington County chose Substance Use and Abuse, Child Abuse and Neglect and Mental Health and Mental Disorders as their top health needs, along with Mental Health, the Parkview Health systemwide priority. The Impact Report for Huntington County can be found in Appendix A. Parkview did not receive written comments in response to the 2022 CHNA. For comments on the 2025 CHNA, please email Community.Health@Parkview.com.

DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS



Who Lives in Huntington County?

Demographic factors impact a person's ability to lead a healthy life. Understanding these factors helps shape plans to improve community health.

Population



36,757

residents¹

Sex



18,427

(50.1%)
males¹



18,330

(49.9%)
females¹

1. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2019-2023)

Age

Age ¹	Population	Percentage
0 - 4 years	2,066	5.6%
5 - 17 years	5,933	16.1%
18 - 39 years	10,067	27.4%
40 - 64 years	12,003	32.7%
65 and older	6,688	18.2%



Different age groups and racial or ethnic groups may have unique needs to consider when looking at health

Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity ¹	Population	Percentage
Non-Hispanic White	34,277	93.5%
Hispanic or Latino	1,098	3.0%
Two or more races	740	2.0%
Non-Hispanic Black	292	0.8%
Asian	231	0.6%
Native American	23	0.1%
Pacific Islander	16	0.0%



51%

of Huntington County residents are aged 40 and older¹



Rural-Urban Continuum Code²

Codes range from 1-9

1 = highly-populated metro areas

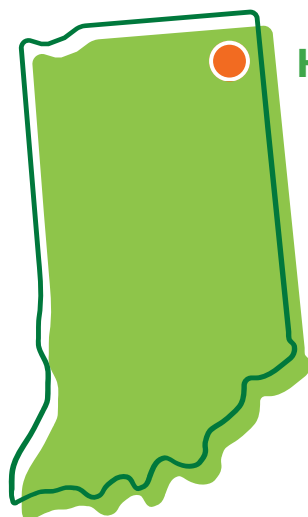
9 = fully rural areas

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1. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2019-2023)

2. US Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Economic Research Service (2023)

Parkview Huntington County Service Area



Huntington County, IN

9
zip codes²

383
square miles¹



12
townships³



predominantly
rural⁴

Huntington County Community Service Area Zip Codes²

46702

46750

46770

46783

46787

46792

46940

46952

46991

1. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2019-2023)

2. United States Zip Code Database (2025)

3. Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (2023)

4. US Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Economic Research Service (2023)

SOCIAL DRIVERS OF HEALTH (SDOH)



Healthy People 2030 defines social drivers of health (SDOH) as the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship and age. These conditions affect a wide range of health, functioning and quality-of-life outcomes and risks. The five domains of SDOH include economic stability, education access and quality, health care access and quality, neighborhood and built environment and social and community context. For this report, the primary and secondary data are presented in order of the SDOH topics.

Access to care refers to the resources a community has to meet a range of health needs. Examples include having insurance and available health care providers.



6.3% of Huntington County residents have **no health insurance**¹



The uninsured rate in Huntington County (6.3%) is **below** the rate of the Parkview Health service area (10.8%) and the state rate (7.6%).¹



11.3% lack access to **the internet**¹



27.3% lack access to **non-ER medical care**²

What we heard from the community³

- **Health care is expensive and stressful.** Families may have to **choose between health care and other basic needs** like food and housing.
- Finding specialty care close to home can be a challenge due to a **lack of providers.**
- Many people **don't know what health services are available or how to use them.**

1. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2019-2023)

2. Parkview Community Health Survey - Huntington County (2024)

3. Parkview Community Forum - Huntington County (2025)

PER CAPITA INDICATORS

Rates per 100,000 residents



57.3

Primary Care
Providers



22.1

Pharmacies



35.5

Specialty
Physicians

People in Huntington County have **less access** to primary care providers / specialty physicians (lower rate per 100,000 residents) compared to Indiana (75.8 / 77.8) and those living in the Parkview Health service area (62.8 / 50.3).¹ People in Huntington County also have **less access** to pharmacies than those living in the Parkview Health service area (23.5) and across Indiana (25.9).²

PROBLEMS GETTING CARE



23.0%

Primary Care
Providers



18.2%

Pharmaceutical
Care



32.0%

Specialty
Care

CHNA survey respondents in Huntington County said they had a hard time getting the health care they needed. **1 in 3** had a hard time getting in to see a provider who specializes in a particular illness (e.g., heart conditions), while nearly **1 in 4** had a hard time getting an appointment with a primary care provider.³

1. Health Resources & Services Administration, Area Health Resources Files (2022)

2. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, National Provider Identifier Files (2025)

3. Parkview Community Health Survey - Huntington County (2024)

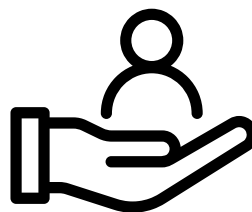
Many factors can affect access to fresh, healthy and affordable food. These include how far someone lives from a grocery store, the presence of school lunch programs and if fruits and vegetables are available.



