VERMILION COUNTY
COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN
2021-2023
The Vermilion County Health Department, as a certified local health department for Vermilion County, Illinois, is charged with assessing the health and well-being of our community. This is accomplished by retrieving and presenting relevant data, seeking community input, generating dialogue, and identifying existing and needed resources that lead to the development of strategies with measurable outcomes.

An Executive Committee was formed several years ago to meet the state assessment requirements of the county health departments, hospitals, and mental health boards. This joint assessment is completed every three (3) years to accommodate the requirements of both the Hospitals and Mental Health boards.

The Executive Committee consists of members from OSF Healthcare, Carle, United Way of Danville Area, the Vermilion County 708 Mental Health Board, and the Vermilion County Health Department along with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District and United Way of Champaign County.

The 2021-2023 Vermilion County Community Health Plan was accomplished with direct contribution from the Vermilion County Health Department, the Executive Committee, the Regional Community Health Plan Coordinator, and other agencies and organizations along with direct input from over 1,100 county residents via a community survey. Development of this plan was truly a collaborative effort.
The Executive Committee used the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership (MAPP) model. This community-based model necessitates community engagement at all levels to conduct the Vermilion County Community Health Assessment.

The MAPP process was used to assess the current health status of the community, identify its needs, and create a comprehensive plan to improve the health of Vermilion County residents by acquiring input from residents and community stakeholders.

The MAPP process is composed of four assessments. Community leaders met multiple times to participate in the assessment and review the results of the survey and community health data. Priorities and goals are being developed for the 2021-2023 Community Health Improvement Plan.

Striving to provide effective, quality health services that will enable Vermilion County to reach its full health potential through collaborations, assessments, and leadership.
Health Priorities

1. Behavioral Health
2. Violence
3. Income/poverty

Behavioral Health
Increase capacity and access to care, support Mental Health First Aid trainings, promote education and training on mental and behavioral health to reduce stigma and provide targeted prevention programs.

Violence
Promote community-police relations, reduce community violence through partnership, and establish violence interruption program.

Income/Poverty
Promote post graduate paths to high school students, increase awareness of assistance programs and decrease food insecurity.
SOcioeconomic Data

Unemployment
Vermilion County’s unemployment rate of 6.9% is lower than the State of Illinois’ rate of 7.1%, but higher than the surrounding Counties (BLS, March 2021).

Child Poverty
Vermilion County’s child poverty rate (percentage of people under age 18 in poverty) of 30% is higher than the State of Illinois’ rate of 16%.

Disability
Vermilion County’s disability rate (percentage of people under age 65 with a disability) of 10.4% is higher than the State of Illinois’ rate of 7.2%.

Social Determinants of Health Data

Free & Reduced Lunches
More than 61% of children in Vermilion County are eligible to receive free or reduced cost lunches, up 3% from 2017-2018.

SNAP
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
More than 16% of Vermilion County households receive SNAP benefits, higher than the state (13%) and national (12%) average.

Medicaid
At 29%, the percentage of insured population receiving Medicaid in Vermilion County is much higher than Illinois (21%) & United States (22%).

Behavioral Risk Factors Data

Obesity
32% of Vermilion County Adults reported they were physically inactive. This is higher than the State of Illinois’ percentage of 22%.

Overdose
Non-Fatal Overdose Rate: 22.47 (highest in IL)
Fatal Overdose Rate: 2.34 (Crude rate for IL was 2.35)

*Overdose rate* is the rate of opioid overdose per 10,000
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DATA

14.7% of Vermilion County residents did not have access to a reliable source of food during the past year (Illinois at 10.9% and United States at 12.6%).

Vermilion County’s Grocery Store Rate (number of grocery stores per 10,000 population) decreased from 2.45 to 1.72 from 2016 to 2017 (Grocery Store Rate for Illinois and the United States is 2.1).

MENTAL HEALTH DATA

At 4.3 days, the average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days by Vermilion County residents was higher than the State (3.8) and national (3.4) average.

The number of suicides in Vermilion County has increased by 58% from 2012 to 2019.

