



FACT SHEET

Maricopa County

Community Health Improvement Plan 2012-2017

HISTORY

In 2011, a Community Advisory Board and Community Team guided staff from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) to conduct a Community Health Assessment and determine public health priorities for Maricopa County. This comprehensive 18-month process and data analysis involved more than 1,000 residents, health professionals, and community partners. Five public health issues rose to the top as the most critical: Obesity; Diabetes; Lung Cancer; Cardiovascular Disease; and Access to Health Care. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is the community-wide action plan for addressing these priority health issues in Maricopa County over the next five years.

PURPOSE

The CHIP identifies areas where we can have the largest impact on improving the quality of life for all Maricopa County residents, particularly the most vulnerable in our community, by reducing preventable illness and death. The CHIP will be updated annually and revised every five years based on a community health needs assessment.

The CHIP is a community-driven action plan to impact **real-time, critical health issues** where we live, where we work, where we learn, and where we seek care.

VISION

Empowered communities working together to reach optimal health and quality of life for all.

VALUES

- ❖ **Diversity** – Understanding, respecting, celebrating, and welcoming all people regardless of ethnicity, income, gender, age, heritage, or lifestyle
- ❖ **Health Equity** – Optimizing health conditions for all groups, especially for those who have experienced socioeconomic disadvantages or historical injustices
- ❖ **Collaboration** – Networked communities working together with mutual respect and cooperation
- ❖ **Access** – Providing quality, comprehensive healthcare, and community services that are navigable, accessible, and affordable to all community members
- ❖ **Education** – Providing tools, encouragement, and knowledge to all people so that they can make positive, informed decisions resulting in healthy lifestyles and positive health outcomes

PARTICIPANTS

The CHA/CHIP is guided under the leadership of Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) as well as a broad, community-level partnership. Partners are aligned along four community sectors: *Where We Live (Community)*, *Where We Work (Worksites)*, *Where We Learn (Education)*, and *Where We Seek Care (Healthcare)*. This prevention framework follows the [Arizona Chronic Disease Strategic Plan](#) and the [National Prevention Strategy](#). For more information, visit www.hipmc.org or contact hipmc@mail.maricopa.gov.