

2021

# COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Eight-County Service Area

## KidBits of information from 2021 Community-wide Children's Health Assessment & Planning Survey (CCHAPS)

From parents and caregivers of children ages 0-17

General health and access

### 8 in 10 children

have 'excellent' or 'very good' health.



### 9 in 10 children

were covered by some kind of health insurance or health plan all consecutive 12 months prior to completing the survey.

### Top reasons

why children were **not able** to obtain necessary health services (medical, dental, mental health):

- COVID-19 pandemic.
- Insurance didn't cover some or all medical, dental or mental health care services.
- Services were not available in my area.

Many children went **WITHOUT** necessary care:



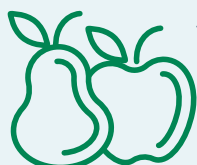
**137,100 children** weren't able to get needed medical care.



**Over 180,000** weren't able to get needed dental care.



**63,120** weren't able to get needed mental health care.



## 55,750 children

were living in households that 'sometimes' or 'often' **could not afford** enough to eat.

COVID-19

## Half of all children ages 6-17

living in our eight-county region **have a caregiver who is concerned** that the COVID-19 pandemic will have a **negative impact** on both their education and mental health, respectively.



From parents and caregivers of children ages 3-5

Parent coping and education



**57%** of children ages 3-5 have a caregiver who is coping 'very well' with daily parenting demands (**lower** than the national percentage of 63%).



**70%** of children ages 3-5 are ready for school according to their caregiver, which is **slightly lower** than the national percentage (75%).

From parents and caregivers of children ages 6-17

Education



**50%**

of children ages 6-17 'always' care about doing well in school, which is slightly lower than national percentage of 61%.

Mental health



Caregivers of children ages 6-17 reported that **19%** of children have been told they have anxiety and **10%** have been told they have depression by a health care provider. This is slightly higher than the national percentages, which are 13% and 6% respectively.

Parent coping



**51%**

of children ages 6-17 have a caregiver who is coping 'very well' with daily parenting demands (**lower** than national percentage of 61%).



The survey asked parents and community leaders for the **top three most-needed health services** for children and the groups' answers varied:

From parents:

1. Preventive health care
2. Treatment for short term illnesses (cold or flu)
3. Immunizations (vaccines)

From community leaders:

1. Mental health care or counseling
2. Child abuse and neglect
3. Preventive health care