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INTRODUCTION

OUR MISSION

The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) strives to protect and improve the health and well-being of individuals, families, and our community by preventing disease, reducing injury, supporting healthy lifestyles, reducing barriers to health, and creating the conditions that allow all people in our community to thrive.

OUR VISION

Albany County will be a community where every person has a fair and full opportunity to achieve their best possible health, free from preventable illnesses, injuries and barriers to health.

OUR VALUES

- Compassion and Respect
 - We treat every person with dignity, empathy, and professionalism.
- Innovation and Excellence
 - We seek better ways of working by adapting to meet the evolving community needs and delivering high-quality, effective public health services through continuous improvement.
- Transparency and Accountability
 - We communicate openly, set clear expectations, take responsibility for our work, and follow through on our commitments.
- Collaboration and Partnership
 - We work alongside community members and partners, elevating community voices to shape shared solutions and improve health outcomes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Albany County Department of Health has a progressive history of collaborating with community partners to improve the health of Albany County residents. Albany Medical Center and St. Peter's Health Partners (Albany Memorial Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital) have cooperated to inform the development of the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan*. This unique effort demonstrates collaborative community health improvement planning and assures complementary, non-duplicative efforts to advance population health.

I. Prevention Agenda Priorities

Working collectively through the Healthy Capital District Albany-Rensselaer Public Health Priority Workgroup (inclusive of local health departments, hospitals, and community partners), the following priority areas are selected from the Prevention Agenda for the 2025-2030 period:

A. Economic Stability

- *Nutrition Security* (improve consistent and equitable access to healthy, affordable, safe, and culturally appropriate foods)

B. Social and Community Context

- *Primary Prevention, Substance Misuse, and Overdose Prevention* (reduce substance use, misuse, overdose and/or associated harms)
- *Suicide* (prevent suicides)

C. Health Care Access and Quality

- *Preventive Services for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control* (reduce disparities in access and quality of evidence-based preventive and diagnostic services for chronic diseases)

II. Emerging Issues and Continuing Projects

The *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* continues its focus on priority areas identified in the *Albany County 2022-2024 Community Health Improvement Plan*: the prevention of chronic diseases and the prevention of mental health and substance use disorders. In addition, nutrition security has been identified as a new priority for the 2025-2030 cycle, reflecting its growing importance in improving population health through long-term health outcomes. Together, these priorities represent the most significant and actionable health needs for Albany County and align with statewide prevention agenda goals. Several additional health concerns – while not designated as formal *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* priorities – are priorities that are being addressed through ongoing initiatives led by the Albany County Department of Health and partner organizations. These include asthma (and related risk factors), infant and maternal mortality, and lead poisoning. Continued work in these areas remains important to improving population health and overall community well-being.

III. Data Review in the Community Health Needs Assessment

The *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* is based on the 2025 *Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment* developed by the Healthy Capital District in collaboration with local health departments, hospitals, community-based organizations, businesses, consumers, schools, academics, and content area experts. Health indicators selected for the 2025 *Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment* were based on a review of available public health data, including hospitalizations, emergency room visits, the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Prevention Quality Indicators, Vital Statistics, and other sources. These data sources were supplemented by the 2024 *Capital Region Community Health Survey*.

The Albany-Rensselaer Prevention Agenda Prioritization Work Group conducted meetings in Fall 2024, inclusive of public participation. Data and related discussion confirmed a focus on existing health priorities consistent with the New York State 2025-2030 Prevention Agenda and Healthy People 2030's Social Determinants of Health.

IV. Partnerships

Coordinated by the Healthy Capital District, the *2025 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment* and the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* involved the active collaboration of local health departments (Albany County Department of Health, Rensselaer County Department of Health), hospital systems (Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's Health Partners), and community partners (e.g. behavioral health providers, community based organizations, schools, worksites, insurance companies). In general, public health will address environmental interventions and hospitals will address health system interventions. Community Health Improvement Plan implementation will be monitored through existing subject area partnerships (e.g. Albany County Strategic Alliance for Health, Albany County Opioid Task Force, Albany County Suicide Prevention Task Force, applicable Healthy Capital District task forces and work groups).

V. Community Engagement

Broad community engagement in the *2025 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment* and *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* began with public participation in a community health survey. Survey results were incorporated into the priority-setting process and informed the scoring of identified health needs by the members of the Albany-Rensselaer Prevention Agenda Prioritization Work Group. Engagement also included meaningful community representation from community-based organizations serving residents with low incomes, individuals experiencing homelessness, and

other populations with heightened vulnerabilities. Additional participants included: federally qualified health centers, advocacy groups, academic institutions, other local departments of health, health care providers, and health insurers. Together, these partners ensured that a broad range of community perspectives and professional expertise informed the planning process.

VI. [Planned Interventions and Strategies and Evaluation](#)

All implementation strategies, interventions, and process measures are detailed in the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* action plan, which is found on page 21.

Strategies are provided per the [New York State 2025-2030 Prevention Agenda Version 2](#), and interventions selected are evidence-based. In summary, strategies include:

A. [Economic Stability:](#)

i. [Nutrition Security \(Improve consistent and equitable access to healthy, affordable, safe, and culturally appropriate foods\)](#)

- 3.0 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, increase consistent household food security from 71.1% to 75.9% (NYS).
 - Albany County Objective(s): By December 31, 2030:
 - Maintain existing local percentage of food secure households, i.e. ≥79.5% (2024) to prevent backsliding.
- 3.1 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, increase food security in households with annual income < \$25,000 from 42.0% to 51.1% (NYS).
 - Albany County baseline: Not reportable (BRFSS subgroup estimate suppressed/unstable due to small, unweighted sample size; denominator <50).

B. [Social and Community Context:](#)

i. [Primary Prevention, Substance Misuse, and Overdose Prevention \(Reduce substance use, misuse, overdose and/or associated harms\)](#)

- 12.0 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the crude rate of overdose deaths involving drugs, per 100,000 population, from 32.3 to 22.6 (NYS).

- Albany County Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the crude rate of overdose deaths involving drugs, per 100,000 population, from 31.6 (2023) to 22.6 (NYS target).
- 12.1 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the crude rate of overdose deaths for Black, non-Hispanic residents, per 100,000 population, from 59.2 to 35.5 (NYS).
- Albany County Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the crude rate of overdose deaths for Black, non-Hispanic residents, per 100,000 population, from 73.1 (2023) to 35.5 (NYS target).

ii. Suicide (Prevent suicides)

- 6.0 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the suicide mortality rate, per 100,000 population, from 7.9 to 6.7 (NYS).
- Albany County Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the suicide mortality rate, per 100,000 population, from 8.9 age-adjusted rate per 100,000 (2021-2023) to 6.7 (NYS target).

C. Health Care Access and Quality:

i. Preventive Services for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control (Reduce disparities in access and quality of evidence-based preventive and diagnostic services for chronic diseases)

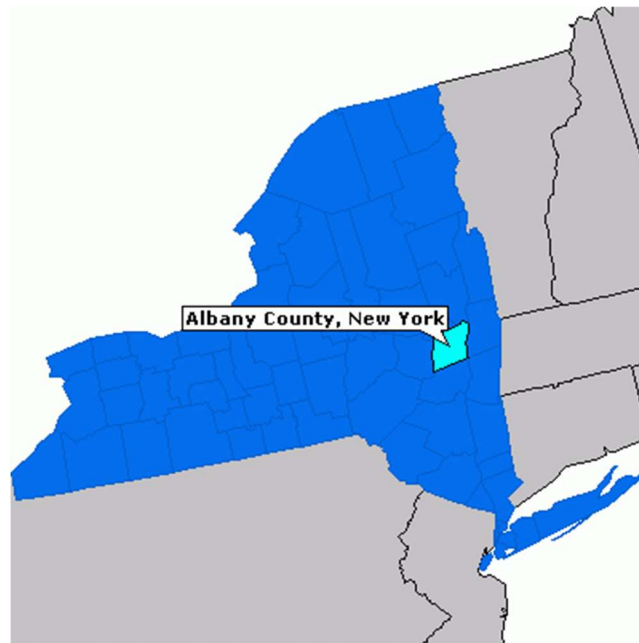
- 30.0 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, increase the percentage of adults aged 35+ who had a test for high blood sugar in the past year from 78.1% to 82.4% (NYS).

NOTE: Due to changes in BRFSS question wording beginning in 2025, a county-level baseline aligned with the Prevention Agenda definition is not yet available.

Albany County will employ existing community coalitions to specifically track the progress of the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* and make requisite mid-course corrections.

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DESCRIPTION OF COMMUNITY



The Albany County Department of Health defines its service area as Albany County, New York.

Albany County is located in the east central part of New York State, extending southward and westward from the point where the Mohawk River joins the Hudson River. It covers a land area of 523.45 square miles, a water area of 9.76 square miles and includes the Helderberg and part of the Catskill Mountain ranges. The terrain of the county ranges from flat near the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers to high and hilly to the southwest, where the Catskills begin. Its urban center is the riverfront City of Albany surrounded by suburban municipalities extending to rural hill towns. Albany County is part of the Albany-Schenectady-Troy, New York Metropolitan Statistical Area.