Access to food is an important social factor that affects health. 'Food Access' can be measured by many factors, such as the number of residents who are food insecure, households receiving SNAP (food stamp) benefits and those who are in poverty not receiving SNAP.

The **rate of food insecurity** in Huntington County (14.3%) is **similar** to Parkview Health service area (13.9%), but is **lower** than Indiana (15.1%). Huntington County rates are highest in the Hispanic/Latino community (21.0%).¹

11.1%
of households receive
SNAP (food stamp)
benefits²



60.1%
of households in
poverty do not receive
SNAP benefits²

What we heard from the community³

- Healthy food **often costs more and is not as available.**
- **Access to grocery stores is a challenge without a way to get there** or safe paths to walk or bike.
- Many people struggle with eating healthy and **don't know how to cook or make good food choices at home.**
- People **don't always know about food pantries or programs** that help with access to food.

1. Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap (2023)

2. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2019-2023)

3. Parkview Community Forum - Huntington County (2025)

The quality and cost of housing directly impact well-being. If housing is too expensive or if there are too many empty or crowded homes, it can lead to problems like losing one's home or becoming homeless. These issues can affect a person's health.



Housing Cost Burden

The percent of households spending more than 30% of their income on housing.²



18.9%

Housing Insecurity

The percent of adults who were not able to pay their mortgage, rent or utility bills in the past 12 months.³



11.4%

The housing cost burden in Huntington County is **lower** than the state average of 24.3% and the Parkview Health service area average of 21.3%.¹

Housing insecurity in Huntington County is **slightly lower** than Indiana (12.2%) and the Parkview Health service area (11.7%).²

1. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2019-2023)

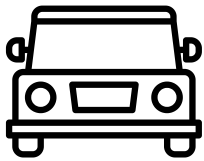
2. CDC, PLACES Project (2022)

Not having transportation can make it difficult for people to get to the doctor, work, school and grocery stores that have healthy food options. This can lead to poor health outcomes and social isolation.

What we heard from the community¹

- Community transportation **is limited and doesn't offer flexibility.**
- **Lack of reliable transportation** to medical appointments has led to the misuse of ambulance services.
- The **price of gas and costs** associated with community transportation **are challenging.**

Lack of Transportation



8.2%
of adults lack
transportation

The lack of transportation in Huntington County is **similar to** that of Indiana (8.5%) and the Parkview Health service area (8.2%).²



1. Parkview Community Forum - Huntington County (2025)
2. CDC, PLACES Project (2022)

Socio-Economic Factors Huntington County, IN

Socio-economic factors strongly impact community health and well-being. These include things like how many people graduate from high school, how much money they earn and whether they have jobs.



93.0%

graduate high school¹



Huntington County



88.5%

graduate high school¹



Parkview Health



90.2%

graduate high school¹



Indiana

Factor	Huntington County	Indiana
Childcare Cost Burden Childcare costs for a household with two children as a percent of median household income. ²	30.6%	30.8%
Median Household Income Income in the past 12 months. ¹	\$62,734	\$70,051
Poverty Rate Percent of residents in families that are below the Federal Poverty Level. ¹	10.1%	12.2%
Unemployment Rate Percent of residents 16 and older in the civilian labor force who are actively seeking employment. ¹	3.2%	4.3%

1. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2019-2023)

2. University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings (2024)

Violent Crime

Huntington County, IN

Violent crime includes homicide, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and aggravated battery.



**27.7 crimes per
100,000 residents**

Huntington County has a **significantly lower** rate compared to Indiana (323.3) and the Parkview Health service area (197.3).¹

**Please note that county-level crime totals may appear lower than expected due to changes in reporting systems, resulting in incomplete crime data reported to the FBI.*

Built Environment

Huntington County, IN

The built environment refers to the man-made places around us. This includes things like buildings, streets, parks and transportation systems.



Walkability Index

6.8/20



Access to Exercise

84.7%

Huntington County is **harder to walk around** compared to the Parkview Health service area and Indiana (both 7.7).²

Huntington County has **more places to exercise** compared to the Parkview service area (70.8%) and Indiana (76.2%).³

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI Crime Data Explorer (2017-2021)

2. US Environmental Protection Agency, National Walkability Index (2024)

3. University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings (2024)

KEY HEALTH THEMES

Overall Health

Chronic Disease

Behavioral Health

Maternal/Child Health

Elder Health

Infectious Diseases

Oral/Dental Care

STD/STI/HIV

Health Behaviors

For this CHNA report, primary and secondary data were gathered and analyzed around the top health themes and concerns listed above. The report highlights the county's key statistics from surveys and secondary data. Key insights gathered through focus groups are also included. A closer look at the data for each of these themes will be provided in this report.

Overall health refers to how well people feel both physically and mentally. This includes factors like how long people live, self-reported health and quality of life.

