

STONE COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH
COALITION

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Stone County  Community Health Coalition™



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Mission

The Community Health Coalition works collaboratively with partners in the assessment of Stone County to identify priorities associated with health and safety. As a coalition, we will address our priorities in our Community Health Improvement Plan to promote accessible health opportunities within a safe environment for all those who live, work, learn, and play in Stone County.

Vision

Promoting a healthier, happier, and safer Stone County, MO by focusing on the reduction of substance use and misuse, mental health challenges, and cardiovascular disease.

Values

Accessible health and safety through Innovation, Collaboration, and Excellence.

Since 2014, the Stone County Community Health Coalition has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Stone County citizens. SCCHC was proud to celebrate its 10-year anniversary, October 2024.

This document was presented to SCCHC on December 19, 2024.

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- Cox Medical Center Branson
- Fordland Clinic – Kimberling City
- Healthy Families Task Force
- Kimberling City Police Department
- Missouri State University
- OACAC Neighborhood Center
- OWN It (Ozark Wellness Network)
- Parents as Teachers – Reeds Spring
- Parkinson Group of the Ozarks
- Pregnancy Life Line
- SCHD Board of Trustees
- Silver Dollar City Attractions
- Stone County Health Department
- Stone County Public Health Volunteers
- Unite Table Rock Lake
- University of Missouri Extension

Resources & Partners

- Blue Eye Library
- Blue Eye Schools
- Children's Smile Center
- City of Branson West
- City of Reeds Spring
- College of the Ozarks Nursing Students
- Community Members
- Cox Medical Center Branson
- Crane Library
- Crane Schools
- Epi Info 7 Database
- Fordland Clinic in Kimberling City
- Galena Library
- Galena Schools
- GOCAPS Students and Staff
- Healthy Families Task Force
- Hurley Schools
- Ignite Church
- Kimberling Area Library
- Kimberling City Police Department
- Kimberling United Methodist Church
- Mercy EMS
- Missouri State University
- Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership, MAPP, Handbook
- National Association of County and City Health Officials, www.NACCHO.org
- New Testament Church
- OACAC Neighborhood Center
- OWN It (Ozark Wellness Network)
- Parents as Teachers Reeds Spring
- Parkinson Group of the Ozarks
- Pregnancy Life Line
- Reeds Spring Schools
- SCHD Board of Trustees
- Silver Dollar City Attractions
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- Southwest Rehab Center
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- Stone County Board of Probation/Parole (Drug Court)
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- Stone County Emergency Services/911
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Introduction

A Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is an action-oriented strategic plan outlining the priority health issues for a community.

The Stone County Community Health Coalition (SCCHC) in correlation with the Stone County Health Department (SCHD) has developed this CHIP not only to outline the community's priority health issues, but also illustrate how SCCHC and its partners intend to address these issues, including strategies and measures to ultimately improve the health of the Stone County community.

CHIPs are created through a community-wide, collaborative action planning process that engages partners and organizations to develop, support, and implement the plan.

A CHIP is intended to serve as a vision for the health of the community and a framework for organizations to use in leveraging resources, engaging partners, and identifying their own priorities and strategies for community health improvement.

This plan is intended to help focus and solidify each of SCCHC's key partner agency's commitment to improving the health of the Stone County community in specific areas. The goal is that through sustained, focused effort on this overarching framework, a wide range of public health partners and stakeholders engaged in assessment, planning, and action will be able to document measured improvement on these key health issues over the coming years through collective impact.

Published in December 2023, a Community Health Assessment (CHA) laid framework for the development of the key ideas and goals that make up this Community Health Improvement Plan.

Both the CHA and CHIP were developed by the Stone County Community Health Coalition with Stone County Health Department as the lead agency, during the 2023 SCCHC monthly meetings. This CHIP identifies 4 priorities for addressing improving health in the Stone County community, and is focused on creating action plans within a three year timeline.

The next phase of the CHIP will involve implementation of the action plans included in this CHIP, and monitoring/evaluation of the CHIP's short-term and long-term outcomes and indicators. Details highlighting and outlining each of the health priorities determined by SCCHC are addressed within the following pages.



Health Inequities & SDoH

Health Inequity: Systematic differences in the health status of different population groups (*World Health Organization*).

Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) are conditions that impact a broad range of health and quality-of-life outcomes. These are grouped into 5 categories, or domains.

