



Wayne HealthCare Community Health Needs Assessment Addendum - 2024



This addendum supplements the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) 2024 Regional Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). It provides Wayne HealthCare's hospital-specific prioritization, local resources, and evaluation of impact required under Treasury Regulation § 1.501(r)-3(b)(6)(i)(A)–(F). While the regional CHNA provides valuable insight into the broader health needs affecting the GDAHA service area, this addendum clarifies and highlights Wayne HealthCare's unique community profile, strategic priorities, and targeted actions undertaken to address the health needs of the population we serve in Darke County and surrounding communities.

IDENTIFYING & PRIORITIZING NEEDS

Wayne HealthCare conducted its own prioritization process to determine which community health needs identified in the Regional CHNA are most significant for the hospital's service area. Although Wayne HealthCare participated in the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) regional collaborative process, the hospital developed an internal approach to ensure that the prioritization reflects the specific needs of Darke County residents.

PROCESS OVERVIEW

Following completion of the Regional CHNA, Wayne HealthCare leadership, clinical staff, and community partners reviewed the regional findings and relevant Darke County data. The hospital convened internal meetings to discuss local needs, review quantitative indicators, and incorporate qualitative input from staff, patients, and community stakeholders. This process was designed to ensure that the prioritized needs align with both the data and the hospital's mission to provide high-quality, accessible care close to home.

PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

Each identified need was evaluated using the following criteria:

Magnitude and Severity – The number of individuals affected and the degree to which the issue contributes to illness, mortality, or reduced quality of life.

Health Disparities and Equity Impact – The extent to which vulnerable or underserved populations are disproportionately affected.

Feasibility and Resource Availability – The ability of Wayne HealthCare and partners to address the issue based on existing or potential resources.

Alignment with Mission and Strategic Goals – The connection between the need and Wayne HealthCare's mission and core service strengths.

Community Input and Partnership Opportunities – The level of concern expressed by the community and the opportunity for collaborative action.

Potential for Measurable Impact – The likelihood that interventions will result in measurable, sustainable improvement in community health outcomes.

RESULTS OF PRIORITIZATION

Wayne HealthCare's leadership team applied the above criteria to assess all identified needs. Through facilitated discussion and consensus, three key priorities emerged as the most significant and actionable within the hospital's service area.

PRIORITIZED LIST OF SIGNIFICANT HEALTH NEEDS

Cardiovascular Care and Heart Health

Heart disease remains one of the leading causes of death in Darke County. Wayne HealthCare will focus on prevention,

education, and improved access to cardiology services through expanded partnerships and youth prevention initiatives.

Women's Health

Access to preventive and maternal health services is a critical issue in rural Ohio. Wayne HealthCare will continue to expand women's health resources, community education, and preventive screenings to promote wellness across all life stages.

Strategic Partnerships and Access to Care

To address local barriers to care, Wayne HealthCare will strengthen partnerships with schools, employers, and community organizations. These collaborations will enhance prevention, wellness, and health education efforts throughout Darke County.

CONCLUSION

These three priorities represent the most significant health needs for Wayne HealthCare's community as identified through both regional data and local engagement. They align with the broader Regional CHNA findings while ensuring that Wayne HealthCare's efforts directly address the unique needs of Darke County. The accompanying 2025–2027 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) outlines the specific strategies, goals, and evaluation measures that will guide implementation of these priorities.

RESOURCES TO ADDRESS NEED

The following identifies resources specific to the three health priorities selected by Wayne HealthCare.

CARDIOVASCULAR CARE AND HEART HEALTH

- Wayne HealthCare Wellness Center - Offers programs to improve the health and quality of life for individuals with cardiovascular, pulmonary and peripheral vascular disease.
- Wayne HealthCare Cardiovascular Center - Offers cardiovascular prevention counseling, screenings, diagnostic exams, and chronic management.
- Reid Hospital & Health Care Services and Bethel Cardiology – Provide advanced cardiac specialty care and diagnostics, accessible for regional referrals.
- Comprehensive Health Network – Offers disease management, preventive care, and home health services.

MATERNAL AND WOMEN'S HEALTH

- Wayne HealthCare OB/GYN Services – Expanding access to women's health through prenatal, postpartum, and gynecologic care with additional providers added in 2023.
- Family Health, Inc. – Offers obstetrics and gynecology care as part of its comprehensive primary care network.
- Premier Health Women's Centers – Regional partners for high-risk maternal care and obstetrics.
- Dayton Children's Hospital – Regional partner for neonatal intensive care unit.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCESS TO CARE

- Wayne HealthCare – 835 Sweitzer St., Greenville, OH – Full-service Critical Access Hospital providing emergency, inpatient, surgical, rehabilitation, and specialty care.
- Family Health, Inc. – Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing comprehensive primary care, behavioral health, dental, and pharmacy services for residents regardless of ability to pay.