More than ten colleges and universities offer undergraduate, graduate, medical, legal and other professional programs. Four (4) hospitals, including a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, provide services to residents of Albany County and the larger metropolitan region. As home of the state capital, much of Albany County's population is employed by government, law, health, finance, education, and business. Transportation infrastructure supports rail, roadway, water, and air travel.

Albany County has a humid continental climate, with cold, snowy winters, and hot, wet summers. Snowfall is significant, with an average annual accumulation of 63 inches, but much less than the lake-effect areas to the north and west.

Albany County is governed by a County Executive and a 39-member County Legislature. The current County Executive is Daniel P. McCoy and the Chairwoman of the Legislature is Joanne Cunningham.

Albany County demographics are as follows:

SELECT DEMOGRAPHICS	ALBANY COUNTY
Population	319,964
Median Age	38.4 years
Gender	
Male	155,815 (48.7%)
Female	164,149 (51.3%)
Race	
White	215,760 (67.4%)
Black	39,318 (12.2%)
Asian	29,084 9.1%)
Median Household Income	\$ 80,900
Persons Living Below Poverty Level	39,418 (13%)
Persons Age 25+ with Less Than a High School Education	6.8%
Home Ownership	56.6%
Employment	51.9% in labor force (age 16 years +)
Health Insurance Coverage	316,710 (98.98%)
Age Adjusted Percentage of Adults Who Have a Regular Healthcare Provider – Age 18+ Years, 2024*	88.0%
Disabled (under age 65 years) (2020-2024)**	9.3%

Source: 2024 American Community Survey (1-year estimates)

Notes:

* Source: [New York State Prevention Agenda Dashboard](#)

** Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Quick Facts, Albany County, New York](#)

SUMMARY OF THE 2022-2024 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND 2022-2024 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Key findings of the *2022-2024 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment* included issues pertaining to chronic disease, behavioral health, and communicable disease. Obesity (and its comorbidities), substance use disorders, suicide, and COVID-19 vaccinations were specific priorities that were selected to be addressed in the *Albany County 2022-2024 Community Health Improvement Plan*.

Please note that progress in implementing *Albany County 2022-2024 Community Health Improvement Plan*, including select interventions, was abbreviated or deferred due to the Albany County Department of Health's reallocation of resources to COVID-19 pandemic response activities.

- Prevent Chronic Disease: Obesity (and comorbidities) – Over the past three years, Albany County Department of Health and community partners implemented strategies to reduce obesity among children and adults. Efforts have included promoting built environment policies that support physical activity, expanding breastfeeding supports, and increasing participation in self-management programs for adults. In 2024, Albany County Department of Health obesity activities included:
 - Conducted Albany County Strategic Alliance for Health meetings (~ 60-member organizations) focusing on root causes of chronic disease (i.e. healthy eating, active living, tobacco cessation, clinic-community linkages).
 - Pursuant to Highmark BlueShield of Northeastern New York's Blue Fund award, initiated "Developing Community Partnership to Prevent Diabetes" including the delivery of eight (8) National Diabetes Prevention Programs enrolling eight (80) participants; trained three (3) individuals as National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) Lifestyle Coaches; and conducted a prediabetes public awareness campaign serving community members.
 - In collaboration with multisector partners, developed *City of Watervliet Active Communities Tool Action Plan* promoting physical activity through built environment interventions.
 - Collaborated with community partners and municipalities to implement physical activity enhancements including support for demonstration projects via provision of *Complete Streets Lending Library* supplies and equipment
 - Actively participated in Capital Region Transportation Council Active Transportation Advisory Committee.
 - Supported and promoted Baby Café services operated by St. Peter's Health Partners.
 - Actively participated in Watervliet City School District Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Committee
- Prevent opioid and other substance misuse and deaths: Over the past three years, the Albany County Department of Health, the Albany County Department of Mental Health, and community partners have implemented strategies to prevent substance use disorders. These efforts have

included surveillance, expanded access to naloxone, distribution of harm reduction supplies, and targeted public communications. In 2024, Albany County Department of Health opioid and substance misuse prevention activities included:

- Co-led the Albany County Opioid Task Force - helping individuals and families affected by opioid use disorder through prevention, education, law enforcement, and quick access to treatment.
 - Increased access to naloxone
 - Coordinated free monthly naloxone administration training sessions to the public, giving people the skills to save lives during opioid overdoses (117 trainings, 455 individuals trained)
 - Placed fifteen (15) naloxone housing units across Albany County
 - Provided harm reduction supplies to support community safety and prevent substance-related risks.
 - Promoted peer support connections, including referrals to Albany County Department of Mental Health Mobile Outreach Treatment Overdose Response (M.O.T.O.R.) team.
 - Encouraged safe disposal of medications.
 - Educated 250 students at Bethlehem High School on the opioid crisis and harm reduction strategies, promoting awareness and safe choices.
- Prevent suicides: Over the past three years, the Albany County Department of Health, the Albany County Department of Mental Health, and community partners have implemented strategies to prevent suicides. In 2024, Albany County Department of Health suicide prevention activities included:
 - Co-hosted *A Discussion on Implementing the Zero Suicide Model in Albany County* for community stakeholders presented by Suicide Prevention Center of NY, New York State Department of Mental Health.
 - Actively participated in Albany County convenes the Albany County Suicide Prevention & Education Committee to enhance crisis response, integrate care, and reduce stigma for residents.
 - Promoted [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) is a primary, 24/7 connection to crisis care across all New York State counties, including Albany County.
- Prevent Communicable Disease (i.e. COVID-19): Over the past three years, the Albany County Department of Health administered COVID-19 vaccine (via Albany County Department of Health walk-in clinic, multiple community points of dispensing, and delivery to homebound individuals), reallocated COVID-19 vaccine to community partners, and distributed COVID-19 test kits. In 2024, Albany County Department of Health COVID-19 activities included:
 - Administered 270 doses of COVID-19 vaccine (via Albany County Department of Health walk-in clinic and community points of dispensing).
 - Distributed 440 COVID-19 test kits.

The COVID-19 pandemic was associated, in part, with increases in suicide mortality and substance use disorder. In addition, persons with chronic disease conditions are at higher risk for COVID-19 complications. Accordingly, for the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan*, the identified priorities include nutrition security, reducing opioid and other substance misuse and deaths, preventing suicide, and enhancing access to chronic disease prevention and management services, in addition to continuing obesity prevention efforts.

SUMMARY OF HEALTH DATA

The *2025 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)*, prepared by the Healthy Capital District (HCD) of which the Albany County Department of Health is a member, provides detailed health data which informed the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan*. The health indicators selected for the CHNA were based on a review of available public health data and New York State priorities promulgated through the *2025-2030 Prevention Agenda*. The collection and management of these data have been supported by the state for an extended period and are likely to continue to be supported. Use of these indicators provides reliable and comparable data over time and across the state. These measures, when complemented by other data sources, such as the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and Prevention Quality Indicators, provide health indicators that can potentially be impacted in the short-term.

The Common Ground Health provided Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS, hospitalizations and emergency department visit) and Vital Statistics (mortality) data, as well as sociodemographic data, that were utilized to conduct county and ZIP code level analyses of mortality, hospitalizations, and emergency department visits for all residents, by gender, and race/ethnicity. The most recent SPARCS data available was from 2023, while the most recent Vital Statistics data available was from 2022. For some measures with small case counts, 3- or 5-year periods of aggregate data were used to establish more reliable rates, especially for less populous geographic areas or demographic groups.

Additional data were examined from several sources:

- New York State Prevention Agenda Tracking Dashboard
- New York State Community Health Indicator Reports Dashboard
- New York State Leading Causes of Death Dashboard (2022)
- New York State Cancer Registry Dashboard
- New York State County Health Indicators by Race/Ethnicity (2020-2022)
- New York State Annual Vital Statistics Tables (2022)
- New York State Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) (2016, 2018, and 2021)
- New York State Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS) (2019-2023)
 - Prevention Quality Indicators (2021-2023)
- New York State Opioid Data Dashboard
- New York State Opioid Annual Report (2024)
- State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) (2023)

- New York State Communicable Disease Annual Reports (2021-2023)
- New York State Division of Criminal Justice County Crime Rates (1990-2024)
- New York State Department of Health, Health Data NY (2025)
- New York State Education Department Report Card Database (2024)
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Climate Justice Working Group (2023)
- U.S. Census, American Community Survey (2022 and 2019-2023)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (2019)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Geospatial Research, Analysis, and Services Program (2023)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System (2024)
- University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, County Health Rankings (2025)

These data sources were supplemented by the *2024 Capital Region Community Health Survey*. The *2024 Capital Region Community Health Survey* was conducted by Healthy Capital District in November and December of 2024, with the assistance of the Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer and Schenectady local health departments, and Albany Med Health System, Columbia Memorial Hospital, Ellis Hospital, and St. Peter's Health Partners hospitals. The survey was a convenience sample of adult residents of the Capital Region (aged 18 years and older) and was conducted to learn about the health needs, barriers and concerns of residents in the Capital Region.