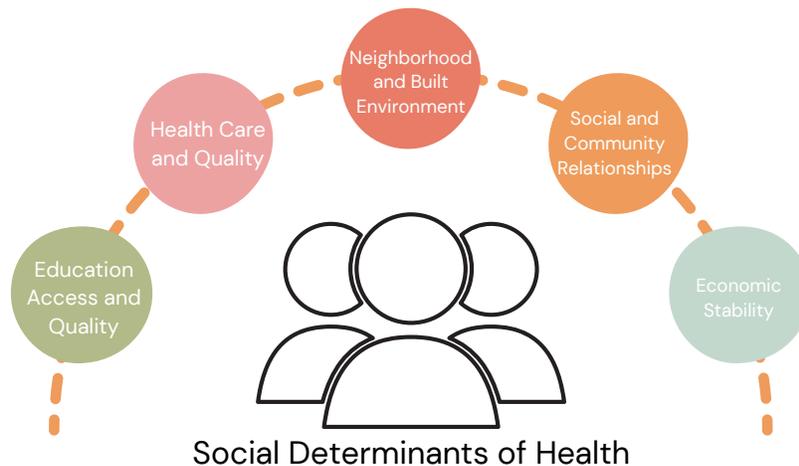
Economic Stability: Refers to the extent to which individuals and communities have consistent access to financial resources and opportunities that affect their health and well-being. This includes factors like steady employment, adequate income, and financial security. Economic stability impacts health by influencing access to healthcare, quality of housing, educational opportunities, and overall living conditions. Greater economic stability often leads to improved health outcomes, as people can afford healthier food, access medical services, and live in safer, more supportive environments.



Education Access and Quality: Refers to the availability and standard of educational opportunities affect individuals' health and well-being. Access to quality education can lead to better health outcomes in several ways such as health literacy, economic opportunities, health behaviors, and social/psychological factors. Access to quality education promotes better health by equipping individuals with knowledge, skills, and opportunities that positively impact their health and quality of life.

Health Care Access and Quality: Refers to an individual's ability to obtain and receive effective, timely, and appropriate health care influences their overall health and well-being. This includes a variety of elements such as accessibility of services, affordability, quality of care, timeliness, and cultural and linguistic competency. Access and quality of health care are critical in determining health outcomes, as they impact the ability to prevent, diagnose, and treat health conditions effectively.

Health Inequities & SDoH



Neighborhood and Built Environment: Refers to the physical and social characteristics of the environments where people live and how these characteristics influence their health and well-being. This can include several factors such as housing quality, access to healthy food, environmental safety, transportation, green spaces, and pollution/environmental quality. The neighborhood and built environment play a crucial role in shaping an individual's health outcomes by influencing their living conditions, access to resources, and overall quality of life.

Social and Community Relationships: Refers to the impact of social relationships, community support, and social structures on an individual's health and well-being. Key points include: social support networks, social cohesion, community engagement, discrimination and social exclusion, and safety/violence. Social and community relationships influence health by shaping the environments in which people live, work, and interact, affecting their access to resources, support, and opportunities for healthy living.

Social determinants of health and health inequities are thoroughly interwoven and impact conditions in which community members are born, grow, live, work, and play. These impact health outcomes and quality of life, and require targeting through policy changes and interventions, community support, equity promotion, investing in community resources, and so much more. These have been essential in the determination of target objectives, and by addressing these root causes in this Community Health Improvement Plan, the Stone County Community Health Coalition can work towards reducing health disparities and improving overall health outcomes for all Stone County communities.

Our Goals



1

Healthy Mind/Body – Addressing Substance Misuse

By 2026, Stone County Community Health Coalition will work to provide prevention materials and education regarding substance misuse deaths to 5% of the Stone County population.

2

Healthy Mind – Addressing Suicide

By 2026, Stone County Community Health Coalition will provide prevention materials and education regarding suicide to 5% of the Stone County population.

3

Healthy Heart – Addressing Cardiovascular Disease

By 2026, Stone County Community Health Coalition will work to provide opportunities and education to reduce the incidence of cardiovascular disease for 5% of Stone County, MO population by 2026.

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Healthy Community – Addressing Poverty

By 2026, Stone County Community Health Coalition will increase the awareness of services pertaining to poverty for 5,000 individuals in Stone County.

