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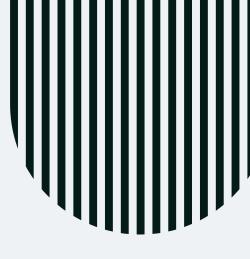
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Oakland Kenwood Hyde Park Woodlawn





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SUMMARY

The Three Cords Strong ROSC Alliance (Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care) initiative is dedicated to understanding and addressing the unique needs of the Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park, and Woodlawn communities in Chicago. By conducting a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment, we aim to identify priority areas for intervention and develop strategies to support residents in their journey towards health, well-being, and resilience.





Our needs assessment utilizes a collaborative approach, engaging residents, community leaders, service providers, and stakeholders. We employ a variety of research methods, including quantitative surveys, qualitative interviews, focus groups, and community forums. Through these methods, we gather data on demographics, strengths, challenges, and aspirations, ensuring a holistic understanding of community needs.

KEY FINDINGS Substance Use and Mental Health:

High prevalence of substance use disorders and mental health challenges. Limited access to affordable and culturally competent treatment services. Stigma associated with seeking help and lack of awareness about available resources.

Economic Opportunity:

Persistent unemployment and underemployment rates. Disparities in income levels and wealth accumulation. Need for job training, workforce development, and entrepreneurship support.

Housing and Homelessness:

Affordable housing shortage and rising housing costs. Homelessness and housing instability among vulnerable populations. Demand for supportive housing, eviction prevention, and tenant rights advocacy.

Community Safety:

Concerns about crime, violence, and neighborhood safety. Trust issues between law enforcement and the community. Desire for community policing, conflict resolution programs, and violence prevention initiatives.

Education and Youth Development:

Achievement gaps in education and unequal access to quality schools. Lack of extracurricular activities and positive youth development programs. Need for early childhood education, academic support, and career readiness initiatives.



SECONDARY SOURCE

Medical Examiner's Office Releases Preliminary 2023 Data

"The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office is releasing preliminary statistics for cases it handled in 2023. The Office's caseload continued to surpass pre-COVID level...Much of the increase in caseload is attributed to opioid overdose deaths.

The County is on pace to match 2022's record for opioid overdose deaths. While the Office still awaits the results of hundreds of toxicology tests, it has already confirmed 1,540 opioid overdose deaths for 2023. The vast majority of those deaths – 90% – involved fentanyl. The MEO anticipates that more than 400 of its pending cases will be due to opioid toxicity, putting the final number for 2023 near 2022 totals.

Of the opioid toxicity cases confirmed thus far, approximately 80% are male. African Americans make up 56% of the deaths, Latinos account for just under 15% and whites constitute 27%. The age group most impacted is 50- to 59-year-olds, accounting for 27% of the overdose deaths. "



SECONDARY SOURCE KEY HIGHLIGHTS CONT...

<u>City of Chicago Department of</u> <u>Public Health, n.d</u>

<u>"The Healthy Chicago 2025 roadmap for how</u> we can make health, racial equity and shared prosperity the hallmarks of our great city. Closing this life expectancy gap is paramount... To accomplish that we need to understand what's behind the gap. Chronic disease, opioid overdose, gun-related homicide, infant mortality and HIV/infectious disease are the largest contributors. To a large extent, the gap reflects the conditions in which people live. The color of your skin simply should not determine how long you live or your quality of life. There is an 8.8 year gap between Black and white Chicagoans."