Local data were compiled from these data sources and draft sections were prepared by health condition for inclusion in this community health needs assessment. Drafts of this report were prepared by Spencer Keable, Data Analyst for Healthy Capital District. Drafts were reviewed for accuracy and thoroughness by Amanda Duff, Executive Director of Healthy Capital District. Drafts were then reviewed by the members of the Capital Region Prevention Agenda Work Group, local subject matter experts representing each of the participating health departments and hospitals in the Capital Region. Comments were addressed and changes were incorporated into the final document.

The *2025 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment*, prepared by the Healthy Capital District (HCD), provides more detailed information and data regarding health issues of concern in Albany County <https://www.albanycountyny.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/55707/638992399926200000>.

SELECTION OF PREVENTION AGENDA PRIORITIES

Selection of the top health priorities selected for the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* was completed for each local Work Group and was facilitated by a Public Health Issue Scoring Sheet. This scoring sheet was initially developed by Healthy Capital District (HCD) in 2021 for use during the 2022-2024 prioritization cycle in response to feedback from previous CHNA/CHIP processes indicating that prioritization was challenging due to the broad range of factors that must be weighed for each health issue. The Public Health Issue Scoring Sheet provides a structured mechanism for assigning

values to key considerations, enabling the systematic ranking of health issues and supporting transparent, evidence-informed decision-making. The methodology draws on a modified version of the Hanlon Method for Prioritizing Health Problems.

The Public Health Issue Scoring Sheet quantified both the **need** to address each health issue and the **opportunity** to achieve a measurable, positive impact. Opportunity considerations were informed by guidance from the American Hospital Association, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and other public health authorities. Need considerations included factors used in prior prioritization processes, supplemented by a community priority score derived from input provided by more than 5,000 residents through the *2024 Capital Region Community Health Survey*. The Public Health Issue Scoring Sheet also included fields for “other” considerations – applicable to both need and opportunity – to allow local partners to incorporate additional insights based on their expertise, contextual knowledge, and experience.

The Prevention Agenda Work Group (PAWG) met in Fall 2024 to review the Public Health Issue Scoring Sheet and provide oversight and guidance for the prioritization process, especially given the recent changes to the structure and focus of the New York State *2025-2030 Prevention Agenda*. In the Winter 2024, HCD staff consolidated the 25 public health issues used in the 2022-2024 CHNA/CHIP process into 15 public health issues aligned with the updated statewide priority areas. HCD staff then conducted an internal review of the most recent and relevant available data for each issue.

Using publicly available and internal datasets, HCD generated five data-based scores for each issue, reflecting: the number of people affected; comparison of local rates to New York State (excluding New York City); recent trends; racial and ethnic disparities; and severity of health outcomes. HCD also developed survey-based scores using results from the *2024 Capital Region Health Needs Survey*. These data and survey scores were visualized in public dashboards and reviewed with each sub-regional Work Group. Based on this review and the Work Group input, the list of 15 health issues was narrowed to support more focused discussion at subsequent public meetings.

Local Prevention Agenda Prioritization Work Groups then held in-person or hybrid public meetings to present findings and gather input from community-based organizations, academic researchers, and residents. Participants reviewed the scoring methodology along with the data and survey results for each health issue, engaged in discussion, and shared observations grounded in their expertise and lived experience. Attendees then voted on the perceived need and opportunity to address each health issue, based both on the discussion and their own perspectives. Across work groups, discussion commonly highlighted mental health, food insecurity, and chronic diseases as particularly pressing concerns due to worsening trends, insufficient existing resources, or significant impact on residents’ daily lives. Scores for opportunity considerations were self-assessed by hospitals and health departments, based on criteria such as their ability to sustainably devote resources, build support, and achieve a measurable impact.

A comprehensive overview of the prioritization process, including for Albany County, can be found on the HCD website (www.healthycapitaldistrict.org) by going to “Explore Health Data,” then “Explore by

County,” then selecting “Albany County” and locating the materials in the “Prevention Agenda 2025-2030” section. The scores and rankings for each of the top health issues can be found in the “Albany Rensselaer Prioritization Presentation Materials.”

Albany-Rensselaer Public Health Priority Workgroup

The Albany-Rensselaer Prevention Agenda Prioritization Work Group was led by the Albany County Department of Health, the Rensselaer County Department of Health, Albany Medical Center, and St. Peter’s Health Partners. Consistent with prior New York State Prevention Agenda cycles, Albany and Rensselaer counties convened a joint Work Group as the hospitals’ service areas span both counties. An initial planning meeting was held on April 16, 2025, during which Healthy Capital District (HCD) presented data and survey results related to the 15 health issues and facilitated discussion. Following this review, the Work Group identified a shortlist of 11 health issues for public prioritization meetings and combined food insecurity with obesity/diabetes due to their interconnectedness and opportunities for coordinated intervention planning.

The first public prioritization meeting was held on April 22, 2025, at the Samaritan Hospital Margaret W. Krause Center in Rensselaer County. HCD presented data and survey results, responded to questions, and facilitated discussion. The second public prioritization meeting, held on May 6, 2025, at the University at Albany ETEC Building in Albany County, included a brief review of the health issues and provided an overview of the New York State *2025-2030 Prevention Agenda* and the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment process. HCD invited participants to ask questions and share observations based on their professional roles and lived experience. Attendees were then given the opportunity to vote on their top public health issues informed by the data presented, the discussions, and the short advocacy statements shared during the meeting.

Community participation in the public prioritization meetings included representatives from the following organizations:

- Albany County Department of Health
- Albany Guardian Society
- Albany Medical Center
- Albany Medical College
- Addictions Care Center of Albany
- Alliance of New York State YMCAs
- Alzheimer’s Association of Northeastern NY
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Capital Region New York Chapter
- American Heart Association
- Arbor Hill Development Corp
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Capital Region
- Capital District Latinos
- Capital District Physicians’ Health Plans, Inc.

- Capital District YMCA
- Capital Roots
- Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services
- CEK RN Consulting Inc.
- Center for Employment Opportunities
- Chasing Health Integrative Care
- Clean + Healthy
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Ellis Medicine Family Health Center
- Food Pantries for the Capital District
- Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region
- Hope House, Inc.
- Healthy Alliance
- Hudson Valley Community College
- Jewish Family Services of Northeastern NY
- Joseph's House and Shelter
- Logan Strong Foundation
- MVP Health Care
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- New York State Department of Health Cancer Services Program
- Nopiates Committee, Inc.
- Northeastern New York Safety & Health Council Inc.
- Northern Rivers Family Services Planned Parenthood
- Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus
- Rensselaer County Department for Aging
- Rensselaer County Department of Health
- Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health
- Rensselaer County Youth Services
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- St. Peter's Health Partners (SPHP) Acute Care
- SPHP Behavioral Health Department
- SPHP Capital District Tobacco-Free Communities
- SPHP Community Health Connections Health Home Program
- SPHP Community Health Programs
- SPHP Community Relations
- St. Catherine's Center for Children
- Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center
- TCY Women
- ToLife!
- Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc.

- Trinity Health
- United Way of the Greater Capital Region
- University at Albany Center for Elimination of Health Disparities
- University at Albany Center for Health Workforce Studies
- University at Albany School of Public Health
- Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood
- Upstate New York Poison Center
- Warren and Denyse Mackey Foundation
- Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Services Inc.

Attendance during the public prioritization meetings consisted of more than 50 unique participants representing health care providers, academic institutions, and community-based and public service organizations. Participants were engaged in data presentations, raised many questions, and offered their perspectives as service providers and researchers, including observations on the intersectionality of several issues and the underlying role that social factors play in public health issues. The Health Issue Prioritization materials presented at the public meetings are posted on the HCD website <https://www.healthycapitaldistrict.org/tiles/index/display?alias=Albany> .

PREVENTION AGENDA 2025- 2030 SELECTED PRIORITIES

Albany County Department of Health, along with our hospital and community partners, will focus on developing and implementing initiatives to address the following *Prevention Agenda 2025 - 2030* health priorities:

- I. FOCUS AREA: ECONOMIC STABILITY - NUTRITION SECURITY
 - Improve consistent and equitable access to healthy, affordable, safe, and culturally appropriate foods
- II. FOCUS AREA: SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT- PRIMARY PREVENTION, SUBSTANCE MISUSE, AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION
 - Reduce substance use, misuse, overdose and/or associated harms
- III. FOCUS AREA: SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT- SUICIDE
 - Prevent suicides
- IV. FOCUS AREA: HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND QUALITY- PREVENTIVE SERVICES FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL
 - Reduce disparities in access and quality of evidence-based preventive and diagnostic services for chronic diseases

The rationale for focusing on these select health priorities is as follows:

I. ECONOMIC STABILITY - NUTRITION SECURITY

Per 2025 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment:

- In 2023, 12.9% of Albany County residents were food insecure which is lower than NYS (14.5% Resource: [Hunger & Poverty in Albany County, New York | Map the Meal Gap accessed 04.29.2026](#)). Per 2019 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Access Research Atlas, Albany County census tracts with low income and low access to a food store include Arbor Hill, Downtown Albany, North Albany, parts of Pine Hills, Second Avenue, South End, and Upper Washington Avenue, West Hill neighborhoods (City of Albany); Green Island; and southern Watervliet.
- Age-adjusted percentage of adults who report consuming less than one fruit and less than one vegetable daily (no fruits or vegetables) in Albany County was 29% (2021).

II. SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT - PRIMARY PREVENTION, SUBSTANCE MISUSE, AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Per 2025 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment:

- In 2022, Albany County had the 2nd highest age-adjusted opioid overdose mortality rate in the Capital Region (29.3 overdose deaths/100,000) which is slightly higher than NYS, excl. NYC (27.5 overdose deaths/100,000);
 - In 2023, the crude rate per 100,000 population for overdose deaths in Albany County was 31.6/100,000 which was higher than the New York State 2025-2030 *Prevention Agenda* Objective (22.6/100,000).
 - In 2023, the crude rate per 100,000 population for overdose deaths in Albany County among Black non-Hispanic residents was 73.1/100,000 which was higher than the New York State 2025-2030 *Prevention Agenda* Objective (35.5/100,000).
- Buprenorphine prescribing increased by 12% in Albany County from 2019 to 2023. While Albany County met the New York State 2025-2030 *Prevention Agenda* objective in 2023 for patients who received at least one buprenorphine prescription for opioid use disorder per 100,000, Albany County's age-adjusted buprenorphine prescribing (550.0/100,000) was lower than that of NYS, excluding NYC (705.4/100,000).
- In 2022, Albany County had the highest age-adjusted rate in the Capital Region of emergency department visits involving any opioid overdose (77.5/100,000), which was also higher than NYS, excl. NYC (64.8/100,000).

III. SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT - SUICIDE

Per 2025 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment:

- Albany County's 2020-2022 age-adjusted suicide mortality rate of 7.9 per 100,000 population was lower than NYS, excl. NYC (9.7/100,000), but did not meet the New York State 2025-2030 Prevention Agenda objective (6.7 per 100,000 population).
- Albany County had the Capital Region's 2nd highest rate of 2023 age-adjusted emergency department visit rate (764.5/100,000) due to intentional self-harm, which is 123% higher than NYS, excl. NYC (343.1/100,000);
 - In Albany County, from 2021-2023, the age-adjusted emergency department visit rate among Black non-Hispanic residents (1363.7/100,000) due to intentional self-harm was 1.27 times higher than the age-adjusted rate among White non-Hispanic residents (600.2/100,000) and 1.6 times higher than the age-adjusted rate among Hispanic residents (527.0/100,000).
 - In Albany County, from 2021-2023, the age-adjusted emergency department visit rate among male residents due to intentional self-harm was 4% higher than the age-adjusted rate among female residents.
- Albany County had the Capital Region's 2nd highest rate of 2023 age-adjusted hospitalization rate (330.9/100,000) due to intentional self-harm, which is 30% higher than NYS, excl. NYC (255.2/100,000);
 - In Albany County, from 2021-2023, the age-adjusted hospitalization rate among Black non-Hispanic residents (539.7/100,000) due to intentional self-harm was 0.95 times higher than the age-adjusted rate among White non-Hispanic residents (276.2/100,000) and 1.2 times higher than the age-adjusted rate among Hispanic residents (249.3/100,000).
 - In Albany County, from 2021-2023, the age-adjusted hospitalization rate among male residents due to intentional self-harm was 13% higher than the age-adjusted rate among female residents.

IV. HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND QUALITY - PREVENTIVE SERVICES FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Per 2025 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment:

- Approximately 30.1% of Albany County adults (2021) and 20.2% of Albany County children and adolescents (2021-2023) were obese.
 - For 2022, age-adjusted diabetes mortality rate per 100,000 in Albany County was 27.8, higher than the age-adjusted diabetes mortality rate per 100,000 for NYS, excl. NYC (18.3/100,000).

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ACTION PLAN

Economic Stability: Nutrition Security

Goal 1:	Improve consistent and equitable access to healthy, affordable, safe, and culturally appropriate foods
Target Population:	Adults and Children
Objective:	3.0 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, increase consistent household food security from 71.1% to 75.9% (NYS) Albany County Objective: By December 31, 2030: Maintain existing local percentage of food secure households, i.e. ≥79.5% (2024) to prevent backsliding. 3.1 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, increase food security in households with an annual total income of less than \$25,000 from 42% to 51.1%.
Address Disparity:	Yes (Income)

Intervention, Strategies, Activities	Partner Resources	Partner Role	Process Measures
Conduct standardized screening of unmet nutrition security needs and provide referrals to state, local, and federal benefit programs and community-based, health-related social needs providers to address unmet needs.	Albany Department of Health: Albany County Strategic Alliance for Health specifically targets poor nutrition, lack of physical activity, and tobacco use as the underlying risk factors for a variety of chronic diseases (including diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease). Albany County Department for Aging: Oversees nutrition counseling, nutrition education, congregate dining, and home delivered meal services. Albany County Department of Social Services: Provides Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to eligible individuals, coordinates emergency food assistance for households in crisis, refers eligible families to WIC services.	Albany Department of Health: Provide technical assistance in designing and implementing nutrition security support services. Resource to screen for food insecurity and facilitate referrals to supportive nutrition services. Albany County Department for Aging: Resource to support screening for food insecurity and facilitate referrals to supportive nutrition services. Albany County Department of Social Services: Resource to support screening for food insecurity and facilitate referrals to supportive nutrition services.	Number of health practices and facilities that screen for food insecurity and facilitate referrals to supportive services, percent of eligible individuals in New York participating in SNAP, percent of eligible individuals in New York participating in WIC

	Albany Medical Center: Hospital(s) with primary care, outpatient nutrition counseling, and certified diabetes education services. St. Peter's Health Partners: Hospital(s) with primary care, outpatient nutrition counseling, and certified diabetes education services.	Albany Medical Center: Serve as referral endpoint(s) for individuals identified with unmet nutrition needs, providing access to food pantries, produce distribution, etc.; coordinate benefit enrollment assistance, including SNAP, WIC, and other state/local programs that improve household food security. St. Peter's Health Partners: Screening at primary care practices for food insecurity, and other social needs; referrals to SNAP, WIC, and other community resources.	
Expand Food as Medicine approaches across the lifespan, especially for populations at a higher risk of nutrition-related health disparities (e.g., medically tailored meals and groceries, produce prescription programs, etc.)	St. Peter's Health Partners: Hospital(s) with primary care, outpatient nutrition counseling, and certified diabetes education services.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Refer eligible community members to hospital-based food as medicine programs, via Healthy Alliance /Unite Us Platform	Number of health care facilities and health insurance plans that self-report implementing a Food as Medicine initiative/program
Promote student participation in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program through innovative strategies, such as Healthy School Meals for All	St. Peter's Health Partners: Hospital(s) with primary care, outpatient nutrition counseling, and certified diabetes education services.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Establish collaborative partnerships with local school districts. SPHP Creating Healthy Schools and Communities will be the resource to provide education and technical assistance to local school districts.	Average daily student participation in National School Lunch Program(s) Average daily student participation in School Breakfast Program(s)
Promote and expand the availability of fruit and vegetable incentive programs	St. Peter's Health Partners: Hospital(s) with primary care, outpatient nutrition counseling, and certified diabetes education services.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Provide outreach regarding Double Up Food Bucks and Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupons	Number of programs that adopt policies and practices to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables

Social Context: Primary Prevention, Substance Misuse, and Overdose Prevention

Goal 1: Reduce substance use, misuse, overdose and/or associated harms

Target Population: Youth and Adults

Objective: 12.0 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the crude rate of overdose deaths involving drugs, per 100,000 population, from 32.3 to 22.6 (NYS)

Albany County Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the crude rate of overdose deaths involving drugs, per 100,000 population, from 31.6 (2023) to 22.6 (NYS target).

Objective: 12.1 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the crude rate of overdose deaths for Black, non-Hispanic residents, per 100,000 population, from 59.2 to 35.5 (NYS)

Albany County Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the crude rate of overdose deaths for Black, non-Hispanic residents, per 100,000 population, from 73.1 (2023) to 35.5 (NYS target).