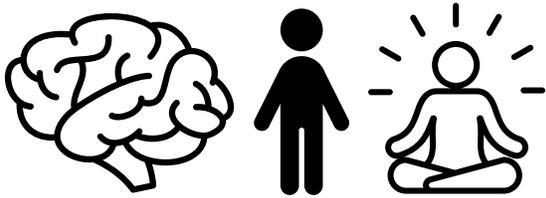
To determine these goals, the Stone County Community Health Coalition (SCCHC) used a process laid out by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). NACCHO is an organization that supports, strengthens, and advocates for local health departments to advocate for healthy communities. The process used was called MAPP, which is Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships, and calls for community-driven strategic planning to improve community health.

In this process, 4 assessments were completed: Community Health Assessment, Community Themes and Strengths, Forces of Change, and Local Public Health System Assessment, which allowed for SCCHC to identify and prioritize public health issues which will then have resources and activities targeted to address them.

Healthy Mind/Body

There are several reasons why SCCHC chose to address healthy minds and bodies for individuals in Stone County.

- Many Stone County residents are not fully aware of the impact of substances on brains, especially those developing.
- There is a perception that substance use is an accepted practice, making citizens unaware of the dangers of substance misuse.



Local Stats – Substance Use Consequences in Stone County (DMH 2022 Status Report)

- Hospitalizations: In 2019, Stone County residents had a total of 105 alcohol-related and 96 drug-related hospitalizations.
- Deaths: In 2020, 6 died by suicide, 6 by alcohol-induced deaths, 9 by drug-induced deaths, and 70 smoking attributable deaths.
- Law Enforcement: In 2018, Stone County had 77 DWI arrests, 10 liquor law violations and 212 drug-related arrests. There were no methamphetamine laboratory seizures in Stone County in 2018.



How SCCHC Intends to Make a Difference:

SCCHC intends to address the target objective for a healthy mind and body over a period of three years, and highlight areas including access prevention with medication lockboxes, participating in a council comprised of various stakeholders from throughout Stone County, and generating programs that for area youth aimed at education and prevention of substance abuse and misuse, while also ensuring that equity is at the forefront of each of the projects.

In Year 1 (2024) the Coalition would like to see great strides made with the distribution of medication lockboxes to families in Stone County, primarily those with children who are of school and daycare age, and veterans. In addition to this, SCCHC would like to spearhead providing Trauma Informed Care counselors for counselors who are providing services to youth and adults who serve youth, highlighting areas of substance abuse and misuse prevention.

Year 2 (2025) will be the year in which SCCHC focuses on an Opioid Prevention Council, which will consist of collaboration between the Coalition and other Stone County stakeholders. This Council will focus on courses of action to protect Stone County citizens from the dangers of illegal substances.

In the third and final year of this CHIP (2026) will be focused on obtaining and utilizing funding for prevention programs, putting particular emphasis in programs that would directly relate to agencies that serve Stone County youth.

SCCHC intends to make contact with at minimum 5% of the Stone County population when addressing this measure, which equates to approximately 1,633 individuals.

Healthy Mind/Body

Objective: Provide prevention materials and education regarding substance misuse deaths to 5% of the Stone County population by 2026.

Activity	Target Date	Resources Required	Lead Organization	Anticipated Result
<p>1) Provide medication lockboxes to Stone County families. 2) Trauma Informed Care counselors and adults working with youth for Stone County youth.</p>	12-31-2024	<p>1) Funding, lockboxes, recipients – schools, daycares, and veterans. 2) Counselors, Burrell’s grant-funded Trauma Informed Care Training – PBM.</p>	<p>1) SCCHC 2) SCCHC, Brook Wellness Center, MOSPN, CPO, Burrell, SCRC</p>	<p>1) Protect Stone County children and families from accidental medication ingestions. 2) Provide Trauma Informed Care counseling to youth and youth serving adults in Stone County to address substance use and misuse prevention.</p>
<p>2) Participate in an Opioid Prevention Council.</p>	12-31-2025	<p>1) Collaboration with other stakeholders and various funding channels such as grants.</p>	<p>1) SCCHC, SCHD, SCOPC</p>	<p>1) Participate in a council of stakeholders with interests in protecting Stone County individuals from the dangers of illegal substances.</p>
<p>1) Obtain and utilize funding for prevention programs.</p>	12-31-2026	<p>1) Various funding channels, including (but not limited to) grants.</p>	<p>1) SCCHC, SCHD, SCOPC, ADAPT</p>	<p>1) Use funding to implement substance use and misuse prevention programs for Stone County Youth Serving Agencies.</p>

Healthy Mind

When determining goals for SCCHC and Stone County, highlighting healthy minds was of the utmost importance.

