

## Hawaii Hospitals Community Health Needs Assessment

The 2013 Hawaii Hospitals Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) reports were developed through a collaborative process and provide an overview of community health needs in Hawaii. The goals of these reports are to offer a meaningful understanding of the health needs in the islands for community stakeholders and to provide the foundation for the hospitals in their community benefit planning efforts and development of implementation strategies to address prioritized needs. Special attention has been given to identify health disparities, the needs of vulnerable populations, and unmet health needs or gaps in services.

### What

Hawaii stands out in that all of its community hospitals and hospital systems joined efforts to fulfill new requirements for charitable hospitals under the Affordable Care Act.

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010) created IRS Code Section 501(r)
- All 501(c)3 hospitals and government hospitals with an IRS Determinate (c)3 letter must fulfill this requirement.

### When

- **This is the first year** that charitable hospitals nationwide are required to submit a CHNA and implementation strategy.
- Must be conducted at least once every three years (i.e., every third taxable year)

### Who

Hawaii is **one of only two states** that conducted a statewide CHNA with all its hospitals.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) led this collaboration to conduct state- and county-wide assessments for its members.

- All hospitals (26 of 28) except for Tripler Army Medical Center and the Hawaii State Hospital participated
- Lead consultant – [Healthy Communities Institute](#)
- Key informant interviews – [Storyline Consulting](#)
- Community resources listing and partner support – [Hawaii State Department of Health](#)
- Hospitalization rates data – [Hawaii Health Information Corporation \(HHIC\)](#)
- Advisory committee – hospitals and other community health stakeholders

### How

- Review of Secondary Data: demographics, core indicators, hospitalization
- Primary Data Collection: key informant interviews, online community survey
- Identified community health priorities
- Hospitals develop implementation strategies to address community health needs with community partners