Source: Vermilion County Coroner’s Report
1,153 surveys (about 1.5% of the Vermilion County Population) were collected either online through Survey Monkey or through a hard copy of the survey.

- North County: 11.9%
- South County: 24.8%
- Danville: 58.4%
- All Other Areas: 5%

Male: 22%
Female: 78%

Participants aged 25-64 contribute to roughly 82% of the data collected.

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# Top 5 Strengths of Vermilion County

Source: Community Assessment Survey Question Responses

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**Top 5 Concerns in Vermilion County**

Source: Community Assessment Survey Question Responses

- **Income/Poverty**: 59.4%
- **Alcohol/Drug Abuse/Treatment**: 53.4%
- **Firearm-related Injuries**: 36.6%
- **Mental Health Disorders (depression, anxiety)**: 34.6%
- **Access to Employment**: 34.5%
HEALTH STATEMENTS OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Exercise for 30 minutes at least 3 times per week
- Always: 44.8%
- Sometimes: 45.8%
- Never: 9.4%

Smoke or chew tobacco products
- Always: 12%
- Sometimes: 10.5%
- Never: 77.5%

Drink more than 1 sugary beverage per day
- Always: 24.6%
- Sometimes: 38%
- Never: 37.5%

Feel safe in the community
- Always: 36%
- Sometimes: 52.6%
- Never: 11.3%
HEALTH STATEMENTS OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Alcoholism is a disease which should be treated like other medical conditions

Don't know: 13.5%  
Disagree: 13%  
Agree: 73.6%

Sought professional help from whom for a personal or emotional problem?

Other: 11%  
Clergy: 11%  
Social Worker: 10%  
Psychologist: 11%  
Psychiatrist: 18%  
Counselor: 41%  
Family Doctor: 43%

Don't feel the need to see a doctor: 39%  
No Health Ins./High Cost: 28%  
I don't have a doctor: 23%  
Don't have time: 20%  
Fear / discomfort: 11%  
No transportation: 7%

Reason for not having a physical exam in the past 2 yrs.

Don't know: 6.8%  
Disagree: 1.3%  
Agree: 92%

Children's mental health is essential to health, academic success, and well-being
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Improve behavioral health for the residents of Vermilion County by expanding access to prevention, intervention, and treatment services.

1. Increase awareness and reduce stigma
   - **5%** Increase by 2023

2. Increase (knowledge of) behavioral services
   - **5%** Increase by 2023

3. Support Mental Health First Aid Trainings
   - **1,500** Increase number of people trained by 2023
VIOLENCE: GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Decrease gun violence, domestic violence, and child/elder abuse and neglect in community.

1. Establish a community coalition against violence
   Establish by Fall 2021

2. Create website or page that provides community resources against violence

3. Establish a baseline by collecting data on truancy rates, domestic calls, & hospital visits
   Create baseline by 2021
INCOME/ POVERTY: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Reduce the number of families living in poverty by 2% by 2023.

1. Increase high school graduation rate
   2% Increase by 2023

2. Decrease number of families who have food insecurity in Vermilion County
   40% Decrease by 2023

3. Increase awareness of community resources that offer assistance
   5% Increase by 2023
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Aunt Martha's
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Carle Foundation Hospital
CCRS
CRIS Health Aging Center
District #118
ECI-CAA
Hoopeston CUSD #11
Housing Authority of the City of Danville
iGrow
McDonald's
OSF Healthcare
OSF Healthcare – Faith in Action
Rosecrance

Step Up
Survivor Resource Center
United Way of Danville Area
University of Illinois Extension
VA Illiana
Vermilion Advantage
Vermilion County Health Department
Vermilion County Mental Health Board
Vermilion County Regional Office of Education
Veteran’s Affairs
Westville Schools
Women's Care Clinic
WorkSource
RESOURCES

To access a complete copy of the Vermilion County Community Health Plan (IPLAN), please visit:
www.vchd.org

For additional data about Vermilion County, please visit:
www.countyhealthrankings.org
http://www.dph.illinois.gov/data-statistics

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