Life Expectancy

74.8 years

Average age at death of all people born in this place, or all people who have lived to the start of the specified age bracket.¹



Self-Reported Poor Physical Health

12.7%

Percent of resident adults aged 18 and older who report 14 or more days during the past 30 days during which their physical health was not good.²



Visited Doctor for Routine Checkup

75.8%

Percent of resident adults aged 18 and older who report having been to a doctor for a routine checkup (in the previous year).²



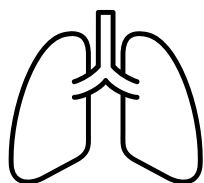
- In Huntington County, people tend to **live about the same** length as those in the Parkview Health service area (76.0 years) and Indiana (75.1 years).¹
- 12.7% of adults in Huntington County say they have **poor physical health**, which is **about the same** as Indiana (12.9%)³ and the Parkview Health service area (13.0%).²
- **A similar** number of adults in Huntington County **visit the doctor regularly** compared to those in Indiana (76.9%)³ and the Parkview Health service area (75.6%).²

1. University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings (2020-2022)

2. CDC, PLACES Project (2022)

3. CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System-BRFSS (2022)

Chronic diseases and related factors often cause the greatest burden on health in a community. This includes conditions like diabetes, heart disease, asthma and obesity. The following conditions are highlighted due to prevalence, mortality trends and concern from community and key informant survey respondents.



7.9%

of residents have been diagnosed with **chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)**.¹



6.4%

of residents have been diagnosed with **coronary heart disease (CHD)**.¹



10.9%

of residents have been diagnosed with **asthma**.¹







Metabolic & Cardiovascular Health		Diagnosed % Htgn County	Diagnosed % Indiana
	Diabetes	10.8% ¹	11.1% ²
	High Blood Pressure	32.1% ¹	32.2% ²
	Obesity	39.0% ¹	37.9% ²
	High Cholesterol	32.7% ³	30.6% ⁴

1. CDC, PLACES Project (2022)

2. CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (2022)

3. CDC, PLACES Project (2021)

4. CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (2021)

Chronic Disease Mortality ¹		Deaths Per 100,000 Htgn Residents	Deaths Per 100,000 Indiana Residents
	Heart Disease	252.7	184.3
	Cancer	247.8	163.9
	Lower Respiratory Disease	94.4	53.1
	Stroke	74.8	41.9
	Diabetes	32.2	28.5
	Kidney Disease	27.3	17.7

In Huntington County, the diagnosis rates for many chronic diseases are **similar to** the diagnosis rates in Indiana and the Parkview Health service area. However, for many chronic diseases, **mortality rates** in Huntington County are **higher** than in Indiana and the Parkview Health service area.¹ An exception is diabetes, for which the mortality rate is **higher** in Huntington County than in Indiana but **lower** than that of the Parkview Health service area.¹ Data for Parkview service area can be found here: <https://parkview.metop.io>



1. CDC, National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (2019-2023)

Behavioral health refers to a state of mental, emotional and social well-being or behaviors and actions that affect wellness. It also includes how people get support and treatment. Behavioral health is an overarching term that refers to mental health (well-being, mental health conditions), suicidality and substance use disorders.

Mental Health Conditions



26.4%

of adults living in Huntington County have depression, which is **higher** than both Indiana (24.4%) and the Parkview service area (24.9%).¹



15.3

is the suicide mortality rate (deaths per 100,000 residents) in Huntington County, which is **similar to** the Indiana state average (15.8) and the Parkview Health service area average (14.7).²

Substance Use Disorders



Drug Overdose Mortality

Huntington County has a rate of 29.5 drug overdose deaths (per 100,000 residents). This is **less** than the Indiana rate (36.3) but **higher** than the Parkview service area rate (25.7).²



Alcohol-Related Mortality

Huntington County's rate of alcohol-related mortality is 15.8 (per 100,000 residents). This is **higher** than the Parkview Health service area (14.6) and Indiana (13.3) rates.²

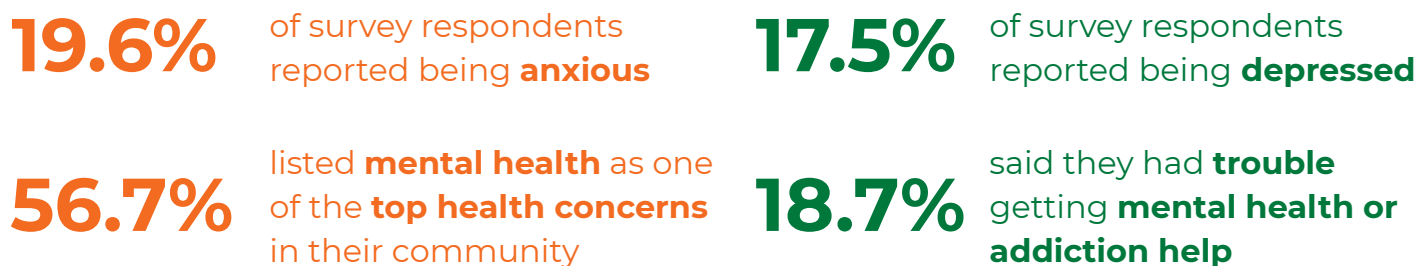
1. CDC, PLACES Project (2022)

