

# 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment

## Overview

The 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) was performed in collaboration between F.W. Huston Medical Center (FWH) and the Jefferson County Health Department (JCHD). The entire area of Jefferson County was included in the community as defined by the CHNA. Information for the CHNA was obtained primarily through a 33-question survey available online via SurveyMonkey and in printed paper survey format from August 2022 through mid-November 2022.

The survey had 86 respondents with 76 completing online and 10 via paper form. Respondents ranged in age from 18 to over 65 years. All towns in Jefferson County were represented except for Grantville. Eighty-four percent of respondents were female and 96.51% were Not Hispanic/Latino. The survey approached concerns from both the personal and community-wide level; therefore, respondents reported both concerns specific to their households and perceived concerns for the community at large.

## Results

The following show the top four concerns identified for the four different age categories:

### Q26: Top Concerns for Young Children (Birth-to-5 years):

Concern	Number of Respondents (71)	% of Respondents
Access to Affordable Childcare	44	61.97 %
Inadequate Amount of Healthy Food Available	28	39.44%
Overweight/Obesity	25	35.21%
Lack of Access to Preschool Programs	25	35.21%

### Q27: Top Concerns for School Aged Children/Adolescents (6 years – 18 years):

Concern	Number of Respondents (76)	% of Respondents
Bullying	50	65.79%
Lack of safe activities within the community for kids/teens outside of school	43	56.58%
Affordability of Healthy Food	42	55.26%
Suicide	35	46.05%

**Q28: Top Concerns for Young to Middle Adulthood (18 years – 64 years):**

Concern	Number of Respondents (73)	% of Respondents
Depression	57	78.08%
Anxiety	55	75.34%
Affordability of Healthy Foods	43	58.90%
Lack of Employment Opportunities	42	57.53%

**Q29: Top Concerns for Older Adulthood (65+ years):**

Concern	Number of Respondents (77)	% of Respondents
Social Isolation	58	75.32%
Lack of Transportation	53	68.83%
Affordability of Healthy Foods	53	68.83%
Depression	48	62.34%

Based upon the data, areas in which FWH is not equipped to assist in addressing include:

- Access to Affordable Childcare
- Lack of Access to Preschool Programs
- Bullying
- Lack of safe activities within the community for kids/teens outside of school
- Lack of employment opportunities

Priorities for FWH Improvement Plan are:

- Availability/affordability of Healthy Food
- Suicide
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Social Isolation
- Overweight/Obesity
- Lack of transportation

**Plan**

An Improvement Plan and Implementation Strategy specific to FWH based upon the CHNA will be developed in conjunction with FWH leadership and approved by the Board of Directors and made widely available to the residents of Jefferson County on or before May 31, 2023.