Address Disparity: Yes (race)

Intervention, Strategies, Activities	Partner Resources	Partner Role	Process Measures
Provide or expand access to naloxone to reduce overdose fatalities.	Albany County Departments of Health and Mental Health: Facilities for New York State Opioid Overdose Prevention Training; substance use disorder surveillance; peer support services. Albany Medical Center: Provide naloxone resources and education to patients and providers. St. Peter's Health Partners: Refer individuals, as appropriate, to New York State Opioid Overdose Prevention Training. Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services: Health HUB; New York State Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.	Albany County Departments of Health and Mental Health: Host and publicize naloxone training; facilitates distribution of naloxone housing units in the community. Albany Medical Center: Publicize naloxone training. St. Peter's Health Partners: Publicize naloxone training. Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services: Provides naloxone training in Albany County.	Number of naloxone kits distributed
Provide or expand access to Food and Drug Administration (FDA)--	Albany Medical Center: Existing outpatient clinics, behavioral health services, emergency medicine, etc.; licensed prescribing clinicians to offer OUD treatment.	Albany Medical Center: Offer evidence-based medications to patients; identify patients who may	Number of visits to suboxone clinics

approved medications for opioid use disorder (OUD), such as buprenorphine and methadone, to reduce overdose fatalities, while encouraging institutions and community partners to initiate treatment and ensure continuity of care.		benefit from FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder.	
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Social Context: Suicide

Goal 2: Prevent suicides

Target Population: Youth and Adults

Objective: 6.0 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the suicide mortality rate, per 100,000 population, from 7.9 to 6.7 (NYS).

Albany County Objective: By December 31, 2030, reduce the suicide mortality rate, per 100,000 population, from 8.9 age-adjusted rate per 100,000 (2021-2023) to 6.7 (NYS).

Address Disparity: No

Intervention, Strategies, Activities	Partner Resources	Partner Role	Process Measures
Implement suicide safer care services and protocols (Zero Suicide) in health care settings to effectively identify, engage, treat, and follow up with individuals at elevated suicide risk.	Albany County Department of Children, Youth and Families: Coordinate services and supports for children and youth with emotional, behavioral and developmental concerns. Member, Albany County Suicide Prevention and Education Committee (SPEC). Albany Department of Health: Member, Albany County Suicide Prevention and Education Committee (SPEC). Albany County Department of Mental Health: per Local Service Plan for Mental Hygiene Services: - Conducts assessment of mental hygiene and associated issues; and - Member, Albany County Suicide Prevention and Education Committee (SPEC). Albany Medical Center: Promote patient well-being; screen for suicide and depression	Albany County Department of Children, Youth and Families: Provide crisis support, evaluation, services, and community referrals including: - Single Point of Access (SPOA) - Case Management Services - Promote community wide suicide awareness, education and prevention. Albany Department of Health: Promote community wide suicide awareness, education and prevention with a focus on ensuring access to culturally relevant information and resources, especially in underserved and historically marginalized communities Albany County Department of Mental Health: - Provides and/or coordinates prevention, intervention, clinical, recovery, and support services; and - Promotes community-wide suicide awareness, education and prevention. Albany Medical Center: Routinely screen for depression and suicide through PHQ-2 and PHQ-9 in inpatient and outpatient settings; refer patients who screen positive to behavioral health services.	Participation rate among health care organizations. Number of trainings delivered to health care staff. Capacity of health care staff to follow protocols. Number of PQH-2 and PQH-9 screenings

	St. Peter's Health Partners: Coordinate services and supports for adults with emotional, behavioral, and mental health concerns.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Expand efforts to implement a collaborative care approach in primary care settings which integrates behavioral health within a primary care setting;	
Promote calling or texting 988 through social media, digital marketing campaigns, and other utilized marketing strategies	St. Peter's Health Partners: Coordinate services and supports for adults with emotional, behavioral, and mental health concerns.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Promote the use of 988 to community members through social media campaigns and other marketing strategies	Data on reach of promotion strategy (e.g. number of calls to 988)
Promote and conduct comprehensive suicide prevention training for (hospital) staff	St. Peter's Health Partners: Coordinate services and supports for adults with emotional, behavioral, and mental health concerns.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Promote and conduct Mental Health First Aid Training for clinical and frontline staff	Participation rate among health care organizations. Number of trainings delivered to health care staff. Capacity of health care staff to follow protocols.
Implement and promote Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training in communities and health care settings.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Coordinate services and supports for adults with emotional, behavioral, and mental health concerns.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Promote and conduct Mental Health First Aid Training for clinical and frontline staff	Number of organizations that implement MHFA

Health Care Access and Quality: Preventive Services for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control

Goal 1: Reduce disparities in access and increase quality of evidence-based preventive and diagnostic services for chronic diseases

Target Population: Adults

Objective: 30.0 New York State Objective: By December 31, 2030, increase the percentage of adults aged 35+ who had a test for high blood sugar in the past year from 78.1% to 82.4% (NYS).

Address Disparity: No

Intervention, Strategies, Activities	Partner Resources	Partner Role	Process Measures
Improve diagnosis of prediabetes and referrals to the National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) lifestyle change program	Albany Department of Health: Albany County Strategic Alliance for Health specifically targets poor nutrition, lack of physical activity, and tobacco use as the underlying risk factors for a variety of chronic diseases (including diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease). St. Peter's Health Partners: Hospital(s) with primary care, endocrinology, nutritional counseling and certified diabetes education services. Primary care providers: coordinate patient care	Albany Department of Health: Contracts for provision of NDPP services; advance community wellness by coordinating accessible health education, strengthening supportive environments for healthy living, and mobilizing community health workers to connect residents at high-risk with resources and preventive care. St. Peter's Health Partners: NDPP service provider Providers (primary care): Screen and refer eligible persons to NDPP.	Number of participants in NDPP
Expand access to evidence-based self-management interventions for individuals with chronic disease	St. Peter's Health Partners: Hospital(s) with primary care, endocrinology, nutritional counseling and certified diabetes education services.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Expand use of community health workers in health care settings.	Number of participants in other (i.e. non- NDPP) chronic disease self-management programs that support Lifestyle Change (e.g. Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring, Diabetes Self-Management Support and Education aka DSMS/E).
Integrate community health workers into health care teams to improve chronic disease management for patients experiencing health inequities	St. Peter's Health Partners: Hospital(s) with primary care, endocrinology, nutritional counseling and certified diabetes education services.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Expand use of community health workers in health care settings.	Number of screenings in areas that are underserved Number of referrals to preventative services
Improve utilization of peers/community health workers by establishing	St. Peter's Health Partners: Hospital(s) with primary care, endocrinology, nutritional counseling and certified diabetes education services.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Coordinate community health worker training and continuing education	Number of individuals that complete community health worker training

certification and/or training opportunities to build upon lived experiences while simultaneously assessing ways for peer delivered services to be reimbursed to providers/programs			
Implement or increase health insurance enrollment outreach and support programs	St. Peter's Health Partners: Hospital(s) with primary care, endocrinology, nutritional counseling and certified diabetes education services.	St. Peter's Health Partners: Provide navigation services for health insurance enrollment	Number of individuals enrolled in health insurance

SIGNIFICANT HEALTH NEEDS NOT ADDRESSED IN COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Albany County Department of Health acknowledges the wide range of significant health needs that emerged from the *2025-2030 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment* process and determines that it can most effectively focus on those health needs deemed most pressing, under-addressed, and within its ability to influence.

The following health needs are not included in the *Albany County 2025 -2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* and/or Healthy Capital District task forces. The importance of these health issues; however, should not be minimized and are being addressed independently by Albany County Department of Health and other organizations.

- **Asthma (and related risk factors)**

Albany County's asthma hospitalization rate per 10,000 increased from 3.7 in 2021 to 4.9 in 2022. Albany County's asthma hospitalization rate per 10,000 for age 0-4 years increased from 18.9 in 2021 to 37.8 in 2022, for age 5-64 years the asthma hospitalization rate per 10,000 increased from 3.4 in 2021 to 4 in 2022.

Albany County's asthma emergency department visit rate per 10,000 aged 0-17 years old increased from 75 in 2023 to 84.3 in 2024. The Albany County age adjusted asthma mortality rate per 100,000 decreased from 1.2 in 2021 to 0.9 in 2022 but was still higher than New York State, excluding New York City rate of 0.8 in 2022.

Albany County Action Plan to Support Asthma Management:

- ACDOH public health nurses and community health workers coordinate support for residents identified at risk for asthma through asthma education and home visits to help residents manage symptoms more effectively, use medications correctly, avoid triggers, and remain engaged in recommended medical care.
- ACDOH provides community health education presentations on asthma control and tobacco cessation.
- ACDOH contracts with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany County to conduct home environmental hazard assessments and provide education regarding residential injuries, childhood lead poisoning, asthma control, indoor air pollutants, and fire prevention through the Albany County Health Homes Program.

- ACDOH ensures establishments are complying with the Clean Indoor Air Act, which requires nearly every workplace (including all bars and restaurants) to be smoke-free.
- ACDOH implements New York State Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA) to monitor vendor compliance with youth tobacco sales regulations and to verify adherence to Albany County's local law requiring all retail tobacco products to be displayed/located behind sales counters.
- Albany County Department of Mental Health screens and refers severely mentally ill persons at risk for tobacco use to applicable resources (certified tobacco treatment specialists, New York State Smokers' Quitline).