2. CDC, National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (2019-2023)

Access to Mental Health and Addiction Services

Number of Mental Health Providers <i>(per 100,000 residents)¹</i>	211.1 Huntington	430.5 Parkview	545.0 Indiana
Number of Psychiatrists <i>(per 100,000 residents)²</i>	0 Huntington	8 Parkview	16 Indiana

CHNA Community Survey Findings³



What we heard from the community⁴

- There is **stigma** with seeking care for mental health and addiction. People often report feeling ashamed to ask for help.
- There are **not enough providers or programs** to meet the treatment and recovery needs.
- Mental health and substance use **treatment is expensive** and often not covered by insurance.
- Schools and communities need to **address the lack of understanding of mental health** through more education.
- Addressing addiction and mental health can be hard due to how **easy it is for kids and adults to get vapes, drugs and alcohol.**

1. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, National Provider Identifier Files (2025)

2. Health Resources & Services Administration, Area Health Resources Files (2025)

3. Parkview Community Health Survey - Huntington County (2024)

4. Parkview Community Forum - Huntington County (2025)

Maternal and Child Health Huntington County, IN

The health of mothers and children is important to the overall well-being of a community. This can be affected by factors such as limited access to health care, mental health issues and feeling disconnected. This data highlights the need for targeted interventions to improve infant health outcomes in Huntington County.

Low Birth Weight



8.9%

of live births are less than 5 lbs, 8 oz. in Huntington County. This is **similar to** the Parkview Health service area (8.1%) and Indiana (8.4%).¹

Prenatal Care in 1st Trimester



79.7%

of mothers-to-be received care in the first three months of pregnancy. This number is **higher** than the rate for Indiana (76.0%) and the Parkview service area (71.4%).¹

Child Abuse and Neglect

9.6



per 1,000 children are subject to child abuse and neglect.²

Smoking During Pregnancy



13.4%

of births were to mothers who smoked cigarettes during their pregnancy.¹

Infant Mortality



7.2

infant deaths - deaths of infants in the first year of life - per 1,000 live births were recorded for Huntington County.¹

What we heard from the community³

- It is **hard to find** good quality, affordable and safe childcare.
- People care for children differently across generations. Families need **more education on healthy ways to support and care for children.**
- Due to current policies and laws, **children may be returned to unsafe homes.**

1. Health Resources & Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (2020-2022)

2. Indiana Department of Child Services, Indiana University Child Abuse and Neglect Rates (2023)

3. Parkview Community Forum - Huntington County (2025)

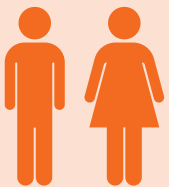
Elder health focuses on concerns like falls, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. These problems are often the biggest health challenges for older people.

16.4

deaths per 100,000 residents
are a result of a fall

36.0

deaths per 100,000 residents
are due to Alzheimer's disease



In Huntington County, women were nearly twice as likely to die from Alzheimer's as men from 2019-2023.²

In Huntington County, the rate of deaths from falls is **higher** than in the Parkview Health service area (14.3) and Indiana (8.3).¹

The rate of deaths due to Alzheimer's in Huntington County is **similar to** the Parkview Health service area rate (35.3), but **higher** than Indiana's rate (30.2).²

What we heard from the community³

Older adults are often more isolated, which can lead to feelings of loneliness.



1. CDC, National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (2022)

2. CDC, National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (2019-2023). Deaths per 100,000 residents due to Alzheimer's disease (ICD-10 code G30)

3. Parkview Community Forum - Huntington County (2025)

Infectious diseases are illnesses caused by germs like viruses and bacteria. Public health tools like prevention and vaccination are key to stopping and managing disease outbreaks.

Medicare Flu Vaccination Rate

People enrolled in Medicare who received a flu shot at any point during the year¹



45.0%

Influenza and Pneumonia Mortality

Deaths per 100,000 residents due to influenza and pneumonia²



14.2



In Huntington County, the percentage of Medicare beneficiaries who received a flu shot was **similar to** the Parkview Health service area (45.8%) but **lower** than in Indiana (47.0%). More than half of this population, which is at higher risk of dying from the flu, remains unvaccinated.¹

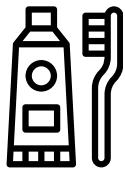
Huntington County has **more** deaths per 100,000 people from flu and pneumonia than Indiana (10.9) and the Parkview Health service area (11.6).²

1. US Health and Human Services, Vaccines & Immunizations (2023)

2. CDC, National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (2019-2023)

Oral health has a strong impact on overall health. Dental check-ups, preventive care and education help people lead healthier lives. Access to dental care is important.