- Orthopedic Associates of Southwest Ohio – Specialty orthopedics and rehabilitation services supporting arthritis and mobility-related conditions. Orthopedic Center of Excellence Joint Venture opened in 2024.
- HealthLink – 742 Sweitzer St., Greenville, OH – Assists patients with medication, preventive health resources, and referrals for uninsured and underinsured individuals.
- Premier Health and Kettering Health Network – Regional systems providing specialty consultations, imaging, and telehealth access to support Darke County residents.
- Wright State University Rural Family Medicine – Rural Training Pathway with 1-2 resident rotations in second and third years in Greenville beginning mid-year 2024.

EVALUATION OF IMPACT

Wayne HealthCare's Evaluation of the Impact of Actions Taken Since the Prior CHNA

Wayne HealthCare selected three top priorities after reviewing the 2021 Regional CHNA results and stakeholder criteria: (1) Chronic Disease, (2) Health Behavior Modification, and (3) Access to Care/Services. Strategies included evidence-based lifestyle programs (LifeSteps®, Apron Strings Kitchen Academy, Walk 'N Talks) and provider recruitment and outreach to close access gaps.

Priority 1: Chronic Disease

Intended approach (CHIP): deliver lifestyle and disease-management programs to reduce risks for diabetes, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, and respiratory illness (e.g., LifeSteps®, Apron Strings, group education + clinical exercise).

Actions & results (2022–2024):

- Bob Menke Heartwise Initiative – In partnership with Menke Family and Midmark Corporation – promotion of heart health by offering discounted vascular screenings to help detect and prevent cardiovascular issues.
- Ongoing disease management & prevention programs: Diabetes Wellness, Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Rehab, Clinical Exercise, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Stepping On - 2023 (falls).
- LSVT Big program (2023) providing intensive physical and occupational therapy program for individuals with Parkinson's disease and neurological conditions.
- Orthopedic Center of Excellence (2024) opened, complementing rehab for arthritis/functional outcomes; 2,500+ Mako-assisted joint procedures since 2018 support mobility and recovery.

Impact summary: Expanded programming and financial support increased disease-specific services (cardiac, pulmonary, diabetes, arthritis, Parkinson's) and functional outcomes (orthopedics + rehab), consistent with the CHIP prevention/management intent.

Priority 2: Health Behavior Modification

Intended approach (CHIP): LifeSteps® weight management; Apron Strings Kitchen Academy nutrition/cooking; Walk 'N Talks to meet people where they are and build activity habits.

Actions & results (2022–2024):

- Continued delivery of LifeSteps® and Apron Strings (free series), Clinical Exercise, Workplace Wellness, and Healthy Moments community education.

- Student Mental Health “You Matter” campaign (2022) to promote help-seeking and wellness among youth.

Impact summary: Wayne sustained and broadened low- or no-cost programs that convert education to behavior change (healthy eating, activity, fall prevention) with targeted youth wellness messaging—aligned to the CHIP’s behavioral focus.

Priority 3: Access to Care/Services

Intended approach (CHIP): reduce access barriers via provider recruitment (e.g., cardiology/urology) and outreach; expand points of care and coordination.

Actions & results (2022–2024):

- First hospital-owned cardiology practice (2023) launched; added an advanced practice provider—expanding local specialty access.
- EPIC (Epic Community Connect) go-live & MyChart (2023) improved care coordination, information sharing, and patient self-service access across sites.
- Critical Access Hospital designation (2024): strengthens financial stability and preserves local access (e.g., 24/7 ED), explicitly reducing travel burden for rural residents.
- OB/GYN capacity increased with new providers (2023) to support maternal/women’s health access.
- Family Medicine Rural Residency partnership to help with recruiting and sustainability of rural physician workforce.
- Employer Direct Care (2022) launched; a new care model delivering exceptional healthcare, convenient access, at a lower cost to employers.
- Workplace Wellness (2024) delivered customized employer-based health and wellness screenings, education, and assessments designed to improve employee productivity, reduce preventable health risks and promote sustainable lifestyle behaviors.
- Patient Transportation and Assistance Program (2022): Greenville Transit and Spirit Emergency Medical Services care coordination partnerships providing transportation for people in need.

Impact summary: Wayne materially reduced access frictions through local specialty growth (cardiology, OB/GYN), interoperable records and patient portals, and designation changes (CAH) that sustain and protect essential services in-county.

ONGOING COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY HEALTH

Wayne HealthCare remains deeply committed to serving the residents of Darke County by advancing equitable access to high-quality healthcare, promoting prevention and wellness, and collaborating with community partners to address the most pressing health priorities. This addendum demonstrates our ongoing fulfillment of federal community benefit requirements and reflects our continued transparency in reporting needs, priorities, resources, and measurable progress. As we move forward with implementation of the 2025–2027 Community Health Improvement Plan, Wayne HealthCare will continue to monitor outcomes, engage stakeholders, and refine strategies to ensure meaningful impact on the health and well-being of our community. We are grateful for the support of our partners and the trust placed in us, and we remain dedicated to improving the health of our region—today and for generations to come.