

# Executive Summary: North Douglas County Regional Health Services Survey

Beginning in August 2016, Phase 2 of the North Douglas County (NDC) Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) built on work completed in the Phase 1 planning process, and engaged the communities of Drain, Elkton, and Yoncalla, Oregon in the development and administration of a regional health services survey. The purpose of the survey was to learn from families with children ages 0-8 in the NDC region in order to:

- **Identify service needs** across a range of health service types, e.g., dental care, immunizations, prenatal care, well-child care, primary care, and mental health;
- **Identify barriers** to access;
- **Prioritize the programs and resources** families most need to be able to support their and their children's health;
- **Learn about preferred ways** families would like to access these services; and
- **Recommend strategies** to address the prioritized issues, needs, and barriers that emerge from the survey findings.

## Who participated in Phase 2?

20 community members/stakeholders, including 9 local parents/caregivers who participated in 4 Steering Committee meetings

3 community members, 1 each in Drain, Elkton, and Yoncalla, who did community outreach directly with other families, and coordinated with schools and other service providers, to distribute and collect surveys

129 survey respondents who participated in the regional health services survey

5 members of the convening team, which included 2 Portland State University staff and 3 Children's Institute staff

## What did we learn?

The high priority issues and recommendations identified by the Steering Committee through their interpretation of results are to:

- **Expand health, dental, and mental health services access** through the provision of services locally in the NDC region, supports to encourage and complete insurance enrollment, awareness-raising among providers and families about available services, and by building the capacity of community members to deliver and refer to services.
- **Improve housing security** by working with local government and community organizations to increase the availability and safety of affordable housing.
- **Address food security** through backyard and community gardens, food sharing programs, cooking classes and community meals, and increased SNAP and WIC enrollment.
- **Strengthen parenting and family supports** through parent/caregiver engagement and leadership development, raising awareness of parenting support programs and services, expanding breastfeeding supports, and exploring options to support job training programs.

***Thank you to everyone who participated  
in the NDC CHNA!***

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