Problem Getting Dental Care



15.0%

Visited Dentist in previous year



62.4%

Nearly **1 in 6** of CHNA survey respondents reported having trouble getting dental care.¹

The number of people who visited a dentist in Huntington County (62.4%)² is **similar to** the (the state of Indiana (62.8%)³ and **higher** than the Parkview Health service area (60.0%).²



1. Parkview Community Health Survey - Huntington County (2024)
 2. CDC, PLACES Project (2022)
 3. CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (2022)

Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are major public health concerns. They impact a person's physical health, emotional well-being and quality of life. Access to testing, treatment and education are key to preventing the spread of these infections.

HIV Cases¹

STI Cases¹

For every 100,000 people, there are:

89.6
HIV cases in
Huntington County



374.6
STI cases in
Huntington County

129.2
HIV cases in
**Parkview Health
service area**



671.4
STI cases in
**Parkview Health
service area**

223.0
HIV cases in
Indiana



918.6
STI cases in
Indiana

Health behaviors are actions and habits that can help or hurt a person's physical, mental and social well-being. These include diet, exercise, substance use, preventive screenings and vaccinations.

Cigarette Smoking



18.6%

No Exercise



26.3%

18.6%¹ of adults in Huntington County **smoke cigarettes**, which is **similar** to the Parkview Health service area (19.1%)¹ and **higher** than in Indiana (16.5%).² Compared to Indiana (26.5%)² and the Parkview Health service area (27.3%),¹ a **similar number** of people (26.3%)¹ **do not exercise** in Huntington County.



1. CDC, PLACES Project (2022)

2. CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (2022)

Prioritization Overview

After gathering and analyzing the data—including applying additional weighting to survey responses from individuals identified as part of vulnerable populations—the HSIR team used a structured process to pinpoint the community's most urgent health needs. This process was meant to be inclusive and data-driven, ensuring that the chosen priorities represented both community members' experiences and health trends. The process involved meetings with community stakeholders and final selection of top health needs by hospital leaders.

Community Prioritization Sessions

- Carried out between March 2025 and May 2025 for each hospital.
- Attendees were professionals who provide a wide range of services to community members from diverse backgrounds. *(See Appendix B for list of attendees.)*
- Ahead of the meeting, attendees were sent a printed scorecard with the top health needs identified for their county and related data.
- Presentation at the meeting covered data trends on the top health needs, with a focus on geographic, socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, gender and age-related disparities. *(These slides are posted on the website where you found this report.)*
- Attendees discussed the benefits and challenges to addressing the health needs.
- Attendees voted to rank the top health needs based on significance, severity, relation to social drivers of health and suitability for intervention.

Selected Health Priorities

The list of top health needs from each session and qualitative summaries from Community Forums were shared with Parkview Health - Huntington County hospital leadership in June 2025. Hospital leaders reached consensus on the final top health priorities with consideration given to resources, prevalence of the health need, impact on vulnerable populations and suitability to address the health need.

Selected Priorities for Parkview Health – Huntington County

- Access to Mental Health Care and Addiction Services
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Obesity



The following is a list of datasets used during the analysis of secondary data. All datasets were accessed via the Metopio platform. A URL for each dataset is available upon request.

1. CDC, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry - Environmental Justice Index
2. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS)
3. Health Resources & Services Administration, Area Health Resources Files (AHRF)
4. CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
5. University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings
6. Dwyer-Lindgren, Mokdad, et al. (Population Health Metrics, 2014)
7. Diabetes Atlas
8. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Economic Research Service
9. Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI Crime Data Explorer
10. Indiana Department of Child Services, Indiana University Child Abuse and Neglect Rates
11. Indiana Department of Local Government Finance
12. Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap
13. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Mapping Medicare Disparities
14. Health Resources & Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)
15. CDC, National Center for Health Statistics
16. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), National Provider Identifier Files (NPI)
17. CDC, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention; Atlas Plus
18. CDC, National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (NVSS-M)
19. CDC, National Vital Statistics System-Natality (NVSS-N)
20. Parkview Community Health Survey and Community Forums - **Huntington County**
21. CDC, PLACES Project
22. Razzaghi, Wang, et al. (MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2020)
23. State public health departments
24. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
25. United States Zip Code Database

Appendix A - Community Impact Report

This report highlights the progress and measurable outcomes of Parkview Health’s community outreach initiatives carried out between 2022 and 2024, as guided by our 2023 Implementation Strategy. Each program and service detailed herein reflects our commitment to addressing the key needs identified in the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment. The following results demonstrate our ongoing dedication to equity, access and measurable health improvements in the communities we serve. As we reflect on our progress and outcomes, we remain committed to building healthier communities through innovation, partnership and compassionate care.

Mental Health

Cancer Services for Huntington County

Reimbursement of travel and prescription expenses for cancer patients.

