Resources to Guide You

The following link you to resources that may guide you through the process of designing your organizations health needs assessment. These are some of the most widely used resources and will provide you with knowledge, tools, and examples.

Health Needs Assessment a Practical Guide

https://www.urbanreproductivehealth.org/sites/mle/files/ Health Needs Assessment A Practical Guide.pdf

Community Toolbox: Chapter 3 – Assessing Community Needs and Resources & Related Toolkit http://ctb.ku.edu/en/assessing-community-needs-and-resources

Guidelines for Conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment

http://nnphi.org/CMSuploads/ GuidelinesForConductingACommunityHealthNeedsAssessment CHAandCADH 201303.pdf

Community Commons: Data, Tools and Stories to Improve Communities and Inspire Change http://www.communitycommons.org/

CDC Healthier Worksite Initiative: Needs Assessment

http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/hwi/programdesign/needsassessment.htm http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/hwi/downloads/Steps2Wellness_step2.pdf

National Association of Community Health Centers' Community Needs Assessment and Data-Supported

Decision Making: Keys to Building Responsive and Effective Health Centers

http://www.nachc.com/client/documents/2012%20Data%20Supported%20Decision%20Making.pdf

For more help contact:

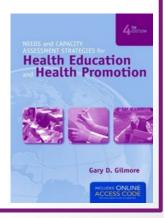
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Needs and Capacity Assessment Strategies for Health Education and Health Promotion

http://www.jblearning.com/catalog/9781449646448/



Dr. Jennings' Guide to Designing Your Organizations Health Needs Assessment

No matter what type of organization you work for, the process for assessing the health needs of your community or the communities you serve is the same. Follow these eight steps and tips for success.

8 Steps for Success

8. Learn, adapt, and improve

1. Determine what you are assessing and why



6. Validate

the needs

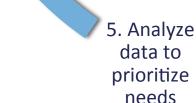
8 Tips for Success

- 1. Don't reinvent the wheel
- 2. Focus on the strengths
- 3. Embrace empowerment
- 4. Be flexible and don't rush it
- 5. Let go of the need to know it all
- 6. Gain support at all levels
- 7. Be aware of your biases
- 8. Pilot everything

2. Mobilize people to help you



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5. Gather primary and secondary data

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