- The incidence of suicide is much higher in Stone County than the state of Missouri with a primary demographic of males ages 18–25, and 65+.
- Potential influences may include accessibilities to medications, lack of connections in the community, and lack of fellowship.
- Stone County specific influences may include high rate of unemployment and underemployment.

Stone County Facts:

- Suicide claimed the lives of 7 individuals in 2021, which equates to 0.02% of the Stone County population that year.
- Stone County's rate is double the rate of the United States rate, which is 0.01% of the entire country's population.



How SCCHC Intends to Make a Difference:

To achieve the objective for a healthy mind, over the three year period, SCCHC intends to put a great emphasis on education. The Coalition aspires to use resources including QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer), 988 (Suicide and Crisis Lifeline), Trauma Informed Care, and more to provide information and materials to Stone County residents in relation to suicide prevention, and ensure that equity is the center of all efforts.

In Year 1 (2024) SCCHC intends to have interaction with at least 1550 individuals in Stone County to provide trauma informed care training, encourage evidence based screening tools in clinical settings, educate regarding how 988 can be a vital resource, and educate residents on the warning signs of suicide.

Year 2 (2025) will focus on building on the themes established in Year 1, in which SCCHC will continue with warning signs and screening tools education, however, 988 education focus will shift to the population of Stone County directly related to Veterans, in that they will highlight the Veterans-specific tools of 988. 1550+ residents are the target goal of citizens reached in 2025.

In the final year of this CHIP (2026), the focus will shift yet again to Stone County's senior population. Currently, approximately 50%+ of the citizens in Stone County are aged 50+, which is why SCCHC aims to distribute suicide prevention toolkits to at least 250 entities serving seniors in Stone County, as well as implement social and educational opportunities for seniors such as community-wide social events and financial literacy information aimed to benefit those on fixed incomes. The target impact number for this final year is at least 250 entities.

With a population of 32,658 at the time of this plan's inception, the target of 5% of the county's population is 1,633 individuals, which is well exceeded by the individual activity goals of this plan to be successful in completing the intended objective.

Healthy Mind

Objective: Provide prevention materials and education regarding suicide to 5% of Stone County population by 2026.

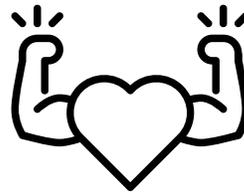
Activity	Target Date	Resources Required	Lead Organization	Anticipated Result
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating for suicide warning signs. • Encouraging evidence-based screening tools in clinical settings. • Building Awareness and Educating about 988, reaching at least 1,000 Stone County Residents. • Train providers in trauma informed care for at least 50 individuals. 	12-31-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QPR training • Screening tool • 988 materials • Trauma Informed Care materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD • Burrell • VOTO • Stone County Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide suicide education for at least 500 Stone County Residents. • Influence the implementation of evidence based screening tools in 2 Stone County Clinics. • 988 awareness and education for at least 1000 Stone County Residents. • Trauma Informed Care training for at least 50 individuals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue warning signs education. • Encouraging evidence-based screening tools in clinical settings. • Building Awareness and Educating about Veterans-specific 988, reaching at least 1,000 Stone County Residents. 	12-31-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QPR training • Screening tool • 988 materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD • SCCHC • Fordland Clinic • Burrell • Brook Wellness Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide suicide education for at least 500 Stone County Residents. • Influence the implementation of evidence based screening tools in 2 Stone County Clinics. • 988 awareness and education for at least 1000 Stone County Residents.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute suicide prevention kits to entities serving seniors. • Implement social opportunities for seniors. • Promote financial literacy to seniors on fixed incomes. 	12-31-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toolkit for Senior Citizens • Financial education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHD • SCCHC • CPO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide suicide prevention toolkits to at least 250 entities serving Stone County seniors. • Create weekly social, exercise, and support opportunities for seniors. • Provide financial literacy on fixed incomes information at 4 events.

Healthy Heart

Heart and physical health was a standout goal when developing a community improvement plan for SCCHC.

- **Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Stone County, Missouri.**
- The incidence of heart disease is higher in Stone County than in the state of Missouri, with the mortality rates being 226.01 per 100,000 in Stone County compared to 189.34 per 100,000 in all of Missouri from 2014–2019.