Highlighted Outcomes

- Decreased financial stress and therefore, decreased mental stress for individuals and their families during an already difficult period
- Client surveys included many positive comments including this one: “Just a short note to thank you for your help with auto expense to Ft. Wayne and back. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$100.00. This may help somebody else.”
- In 2022, 37 clients were served and there were 185 requests for mileage or prescription reimbursement
- In 2023, 36 clients were served and there were 209 requests for mileage or prescription reimbursement

Huntington County Council on Aging

Safe and reliable transportation for medical appointments, including those for mental health.

Highlighted Outcomes

- The number of trips provided through the public transportation program are summarized in the table below:

Program Year	Number of Trips	% of Transportation Requested in Advance Provided
2022	32,533	99.3%
2023	30,208	97.2%
2024	32,446	100%

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County

Suicide prevention programming consisted of adult Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) trainings, middle and high school student trainings and a 24/7 crisis phone line.

Highlighted Outcomes

- The outcomes in terms of increased knowledge resulting from the suicide prevention programming are summarized in the table below:

Suicide Prevention Program Outcomes Year	% of Adult Participants who Demonstrated an Increase in Knowledge	% of 7th Grade Students who Demonstrated an Increase in Knowledge	Number of Suicide Prevention Informational Cards Distributed to the Community	Number of Youth who Utilized the Community Protocol as a Result of the Crisis Phone Line (number that had a safety plan in place)
2022	90%	90%	1,042	86 (80)
2023	95%	85%	3,087	113 (99)
2024	93%	100%	1,287	75 (65)

Parkview Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington County

Each youth in grades K-12 was offered a minimum of 10 social-emotional learning sessions per year as part of an evidence-based life skills program. The director of inclusion, who is partially funded by Parkview, works with youth between sessions on adapting to their environment and using positive coping skills.

Highlighted Outcomes

- In 2022, 84 members between grades six and 12 completed an evidence-based life skills program, in comparison to 37 doing so in 2021. Eighty-eight percent stated at the completion of the program, “Most days, I am proud of the way I am living my life.”
- In 2023, students ages 5 to 8 who said they could describe their feelings increased from 32 at the program’s start to 76 by its end, out of 83 students total
- In 2024, there was a 22% decrease in club suspensions for the year
- The outcomes in terms of increased knowledge resulting from the Parkview Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington County 2024 programming are summarized in the table on the following page:

Social-emotional Program Outcomes Year	Students Aged 5-8 Winter/Spring Programming	Tweens and Teens Summer Programming	Students Aged 9-12 Fall Programming
2024	90%	67%	73%

Parkview Huntington Family YMCA

Middle school fitness memberships were offered to all youth in sixth to eighth grades. After school activities were offered and encouraged including homework help, intramural sports, social clubs, dance classes, fitness, teen leaders and youth in government. Students with behavioral issues were referred to the youth director who documented issues, proposed solutions and/or consequences.

Highlighted Outcomes

- In 2022, 55 percent of those that were awarded memberships checked in, on average, two days per week throughout the year
- In 2023, an online survey was sent to parents that indicated 99% agreed the YMCA program enhanced their child's social and emotional well-being
- The outcomes in terms of participation in the middle school fitness membership program are summarized in the table below:

Program Year	Memberships Provided as Part of Program	Participation in After-school Programming (Goal set at 10%)
2022	119	54%
2023	285	28%
2024	170	26%

Blessings in a Backpack

Provided free weekend food to elementary students who receive free or reduced lunches from the school.

Highlighted Outcomes

- The outcomes in terms of participation in the Blessings in a Backpack program are summarized in the table on the following page:

Program Year	Average Number of Students Fed Weekly	% of Teachers Who Felt the Program Improved Performance in the Classroom	% of Teachers Who Felt the Program Improved the Students' Quality of Life
2022	409	48%	95%
2023	464	48%	95%
2024	508	N/A	93%

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana

The Client Advocate Program provided clients with information, advocacy and referrals. Services included mental health counseling, support groups, health care supply distribution, durable medical equipment loans, financial assistance to help with co-pays for prescriptions and office visits, nutrition workshops and consultations with a registered dietitian, complementary care programming including massage, tai chi, yoga and meditation and education programs including disease management and caregiver support.

Highlighted Outcomes

- The number of clients served through the Client Advocate Program are summarized in the table below:

Program Year	Number of Clients Served
2022	227
2023	244
2024	235

McMillen Health

Life Skills (formerly Social and Emotional Health) is a program in which students in pre-school or second grade learn strategies to reduce the impact of stress and regulate their emotional and behavioral responses. They learn how their brain and body are connected and that while all emotions are valid, not all behaviors in response to those emotions are acceptable. Students also learn and practice a variety of self-regulation strategies to tame their "mood monsters."

Highlighted Outcomes

- 200 students participated in the Life Skills curriculum between 2022-2024
- A total of nine sessions were conducted over the three years
- Second graders in 2022 showed a 62.75% increase in knowledge. One class was surveyed in 2023 that indicated a 26% increase. Only pre-school classes participated in 2024. Pre-school children do not receive pre- and post-school tests.

