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Auburn Community Hospital & Cayuga County Health Department 2019-2021 Community Health Needs Assessment

The Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) covering three years (2019-2021) is a comprehensive assessment and analysis completed by Auburn Community Hospital (ACH), Cayuga County Health Department (CCHD), key community stakeholders and residents of Cayuga County. This collaborative partnership process demonstrates ACH's current and future commitment, both clinically and financially, to improve the community's health status by fulfilling its mission to provide compassionate, quality care and improve the health of the community. "We believe this Health Needs Assessment is critical to get a sense of the health issues our community faces and to develop priorities for healthcare in our community," stated Scott A. Berlucchi, CEO, Auburn Community Hospital.

The health of the community is defined by the mental, physical, social, and spiritual well-being of its residents. Understanding how different determinants affect health and finding ways to improve upon them is crucial in promoting and sustaining health within a community. The CHNA, which is guided by community input, serves as a systematic tool in the approach to retrieving, examining, and using data to identify the key health priorities within the community. This CHNA report serves as the foundation for improving health, wellness and the quality of life for residents in Cayuga County. The primary research was conducted by RMS Healthcare, a division of Research & Marketing Strategies, Inc. (RMS Healthcare).

Kathleen Cuddy, Public Health Director for Cayuga County Health Department says, "The steps we took over the last year to engage with our community provides us with a better understanding of the issues our family members, coworkers and neighbors are facing. We heard from over 800 Cayuga County residents that completed our survey, conducted interviews with key stakeholders and reviewed health statistics and data. We have learned more about the local community factors that influence the health status of an individual. Looking at those factors such as education, poverty, transportation and housing helps us better understand our community and provides insight into the work we need to do to address needs and work towards positive health outcomes."

The issues brought to light in this assessment and plan represent the culmination of community collaboration to improve the environment in which residents reside and where services are provided. According to the assessment, there is recognition that the healthcare needs in the region continue to change; however, some common need themes remain consistent from our previous CHA and reflect the need for continued focus on specific health needs.

Both Auburn Community Hospital and Cayuga County Health Department have developed a Community Health Improvement Plan that will focus on two priority areas; preventing chronic diseases and promoting healthy women, infants and children with emphasis on oral/dental health.

To read the entire report and its findings you can go to:

<https://auburnhospital.org/about-us/>

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