MAP TARGET AREAS





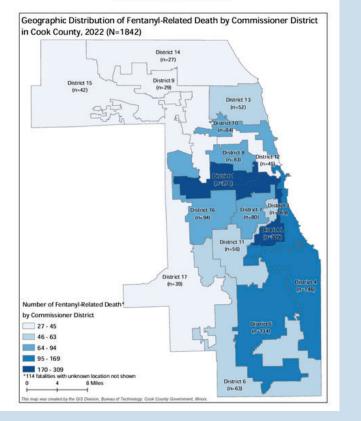




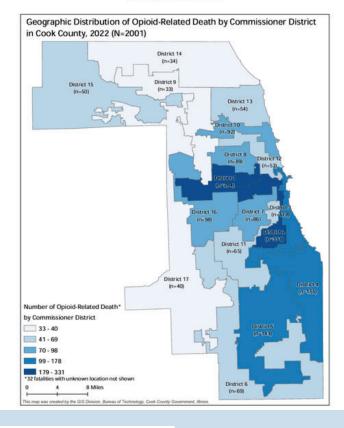
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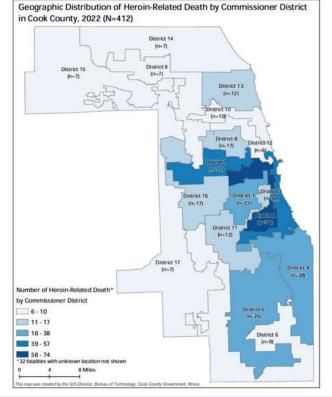
FENTANYL DEATHS



OPIOID DEATHS



HEROIN DEATHS





IMPUT COMMUNITY

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE A STRENGTH OF YOUR COMMUNITY?

- PEOPLE LIVING PRODUCTIVE LIVES
- PATIENCE, LISTENING, NOT TAKING THE BEHAVIOR OF OTHERS PERSONALLY
- ICONSIDER FAMILY BEING THE STRENGTH
- NOTHING
- PERSON AWARENESS ALSO THE TRAFFIC CONTROL.
- WE STICK TOGETHER
- HAVING THE ABILITY TO WANT CHANGE.
- NO STRENGTH
- POLICE
- HOW THE PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER
- HARD WORKERS
- HOW WE ARE ALL IN SOLITUDE WITHIN OUR HOMES, NO ONE HELPS EACH OTHER BUT THROUGH YOUR PERSPECTIVE IT CAN BE A STRENGTH OR WEAKNESS.
- THE LIQUOR STORES
- NOTHING IS IN MY COMMUNITY.
- OBSERVING OTHERS AND PAY ATTENTION
- PEOPLE
- ALDEMAN
- NOT SURE
- TRY STOP TEAM WORK, NO VIOLENCE, DRUGS, EX.
- POLICE EVERYWHERE
- FAMILY
- SCHOOLING
- POLICING
- PEOPLE
- AM STILL LEARNING THE COMMUNITY
- DO KNOW
- YES



IMPUT OMMUNITY

WHAT SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO HELP COMBAT SUBSTANCE USE CHALLENGES?

- Rehab Centers
- Support group AA/NA
 Helpful centers like Transition Training Services
- Not a service necessarily but being open to speak to strangers. Avoidance/antisocialness blocks help.
- I am not sure
- Jobs/ help groups
- Just to have the awareness of uncontrolled usage.
- IDK
- Housing, More Jobs, Recovery Activities
- Social Serv
- Police, Jobs
- More rehabs and more mental health buildings.
- More Jobs
- We need them to want to be helped, even with services it's pointless if no one tries.
- Same, we have none.
- None
- take all the drug away
- ChangeDon't know
- Not sure
- Rehab clinic in Cicero
- Not enough social services; more programs for kids
- Jobs
- Programs, Resources
- consistent police presence
- Am still learning
- programs
- Better leader's and better teacher
- Relief Programs



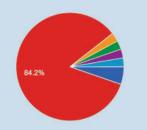
RESULTS COMMUNITY

• Yes No Not Answered Not at the current moment. No but looking diligently

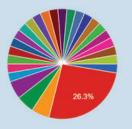
No- well yes I clean houses for \$/ca

take right now

Are you currently employed? 38 responses

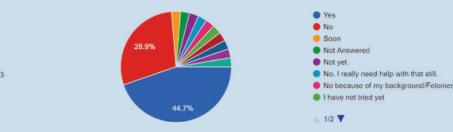


Have you been incarcerated, if yes, then what year? 38 responses

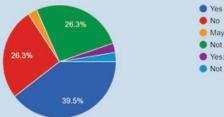




Have you been able to secure housing? 38 responses



Is there a commitment from community leaders to provide public awareness towards advancing the growth and development in your community? 38 responses