Substance Use Disorder

Place of Grace

The women's residential recovery program provided community resources to assist with finding residents employment. The program also connected residents with individuals who taught classes on a variety of health and wellness topics. The program was funded in 2022 and 2023 and served a total of 50 women during this time.

Highlighted Outcomes

- One hundred percent of graduates were gainfully employed by graduation in 2022 and 2023. Fifteen women graduated during these funded years.
- One hundred percent of residents reported an increase in knowledge of community resources
- In 2022, 90% of graduates reported an increase in self-esteem because of the programming offered and 100% in 2023

McMillen Health

This preventive health education aimed to increase students' knowledge surrounding the hidden costs of smoking in a monetary sense, as well as the effects on physical health. Other topics included avoiding peer pressure through refusal skills and learning myths associated with opioids.

Highlighted Outcomes

- The outcomes in terms of participating students and knowledge changes are summarized in the table below:

Substance Use Prevention Program Year	Number of Sessions	Students Served	Knowledge Increase (Goal was set at 35%)
2022	4	100 in Grade 7	Greater than 100%*
2023	11	323 in Grades 3-5	38.63%
2024	12	276 in Grade 4	69%

* Testing is not based on a 100% scale, but on how much growth was seen. In this situation, far less than half, in most cases less than 25%, of students passed the pretest, demonstrating that McMillen Health provided new or unretained information on substance use prevention.

Child Abuse/Neglect

McMillen Health

A preventative health education session in which students learn they are the boss of their body, how to identify a trusted adult when they are inappropriately touched or bullied and how to identify abusive relationships while dating.

Highlighted Outcomes

- McMillen Health’s programming was offered, but teachers opted for their mental health or substance use prevention sessions instead

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County

On Your Way Up programming aimed to provide parents the resources needed to reduce the risk of incidences of neglect or even abuse due to the lack of appropriate safety items. Through the program families were provided car seats along with installation and safety education.

Highlighted Outcomes

- In 2022, 80% served stated they had increased safety due to their involvement with the program (was not able to be measured in 2023 and 2024)
- Social media posts pertaining to car safety were provided through 2023 and 2024
- The outcomes in terms of car seats provided through On Your Way Up are summarized in the table below:

On Your Way Up Program Outcomes Year	Number of Car Seats & Safety Education Provided
2022	12 (six additional car seat inspections were conducted without the need for a car seat)
2023	16
2024	15

Appendix B - Prioritization Participating Organizations

Prioritization session attendees represented several organizations in Huntington County.

Organization/Department	Area of Work
Blessings in a Backpack	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Bowen Health	Health Care, Mental/Behavioral Health, Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Boys and Girls Club of Huntington	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Chamber of Commerce	Government/Public Health/Safety
Community Foundation	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Department of Child Services	Government/Public Health/Safety
Edward Jones	Business
Huntington County Community Schools	Education, Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Huntington County Council on Aging	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Huntington County Health Department	Government/Public Health/Safety
Huntington County Humane Society	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service Organization, Animal Care
Huntington County Sheriff's Department	Government/Public Health/Safety
Huntington Fire Department	Government/Public Health/Safety
Huntington University	Faith/Cultural, Education

Organization/Department	Area of Work
Indiana Family Care Center	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Johnson Junction	Business
Parkview Health	Health Care
Parkview Huntington	Health Care
Parkview Huntington Hospital	Health Care, Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Place of Grace	Mental/Behavioral Health
Purdue Extension	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Sprout by 5	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
United Way of Huntington County	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
United with Love	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
Youth Service Bureau	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service
YWCA	Non-profit/Community-based/Social Service

Appendix C - Community Resources

This list highlights health care facilities and community organizations that are available to address significant health needs identified in this CHNA.

Organization Name	City	Zip Code
Access to Mental Health Care and Addiction Services		
Addiction Hotline	Huntington	46750
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	Huntington	46750
Boca Recovery Center	Huntington	46750
Covered with Love	Huntington	46750
Crossroad Counseling	Huntington	46750
Gambling Hotline	Huntington	46750
Grace & Truth Counseling	Huntington	46750
Grief Share Support Group	Huntington	46750
Harmony Home / 12 Step Life Recovery	Huntington	46750
Harmony Begins Here Group (NA)	Huntington	46750
Huntington Area Transportation (HAT)	Huntington	46750
Huntington County Community Foundation	Huntington	46750
Huntington County Drug Court	Huntington	46750
Huntington City & County Police Departments	Huntington	46750
Local Anti-Drug Coalition Efforts (LACE)	Huntington	46750
McKenzie's Hope Adult Advocacy Services	Huntington	46750
Men's Life House	Huntington	46750
New Life Ministries	Huntington	46750
Parkview Behavioral Health and Helpline	Huntington	46750