- **Infant and Maternal Mortality**

Albany County infant mortality rate per 1000 live births (infant < 1 year) increased from 5.0 in 2022 to 5.1 in 2023; this is above the Prevention Agenda 2030 Objective of 3.5 per 1000. The maternal mortality rate for Albany County for 2021-2023 is 70.5* per 100,000 live births, an increase from 46.4* in 2020-2022 and exceeds the *2025-2030 Prevention Agenda* objective (16.1 maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live births). Newborns with neonatal withdrawal symptoms and/or affected by maternal use of opioids or other substances (any diagnosis), crude rate per 1,000 newborn discharges increased from 3.7* in 2023 to 5.1 in 2024. **unstable estimate*

Albany County Action Plan to Reduce Infant and Maternal Mortality

- ACDOH Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaboratives (PICHC) supports the health and well-being of people who are pregnant or have recently given birth, as well as their families. This includes assisting high-risk and Medicaid-eligible individuals to access prenatal care, guiding individuals in making informed reproductive health choices, and connecting them with essential community resources (e.g. food, housing, transportation, childcare).
- ACDOH maternal and child health nursing provides services to ensure that women, infants, children, and families achieve optimal health, including home visits and education to during the prenatal and postpartum periods.
- United Way of the Greater Capital Region Jubilant Birth program provides cash to pregnant individuals to reduce financial stress and improve maternal health and birth outcomes in Albany County.

- **Lead Poisoning**

Albany County incidence of confirmed elevated blood lead level (≥ 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) among tested children under 72 months decreased from 28.8 per 1,000 tested children in 2021 to 19.7 in 2022. Despite this

improvement, it was still higher than New York State (excluding New York City) rate of 12.2 per 1,000 tested children under 72 months. The percentage of Albany County children screened for lead at age 9-17 months declined from 72% in 2018 to 67.6% in 2019, although screening percentages remained relatively high. For the 2018-2021 period, only 51.5% of children in a single birth cohort received the required two lead tests before 36 months of age, which is far below the *2025-2030 Prevention Agenda* objective of 70.0%.

Albany County Action Plan to Reduce Lead Poisoning

- ACDOH's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) takes a comprehensive approach to reducing lead exposure by addressing hazards before they can harm children. The program focuses on older housing (pre-1978) in targeted communities and includes primary prevention inspections, elevated blood lead level inspections, education, repairs, contractor training, and the use of lead rental registries to promote lead-safe environments. As part of CLPPP, the Department also conducts child lead poisoning case management, identifies and reduces sources of lead exposure, educates the public and health care providers, promotes lead testing for children, and teaches families and children about the dangers of lead and the importance of testing.
- ACDOH's Leading in Lead Prevention Pilot Program offers financial assistance to owners of multi-family properties (two or more units) with identified lead paint hazards. The funding supports lead hazard remediation and related expenses, ensuring that both current and future tenants are safeguarded from the dangers of lead-based paint exposure.
- ACDOH will be implementing the New York State Lead Rental Registry Law, which applies to rental housing units built before 1980 with two or more units in designated City of Albany zip codes. The initiative aims to identify and address lead hazards in rental properties, ultimately increasing the number of lead-safe rental units in high-risk areas. Implementation includes conducting inspections in communities of concern, ensuring prompt remediation of identified lead hazards, and issuing lead safety certifications.

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN ENGAGEMENT AND EVALUATION

Engaging the community in the health needs assessment and health improvement plan processes was a priority for the Albany County Department of Health, local hospitals, Healthy Capital District and other stakeholders. Broad community engagement began with the community health survey, which included multiple choice and open-ended questions to gather information on residents' health needs and priorities, access or barriers to care, mental health, and social determinants of health. Demographic information allowed for analysis by county, age, gender, race/ethnicity, and income.

Survey findings on the public's views regarding the seriousness of public health issues were incorporated into the priority-setting process led by the four Capital Region Prevention Agenda Prioritization Work Groups (Albany-Rensselaer, Columbia-Greene, Saratoga and Schenectady counties). These Work Groups included diverse community voices, such as representatives of community-based organizations serving residents with low incomes, individuals experiencing homelessness, and other populations with vulnerabilities; federally qualified health centers; advocacy groups; academic institutions; public health departments; providers; and health insurers. Participants were encouraged to share data, lived observations, and needs of their constituents. Federally qualified health centers, the Food Pantries of the Capital District, United Way of the Greater Capital Region, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, other community-based organizations, and consumer representatives offered particularly valuable insight due to their direct access to medically underserved residents.

The Albany County Department of Health is committed to maintaining strong engagement with local partners through existing community outreach activities and coalitions to implement the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan*. Albany County Department of Health will continue to seek input and report progress to community stakeholders through established forums, including (but not limited to) the Albany County Strategic Alliance for Health, Albany County Opioid Task Force, Albany County Suicide Prevention Task Force (and Albany County Suicide Prevention Education Committee), applicable Healthy Capital District Albany-Rensselaer task forces and workgroups, and the University at Albany Center for the Elimination of Health Disparities' Albany Minority Health Task Force.

Appendix A provides a Profile of Community Partners and Resources available to address health-related needs of Albany County, and a comprehensive listing of assets and resources is also included in Appendix M of the [2025 Capital Region Community Health Needs Assessment](#). In addition, progress on *Albany County's 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* initiatives will be reported to the Albany County Board of Health and published in the *Albany County Department of Health Annual Programs & Services Report*.

The Albany County Department of Health will employ the following specific processes to track the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* progress and make mid-course corrections:

- Economic Stability: Nutrition Security
 - Albany County Strategic Alliance for Health will meet no less than six (6) times annually to:
 - Integrate the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* objectives into Albany County Strategic Alliance for Health annual work plan;
 - Document and monitor progress in achieving *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* goals, objectives, process measures;
 - Modify work plan and make mid-course corrections, as needed, to interventions, strategies, and activities; and
 - Provide forum for specifically implementing policy, systems, and environmental strategies.

- Healthy Capital District Nutrition Security Prevention Agenda Work Group will meet as necessary to:
 - Document and monitor progress in achieving the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* goals, objectives, process measures;
 - Modify work plan and make mid-course corrections, as needed, to interventions, strategies, and activities; and
 - Provide forum for specifically implementing policy, systems, and environmental strategies.
- Healthy Capital District Albany-Rensselaer Prevention Agenda Work Group will meet as necessary to:
 - Document and monitor progress in achieving the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* goals, objectives, process measures; and
 - Modify work plan and make mid-course corrections, as needed, to interventions, strategies, and activities.
- Social and Community Context: Primary Prevention, Substance Misuse, and Overdose Prevention
 - Albany County Opioid Task Force will meet no less than four (4) times annually to:
 - Document and monitor progress in achieving the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* goals, objectives, process measures; and
 - Modify work plan and make mid-course corrections, as needed, to interventions, strategies, and activities; and
 - Provide forum for specifically implementing policy, systems, and environmental strategies.
 - Healthy Capital District Albany-Rensselaer Prevention Agenda Work Group will meet as necessary to:
 - Document and monitor progress in achieving the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* goals, objectives, process measures; and
 - Modify work plan and make mid-course corrections, as needed, to interventions, strategies, and activities.
- Social and Community Context: Suicide
 - Albany County Suicide Prevention Task Force will meet regularly to:
 - Document and monitor progress in achieving the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* goals, objectives, process measures; and
 - Modify work plan and make mid-course corrections, as needed, to interventions, strategies, and activities; and
 - Provide forum for specifically implementing policy, systems, and environmental strategies.
 - Healthy Capital District Albany-Rensselaer Prevention Agenda Work Group will meet as necessary to:
 - Document and monitor progress in achieving the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* goals, objectives, process measures; and
 - Modify work plan and make mid-course corrections, as needed, to interventions, strategies, and activities.

- Health Care Access and Quality: Preventive Services for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control
 - Albany County Strategic Alliance for Health will meet no less than six (6) times annually to:
 - Integrate the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* objectives into Albany County Strategic Alliance for Health annual work plan;
 - Document and monitor progress in achieving the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* goals, objectives, process measures;
 - Modify work plan and make mid-course corrections, as needed, to interventions, strategies, and activities; and
 - Provide forum for implementing policy, systems, and environmental strategies.
 - Healthy Capital District Albany-Rensselaer Prevention Agenda Work Group will meet as necessary to:
 - Document and monitor progress in achieving the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* goals, objectives, process measures; and
 - Modify work plan and make mid-course corrections, as needed, to interventions, strategies, and activities.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Strategies for disseminating and educating the community, governmental agencies, and other stakeholders about the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* include:

- A press release announcing publication of the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* will be provided to local media;
- The *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health improvement Plan* will be posted to the Albany County Department of Health website <https://www.albanycountyny.gov/departments/health>;
- County, town, and village governments will be provided with electronic copies of the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* Executive Summary and a link to access the document(s) on the Albany County Department of Health website;
- New York State senators and assemblypersons representing Albany County will be provided with electronic copies of the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* Executive Summary and a link to access the document(s) on the Albany County Department of Health website; and
- Printed and electronic copies of the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* Executive Summary will be provided to community partners and available upon request.

