

# **CHIP Talking Points**

## ➤ What is a Community Health Improvement Plan?

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a blueprint for improving the health and health-related systems of our community.

### > How was it developed?

The CHIP was informed by the Community Health Assessment (CHA) which involved public input and data analysis to identify the major health-related needs of our community. This included a series of surveys, focus groups, community meetings, and a review of local, regional, state and national statistics.

#### > Who was involved?

The year-long process involved leaders and community members from multiple sectors including health care, social services, education, public safety, and more.

# > Why does it matter?

The goal is to improve the behavioral, physical, and social health and overall well-being of our community. Connecting, coordinating, and working together around common goals helps strengthen the programs, services, and resources that create a community healthy.

### > What are the top priorities the community selected?

- 1) Behavioral Health (mental health and substance use)
- 2) Housing for All
- 3) Parenting Support & Life Skills