

Community Assessment Plan

Understanding the Community

The Community Toolbox describes intricate concepts such as community assessment plans and their goals. This resource explores how the evidence-based public health (EBPH) approach is applied in the design and execution of a community assessment plan. Review two sections of this resource by clicking the following links:

- [Developing a Plan for Assessing Local Needs and Resources](#)
- [Understanding and Describing the Community](#)

These resources explore the ways to develop a plan for assessing the need and resources of a community by explaining the following:

- What is meant by needs and resources?
- Why develop a plan for assessing local needs and resources?
- Who should be involved in developing a plan for assessing local needs and resources?
- When should needs and assets be identified?
- How do you develop a plan for assessing local needs and resources?

They also explain ways to understand and describe the community, which will help in developing a plan for assessing the needs and resources of a community. In understanding and describing a community, the following components should be addressed:

- What is a community?
- What do we mean by understanding and describing the community?
- Why make the effort to understand and describe your community?
- Whom should you contact to gather information?
- How do you go about understanding and describing the community?

Answers to the above questions will vary from community to community, and due consideration must be given to each question. These answers will help the public health practitioners to become familiar with the environment and its constituents. This understanding will be very reassuring later on in the execution of any chosen intervention or program.

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