Additionally:

- Active engagement in a broad range of community organizations provides a platform for sharing information regarding the *Albany County 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan* and companion health promotion priorities.
- Information about Albany County Department of Health initiatives is made widely available through targeted outreach and maximum use of earned media.

APPENDIX A

PROFILE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEET HEALTH-RELATED NEEDS OF ALBANY COUNTY

ORGANIZATION NAME	ORGANIZATION ROLE	ORGANIZATION TYPE	WEBSITE
A Healthy Future Diabetes Prevention Group	National Diabetes Prevention Program	Nonprofit Organization	https://ahealthyfuturedpg.com/
Addictions Care Center of Albany	Substance use disorder expertise	Health Care Organization	https://www.theacca.net/
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Educate regarding safe storage / disposal of unused prescription medication	Academia / Education	www.acphs.edu/
Albany County Coroner's Office	Mortality investigation	Government Organization	
Albany County Department for Aging	Nutritional counseling; provision of congregate, home meals	Government Organization	www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/DepartmentForAging.aspx
Albany County Department of Children, Youth and Families	Suicide prevention expertise	Government Organization	https://www.albanycountyny.gov/departments/children-youth-and-families
Albany County Department of Health	Lead local department of health regarding all CHIP interventions	Government Organization	www.albanycounty.com/government/departments/departmentofhealth.aspx
Albany County Department of Mental Health	Lead local department of mental health regarding behavioral health, substance use disorder interventions	Government Organization	www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/DepartmentofMentalHealth.aspx
Albany County Department of Probation	Support individuals under community supervision who are at risk	Government Organization	https://www.albanycountyny.gov/departments/probation
Albany County District Attorney's Office	Law enforcement	Government Organization	https://www.albanycountyny.gov/government/district-attorney
Albany County Public Defender	Supports Albany City Court Regional Drug Court	Government Organization	https://www.albanycountyny.gov/departments/public-defender
Albany County Sheriff's Office	Law enforcement; Sheriff's Heroin Addiction Recovery Program (SHARP)	Government Organization	https://www.albanycounty.com/government/departments/county-sheriff
Albany Family Medicine	Primary health care provider	Health Care Organization	www.communitycare.com/practices/afpg/
Albany Fire Department	First responder, emergency medical service	Government Organization	https://www.albanyny.gov/274/Fire-Emergency-Services
Albany Guardian Society	Education and support services for older adults	Nonprofit Organization	https://albanyguardiansociety.org/
Albany Housing Authority	Public housing provider; resident health interests	Nonprofit Organization	www.albanyhousing.org/
Albany Jewish Community Center	National Diabetes Prevention Program	Nonprofit Organization	https://www.albanyjcc.org/
Albany LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion)	Harm reduction case management	Government Organization	https://albanylead.org/
Albany Medical Center	Local hospital regarding all CHIP interventions; WIC	Health Care Organization	www.amc.edu/
Albany Medical College	Autopsy pathology	Health Care Organization	https://www.albanymed.org/health-care-professionals/pathology-for-medical-providers/
Albany Police Department	First responder, law enforcement	Government Organization	https://www.albanyny.gov/348/Albany-Police
Alcoholics Anonymous	Substance use disorder expertise	CBO / Nonprofit Organization	https://aaalbanyny.org/
ALDI's	Supermarket	Business / For Profit	https://www.aldi.us/
Alliance for Better Health Care (aka Healthy Alliance)	Referral network	Health Care Organization	https://www.healthyalliance.org/
Alliance for Hunger Free New York	Emergency food service expertise	Nonprofit Organization	https://www.alliancehungerfreeny.org/
Alliance of New York State YMCAs	Healthy living expertise	CBO / Nonprofit Organization	http://www.ymcanys.org/alliance/

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Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern NY	Dementia support	Advocacy	https://www.alz.org/northeasternny
American Cancer Society	Chronic disease content expertise (research, education); advocacy	Nonprofit Organization	www.cancer.org/
American Diabetes Association	Chronic disease content expertise (research, education); advocacy	Nonprofit Organization	www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/local-offices/albany-new-york/
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	Suicide prevention expertise	Government Organization	https://afsp.org/chapter/capital-region-new-york
American Heart Association	Chronic disease content expertise (research, education); advocacy	Nonprofit Organization	www.heartassociationalbany.com/
Arbor Hill Development Corp	Community revitalization	Nonprofit Organization	https://arborhilldc.org/
AVillage	Advocacy	Community Based Organization	www.avillageworks.org/
Bethlehem Police Department	First responder, law enforcement	Government Organization	https://www.townofbethlehem.org/142/Police
Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Region	Community services and resources for families and youth	Community Based Organization	https://www.bgccapitalarea.org/
BrightSideUp	Childcare content expertise (regarding nutrition, physical activity); Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	Nonprofit Organization	https://www.brightsideup.org/
Capital Area Peer Services	Behavioral health expertise	Health Care Organization	https://nycaps.org/
Capital Counseling	Behavioral health expertise	Health Care Organization	https://capitalcounseling.org/capital-counseling-albany/
Capital District Behavioral Health	Behavioral health expertise	Health Care Organization	http://www.cdbehavioralhealth.com/
Capital District Center for Independence	Provides support services for persons with disabilities; chronic disease expertise	Nonprofit Organization	www.cdciweb.com/
Capital District Latinos	Prevention, educational programming	Community Based Organization	https://www.capitaldistrictlatinos.org/
Capital District Physicians Health Plan	Behavioral health, substance use disorder, chronic disease content expertise	Health Care Insurance	www.cdphp.com/
Capital District Psychiatric Center	Behavioral health expertise; medication assisted treatment (Children's Clinic)	Health Care Organization	https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/facilities/cdpc/index.htm
Capital District Recovery Center	Substance use disorder provider	Health Care Organization	https://www.capitaldistrictrecoverycenter.org/
Capital District Tobacco-Free Communities	Tobacco use, asthma content expertise	Nonprofit Organization	https://smokefreecapital.org/
Capital District YMCA	Health and wellness content expertise	Community Based Organization	https://cdymca.org/
Capital Region BOCES	Education content expertise; Substance Abuse Education & Prevention Programs	Academia / Education	https://www.capitalregionboces.org/
Capital Region Crime Analysis Center	Law enforcement	Government Organization	crcac@albanyny.gov
Capital Region Diabetes and Endocrine Care	Endocrinology care provider	Health Care Organization	www.crdec.org/
Capital Roots	Nutrition security	Nonprofit Organization	www.capitalroots.org/
CARES of NY, Inc.	Supportive housing	Nonprofit Organization	https://caresny.org/

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Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services	Substance use disorder provider	Health Care Organization	www.cccrda.org/
CEK RN Consulting Inc.	Health advocacy	Nonprofit Organization	
Center for Disability Services	Services for individuals who have disabilities.	Health Care Organization	https://www.cfdsny.org/
Center for Employment Opportunities	Advocacy	Nonprofit Organization	https://www.ceoworks.org/locations/albany
Center for Law and Justice	Health advocacy	Community Based Organization	www.cflj.org/
Centro Civico	Health advocacy	Community Based Organization	www.centrocivico.org/
Chasing Health Integrative Care	Health prevention	Health Care Organization	https://chasinghealthicare.com/
City School District of Albany	Education content expertise (regarding nutrition, physical activity)	Academia / Education	www.albanyschools.org/
Clean + Healthy	Built environment	Advocacy	https://cleanandhealthy.org/
Cohoes Police Department	First responder, law enforcement	Government Organization	https://www.cohoes-ny.gov/534/Police-Department
Colonie EMS	First responder, emergency medical service	Government Organization	https://www.colonieems.org/
Colonie Police Department	First responder, law enforcement	Government Organization	https://www.townofcolonie.gov/departments/police/
Community Care Physicians	Primary health care provider	Health Care Organization	https://www.communitycare.com/
Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region	Chronic disease content expertise	Philanthropy	https://cfgr.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County	Nutrition content expertise	Academia / Education	http://albany.cce.cornell.edu/
CPSN	National Diabetes Prevention Program	Advocacy	https://cpsnny.com/
Crestwood Health, Inc.	National Diabetes Prevention Program; Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) program	Health Care Organization	https://www.crestwoodrx.com/
Diabetes Sisters of Albany	Diabetes, obesity prevention and support	Advocacy	https://diabetessisters.org
Dominick Calsolaro	Health advocacy	Citizen	www.calsolaro.net/
Eden's Rose Foundation	Nutrition insecurity	Nonprofit Organization	https://edensrose.org/
Equinox	Human and social services	Community Based Organization	https://www.equinoxinc.org/
FOCUS Churches of Albany	Food pantry, nutrition access expertise	Community Based Organization	https://focuschurches.net/wp/
Food Pantries of the Capital District	Emergency food service expertise; Food as Medicine	Community Based Organization	www.thefoodpantries.org/
Fusion Recovery Centers	Addiction treatment	Business / For Profit	https://fusionrecovery.com/
Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region	Advocacy	Community Based Organization	https://girlsinccapitalregion.org/
Guilfordland Police Department	First responder, law enforcement	Government Organization	https://www.guilfordlandpd.org/
Hannaford	Supermarket; nutrition content expertise	Business / For Profit	www.hannaford.com/