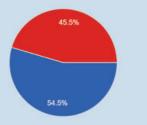


Maybe Not Sure Yes: Aldermen Hoi Not Answered

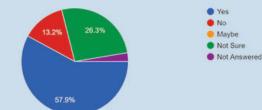
• Yes

No

Do you have your GED or High School Equivalent? 11 responses



Is there adequate access to social services (i.e. day care, counseling, support and/or safety services) in your community? 38 responses



NONE IN THE AREA...

Recovery Homes Half-Way Houses **Transition Living Domestic Violence Abused Women and Children Help Homeless Shelters Food Banks Mental Health Refuges**



THE CONCLUSION

The Three Cords Strong **ROSC Community Needs** Assessment illuminates the complex challenges facing Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park, and Woodlawn, while also highlighting the strengths and assets within these communities. By prioritizing resident voices, fostering collaboration among stakeholders, and implementing evidencebased interventions, we can create a more resilient and equitable future for all residents.

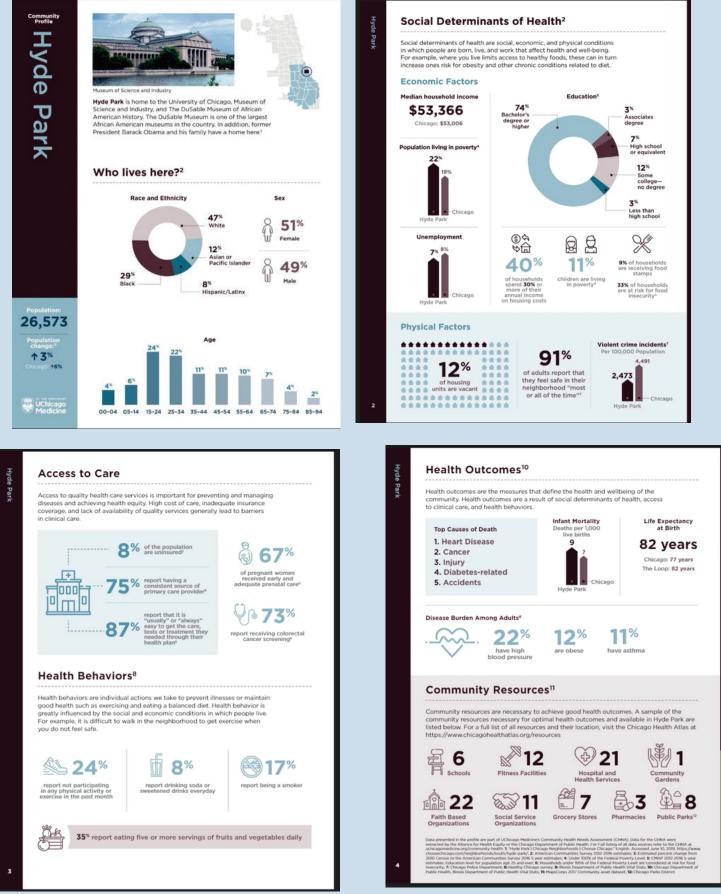


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University of Chicago Community **Snap Shots**



