



Wayne HealthCare
COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT
2013

In 2011 Wayne Healthcare participated in the BRFSS survey to assess the health needs of the residents of Darke County, Ohio. In January of 2012 Wayne Healthcare representatives joined other Darke County community leaders to form three task forces to identify critical health priorities. As detailed in the Darke County Community Health Plan 2012, the task forces selected five areas of health needs as priorities to focus on as detailed below:

1. Nutrition and Physical Activity

- Changing residents' mindsets towards physical activity and nutrition

2. Preventive Health

- Increasing awareness and utilization of dental services
- Increasing awareness and utilization of mental health services

3. Youth Health and Well-Being

- Educating school staff about mental health policies and procedures
- Reducing STD rates among youth

Wayne Healthcare was designated as the Lead Agent for Task Force 1 – Nutrition and Physical Activity – and challenged to develop and implement solutions relating to priority 1 (Changing residents' mindsets towards physical activity and nutrition.) The goal is to institute practices within Wayne Healthcare and other local health agencies that will promote improved attitudes towards living healthy lifestyles.