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Health Literacy for All	Health advocacy	Nonprofit Organization	https://healthliteracyforall.org/
Healthy Alliance	Social care network	Nonprofit Organization	https://www.healthyalliance.org/
Healthy Capital District	Public health planning expertise	Nonprofit Organization	www.hcdiny.org/
Highmark Blue Shield (Northeastern NY)	Behavioral health, substance use disorder, chronic disease content expertise	Health Care Insurance	https://www.highmark.com/member/blueshieldne ny.html
Hilltown Healthcare	Primary care	Healthcare Organization	https://www.hilltownhealth.com/
Hive of Hope	Substance use disorder supports	Nonprofit Organization	https://www.hivealbany.org/
Honest Weight Food Co-op	Grocery store	Business / For Profit	https://www.honestweight.coop/
Hope House	Behavioral health expertise	Community Based Organization	https://www.hopehouseinc.org/
Hospitality House	Behavioral health expertise	Community Based Organization	https://www.hospitalityhousetc.org/
In Our Own Voices	Health advocacy	Community Based Organization	https://ioov.org/
Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless	Social services (also known as (Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center)	Community Based Organization	https://www.iphny.org/
JDRF's Sugar Free Gang	Health advocacy and education	Nonprofit Organization	https://www.jdrf.org/upstatenyl
Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York	National Diabetes Prevention Program	Community Based Organization	https://jfsnyny.org/
Karner Psychological Associates	Behavioral health expertise	Health Care Organization	https://www.karnercare.com/
Koinonia Primary Care	Primary health care provider	Health Care Organization	www.friendsofdrbobpaeglow.com/index.html
LaSalle School for Boys	Education content expertise; medication assisted treatment	Academia / Education	https://lasalle-school.org/
Legal Aid Society of New York	Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP)	Nonprofit	https://www.lasnny.org/
Lincoln Pharmacy	National Diabetes Prevention Program	Health Care Organization	https://www.albanylincolnpharmacy.com/
Market 32 / Price Chopper	Supermarket; nutrition content expertise	Business / For Profit	https://www.pricechopper.com/
Menands Police Department	First responder, law enforcement	Government Organization	https://menandsny.gov/departments/police/
Mental Health Empowerment Project	Substance use and mental health	Health Care Organization	https://mhempinc.org/
MVP Healthcare	Behavioral health, substance use disorder, chronic disease content expertise	Health Insurance Company	https://www.mvphealthcare.com/
Narcotics Anonymous	Substance use and mental health	Community Based Organization	https://www.na.org/
National Alliance on Mental Illness in NYS - Capital Region	Substance use and mental health	Community Based Organization	https://namicapitalregionny.org/
National Guard Counter Drug Task Force	Supports law enforcement agencies and community organizations in their efforts to reduce drug trafficking and abuse	Government Organization	

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NYS Department of Health, Office of Drug User Health	Substance use disorder	Government Organization	https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/consumers/prevention/oduh/
NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)	Substance use disorder	Government Organization	https://oasas.ny.gov/
NYS Office of Mental Health, Suicide Prevention Center of NYS	Suicide prevention expertise	Government Organization	https://www.preventsuicideny.org/
Next Wave	Asthma content expertise	Consulting services	https://nextwave.info/home.html
Nopiates Committee, Inc.	Substance use disorder	Community Based Organization	https://www.nopiates.com/
Northeast Career Planning	Health advocacy	Community Based Organization	https://www.northeastcareer.org/
Northeastern New York Diabetes Educators	Diabetes content expertise	Nonprofit Organization	www.myaadenetwork.org/newyork
Northeastern New York Safety & Health Council Inc	Safety and health education	Nonprofit Organization	https://www.safetycouncilny.com/
Northern Rivers	Behavioral health expertise	Community Based Organization	https://www.northernrivers.org/
Pearl Counseling Center, Inc.	Behavioral health expertise	Health Care Organization	https://www.pearlcounseling.org/
Pinnacle Place Behavioral Health	Behavioral health expertise	Health Care Organization	https://pinnaclebehavioralhealth.com/
Project Coordinated Opioid and Stimulant Treatment (COAST)	Substance use and mental health	Nonprofit Organization	https://cbhnetwork.com/coast/
PROMESA- Camino Nuevo (New Path)	Substance use disorder and mental health	Health Care Organization	https://sobernation.com/listing/promesa-inc-camino-nuevo-albany-ny/
Radix Ecological Sustainability Center	Education content expertise (regarding nutrition)	Nonprofit Organization	https://radixcenter.org/
Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus	Refugee and immigrant support	Community Based Organization	https://www.risse-albany.org/home/
Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York	Emergency food service expertise	Community Based Organization	www.regionalfoodbank.net/
Rehabilitation Support Services	Substance use disorder and mental health	Community Based Organization	https://rehab.org/county/albany-county/
Second Chance Opportunities, Inc.	Substance use disorder and mental health	Community Based Organization	https://www.scoalbany.com/
Senior Hope Counseling	Behavioral health expertise	Community Based Organization	http://www.seniorhope.org/
Senior Services of Albany (LifePath)	Chronic disease content expertise (nutrition)	Community Based Organization	https://seniorservicesofalbany.com/
ShopRite	Supermarket; nutrition content expertise	Business / For Profit	www.shoprite.com/
South End Children's Café	Nutrition security	Nonprofit Organization	www.southendchildrenscafe.com/
St. Catherine's Center for Children	Provides support services for at-risk children; chronic disease, behavioral health interest(s)	Community Based Organization	www.st-cath.org/
St. Peter's Health Partners	Local hospital regarding all CHIP interventions	Health Care Organization	www.sphp.com/
St. Peter's Endocrine and Diabetes Care	National Diabetes Prevention Program	Health Care Organization	
St. Peter's SPARC	Substance use disorder and mental health	Health Care Organization	https://www.sphp.com/

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Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center	Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support	Health Care Organization	https://www.va.gov/albany-health-care/
The Pride Center of the Capital Region	Health advocacy	Community Based Organization	https://www.capitalpridecenter.org/
Trader Joe's	Grocery store	Business / For Profit	https://www.traderjoes.com/home
Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region	Emergency food service expertise; counseling services	Community Based Organization	www.trinityalliancealbany.org/
United States Attorney's Office - Northern District	Community outreach	Government Organization	https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny
US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (Albany)	Health advocacy	Nonprofit Organization	https://refugees.org/field-office/albany/
United States Drug Enforcement Agency	Diversion programming	Government Organization	https://www.dea.gov/
United Way of the Greater Capital Region	Chronic disease content expertise (nutrition)	Nonprofit Organization	www.unitedwaygcr.org/
University at Albany Police Department	First responder, law enforcement	Government Organization	https://www.albany.edu/police
University at Albany, College of Integrated Health Sciences	Chronic disease content expertise (nutrition)	Academia / Education	www.albany.edu/sph/
Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood	Reproductive health care services	Health Care Organization	https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-upper-hudson
Upstate New York Poison Center	Poison prevention education	Nonprofit Organization	https://www.upstate.edu/poison/
Veterans Administration Police	First responder, law enforcement	Government Organization	https://www.va.gov/albany-health-care/va-police/
Visiting Nurses Association of Albany	Chronic disease expertise	Health Care Organization	https://vnaalbany.org/
Vita Health	Youth support team for suicidal adolescents	Business / For Profit	https://www.vitahealth.care/vst/
VNS Health	Behavioral health, substance use disorder, chronic disease content expertise	Health Insurance Company	https://www.vnshealth.org/
Walmart Supercenter	Groceries	Business / For Profit	https://www.walmart.com/
Warren and Denyse Mackey Foundation	Health prevention	Philanthropy	https://wdmackeyfoundation.org/
Watervliet City School District	Education content expertise (regarding nutrition, physical activity)	Academia / Education	www.watervlietcityschools.org/
Watervliet Police Department	First responder, law enforcement	Government Organization	https://watervlietny.gov/police/
Weight Watchers Studio	Obesity prevention care	Business / For Profit	https://www.weightwatchers.com/us/welcome
Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Services	Federally qualified health center; provider of primary care behavioral, opioid treatment, methadone maintenance; WIC	Health Care Organization	www.wmyhealth.org/
Whole Foods Market	Supermarket	Business / For Profit	https://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/albany