HYDE PARK



OAKLAND

Access to Care

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Health Behaviors7

31%

report not participating in any physical activity or exercise in the past month

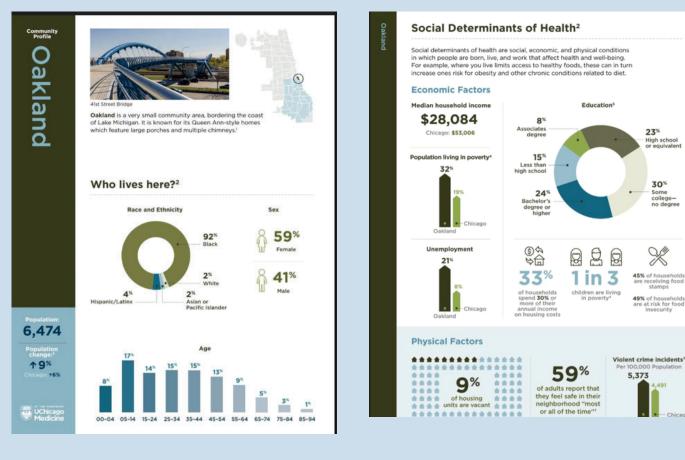
10% of the population are uninsured²

12%

report drinking soda or sweetened drinks everyd

92% or

100





23% High school

30%

X

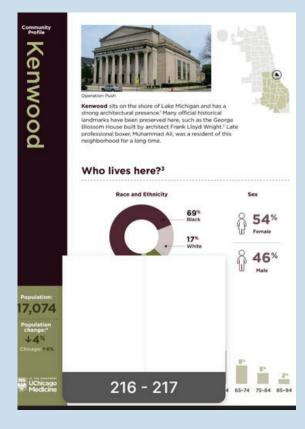
45% of households are receiving food stamps

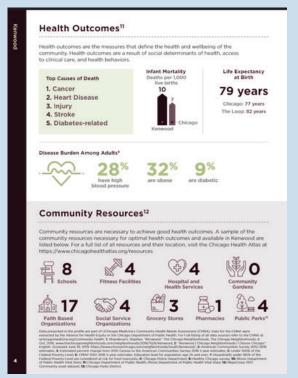
49% of households are at risk for food insecurity

1,491

5,373

KENWOOD





Access to Care

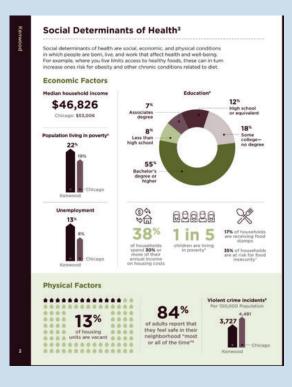
Access to quality health care services is important for preventing and managing diseases and achieving health equity. High cost of care, inadequate insurance coverage, and lack of availability of quality services generally lead to barriers in clinical care.



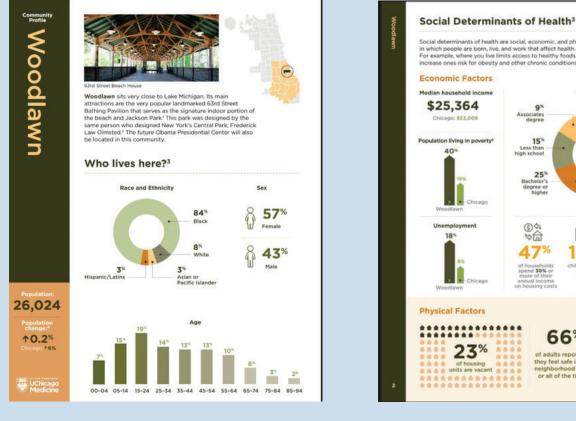
Health Behaviors⁹

Health behaviors are individual actions we take to prevent illnesses or maintain good health such as exercising and eating a batanced diet. Health behavior is greatly influenced by the social and economic conditions in which people live. For example, it is difficult to walk in the neighborhood to get exercise when you do not feel safe.

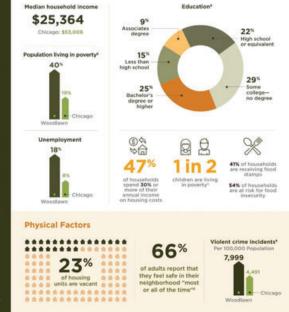




WOODLAWN



Social determinants of health are social, economic, and physical conditions in which people are born, live, and work that affect health and well-being. For example, where you live limits access to healthy foods, these can in turn increase ones risk for obesity and other chronic conditions related to dilet.







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