Assessing Our Communities – Connecting the CHA and the CHNA

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Public Health Opportunities

- Provides opportunity to work closer with hospital
- Promotes a more community-focused approach
- Encourages data, costs, and resources sharing
- Encourages access to hospital data
- Increases quality improvement opportunities
- Improves health for the community – more efficiently using resources

Public Health Challenges

- 140 not-for-profit hospitals, 85 local health units and ONE CHA per county
- Some counties have multiple hospitals and some have none
- Hospital interpretation may be different from local health department/district
- Requirements differ
  - Hospitals do not have to use DPH actions plans and reporting requirements
  - Hospitals not bound to include LHD accreditation and consolidated agreement activities
CHA Tools and Resources

- Community Health Assessment Guide Book
- Healthy Carolinians Website - [www.healthycarolinians.org](http://www.healthycarolinians.org)
- NC State Center for Health Statistics
- DPH support for technical assistance, monitoring, and evaluation
  - Chronic Disease and Injury Section until August 31, 2012
  - Local Technical Assistance and Training Branch after September 1, 2012

CHA Guide Book
the 1-2-3 Approach

1. Establish the CHA Team
2. Collect Primary Data
3. Collect Secondary Data
4. Analyze and Interpret Primary and Secondary Data
5. Determine Health Priorities
6. Create the CHA Document
7. Disseminate the CHA Document
8. Create Community Health Action Plans


HC Website - County CHA Profiles


HC Website - CHA Resources