Parkview Huntington Boys & Girls Club	Huntington	46750
Place of Grace	Huntington	46750
Renovate Counseling	Huntington	46750
Remnant Ministries	Huntington	46750
Safe Huntington	Huntington	46750
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	Huntington	46750
United Way of Huntington County	Huntington	46750
Women's Life House	Huntington	46750
Youth Services Bureau (YSB)	Huntington	46750
Cancer Services of NE Indiana	Fort Wayne	46825
Friends Counseling Center	Wabash	46992
LOSS Team	Indianapolis	46202
MHANI - Online Peer Support Group	Fort Wayne	46807
Matthew 25	Fort Wayne	46802
Meridian Health Services	Fort Wayne	46805
The Mom of an Addict	Fort Wayne	46815
YWCA of Northeast Indiana	Fort Wayne	46825
Child Abuse and Neglect		
Brightpoint	Huntington	46750
Child Care Assistance	Huntington	46750
Covering Kids & Families	Huntington	46750
Focus Forward	Huntington	46750

JAG Program	Huntington	46750
Blessings in a Backpack	Huntington	46750
Parkview Huntington Boys & Girls Club	Huntington	46750
CARE Line / Parent Stress Line	Huntington	46750
Center for Nonviolence	Huntington	46807
Child Abuse Hotline	Huntington	46750
Department of Child Services	Huntington	46750
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline	Huntington	46750
Early Head Start	Huntington	46750
Head Start	Huntington	46750
Huntington County Health Department	Huntington	46750
Huntington County WIC Office	Huntington	46750
Indiana Family Care Center	Huntington	46750
Indiana Moms Helpline	Huntington	46750
Parkview Huntington Hospital	Huntington	46750
Safe Families for Children	Huntington	46750
Safe Place (Teen Crisis Line)	Huntington	46750
Sprout by 5 Early Childhood Coalition	Huntington	46750
TeenPak	Huntington	46750
Parkview Huntington YMCA	Huntington	46750
Youth Services Bureau (YSB)	Huntington	46750
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Fort Wayne	46807

Children's Special Health Care Services	Indianapolis	46204
Family Centered Services / Healthy Families Program	Bluffton	46714
Firefly Children and Family Alliance	Fort Wayne	46807
First Steps	Fort Wayne	46806
Indiana Youth Institute (IYI)	Indianapolis	46204
Iris Family Support Center	Fort Wayne	46802
Prevent Child Abuse Indiana	Indianapolis	46208
YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter	Fort Wayne	46825
Obesity and Diabetes		
Boy Scouts	Huntington	46750
Parkview Huntington Boys & Girls Club	Huntington	46750
Bread of Life Food Pantry	Warren	46792
Community Harvest Farm Wagon	Huntington	46750
First Church of the Nazarene	Huntington	46750
Girl Scouts	Huntington	46750
HARTA	Huntington	46750
Huntington County Community Schools	Huntington	46750
Huntington County Council on Aging / Senior Center	Huntington	46750
Huntington County Parks & Rec Department	Huntington	46750
Huntington County SNAP Office	Huntington	46750
Huntington Little League	Huntington	46750

Huntington University	Huntington	46750
Indiana Family Care Center	Huntington	46750
Master's Pantry	Markle	46770
Mission House Food Pantry	Huntington	46750
Mount Etna Food Pantry (Healing Waters Church)	Mount Etna	46792
New Life Community Meal Ministry	Huntington	46750
Parkview Huntington Hospital	Huntington	46750
Police Athletic League (PAL)	Huntington	46750
Purdue Extension Huntington County	Huntington	46750
Salvation Army	Huntington	46750
St. Mary's Open Door	Huntington	46750
Trinity United Methodist Church	Huntington	46750
United with Love	Huntington	46750
Parkview Huntington YMCA	Huntington	46750
Aging and In-Home Services Home Delivered Meals	Fort Wayne	46804
Housing Affordability		
Brightpoint	Huntington	46750
Huntington Area Transportation (HAT)	Huntington	46750
LaFontaine Center	Huntington	46750
Place of Grace	Huntington	46750
Harmony House	Huntington	46750

Men's Life House	Huntington	46750
Remnant Ministries	Huntington	46750
Section 8 Housing	Huntington	46750
Women's Life House	Huntington	46750
YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter	Fort Wayne	46825
Cancers		
Covering Kids and Families (Brightpoint)	Huntington	46750
Huntington County Health Department	Huntington	46750
Huntington County Cancer Service	Huntington	46750
Parkview Huntington Hospital	Huntington	46750
Grief Share Support Group	Huntington	46750
Cancer Services of NE Indiana	Fort Wayne	46825
Children's Special Health Care Services	Indianapolis	46204
Matthew 25	Fort Wayne	46802
Stillwater Hospice	Fort Wayne	46814
NHANI	Fort Wayne	46805
Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center (Stillwater Hospice)	Fort Wayne	46814

Additional resources for a broad range of assistance:

Findhelp.org is an online tool that connects people to support, including financial assistance, food pantries, medical care and other free or reduced-cost help.

<https://www.findhelp.org/>

211 is a free and confidential service that helps people find local resources like food, housing, health care and job support by calling or texting 211.

<https://www.211.org/>