- Possible attributing factors include an elderly population, poor diet, and lack of exercise.
- Influences specific to Stone County may include the fact that the county's population over 50 years of age makes up 50% of the entire population, and that there are no easily accessible indoor exercise locations.



How SCCHC Intends to Make a Difference:

To achieve the three year objective for Healthy Heart, SCCHC plans to highlight the importance of diet, exercise, and taking care of physical health, all while having fun. The Coalition is planning a variety of activities including community-wide exercise classes, cooking classes and nutrition resources, and health screenings throughout Stone County, and ensuring that all activities encompass equity at their core.

In 2024, SCCHC aspires to focus on physical fitness, and reducing the overall lack of physical activity level for adults in Stone County from 27% to 25%. They aim to make progress toward this goal by planning exercise classes free of cost hosted by the Stone County Health Department, launching community campaigns highlighting physical activity, and organizing efforts toward the establishment of a public park for Stone County older adults.

Year 2 (2025) will center on the nutritional aspect of heart health, by collaborating with programs such as MU Extension and MSU Dietetics in developing educational materials and nutritional classes, and getting that information out to businesses and citizens in Stone County. SCCHC would like to see at least 6 new partnerships with local businesses to help distribute and promote this heart health information and opportunities.

In 2026 the heart health focus will shift to a more healthcare aspect in that SCCHC will partner with SCHD and other entities to provide health screenings a local events throughout Stone County. In addition to facilitating these screenings, SCCHC will make a conscious effort to promote these events in a variety of ways to maximize the potential for community participation.

As with some of the other objectives, SCHHC will target to impact at least 5% of the county's population, which equates to 1,633 individuals. This can be tracked a variety of ways such as attendance sheets from events, engagement analytics on social media, and more.

Healthy Heart

Objective: Provide opportunities and education to reduce the incidence of cardiovascular disease for 5% Stone County, MO population by 2026.

Activities	Target Date	Resources Required	Lead Organization	Anticipated Result
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Launch a community-wide campaign highlighting the benefits of physical activity. 2.Partner with SCHED to offer free exercise classes throughout the year. 3.Organize community fitness events to encourage active lifestyles. 4.Organize and work toward a public park for older citizens. 	12-31-2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Volunteers and host location. 2.Volunteers/ Facilities 3.Volunteers/ Facilities 4.Funding/ location 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.SCCHC 2.SCHD 3.SCCHC 4.SCHD 	Successfully implement targeted community engagement programs to reduce the percentage of adults engaging in no physical activity from 27% to 25%.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Develop high-quality educational materials on heart-healthy diets in collaboration with health professionals. 2.Engage with local agencies and/or businesses demonstrating identified evidence-based heart healthy diets. 3.Provide incentives for businesses to display and distribute educational materials. 	12-31-2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Nutrition program information. 2.Audiences 3. Participants 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MU Extension 2. SCCHC, MSU Dietetics Program 3. SCCHC 	Establish partnerships with local businesses to distribute heart-healthy diet education, increasing the number of participating businesses from 0 to 6.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Offer on-site health screenings at local events. 2.Establish partnerships with event organizers to integrate health screenings into existing community gatherings. 3.Promote events through various channels to maximize community participation. 	12-31-2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Mobile healthcare supplies and providers. 2.Participants 3.Social media 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.CAM, SCHED, Pathways 2.SCCHC and SCHED 3.SCCHC 	Increase the availability of health screenings at Stone County community events, reaching a target of 3 events by the target date.

Healthy Community

A healthy community is the end all goal for entities like SCCHC, and social health plays a large roll in influencing that.

- The incidence of poverty within some cities in Stone County is higher than the Missouri average. With potential influences including generational poverty.
- Stone County Poverty rate = 12.3%, while the Missouri rate is 13%. Areas to note include:
 - Galena: 33.3% Poverty Rate (2016-2020 ACS)
 - Crane: 16.7% Poverty Rate (2016-2020 ACS)
 - Hurley: 13.7% Poverty Rate (2016-2020 ACS)

Stone County Fast Facts:

- Median household income: \$58,392 (Census Data)
- Median gross rent: \$867 (Census Data)
- Median home value: \$220,400 (Census Data)
- Average commute time: 27.9 minutes. (Census Data)
- Access to Care Score: 21/100 (US News)
- Health Outcomes Score: 58/100 (US News)
- Food Availability Score: 45/100 (US News)
 - Food Insecurity Rate 13.6% (US News)
- Walkability Index Score: 5.6/100 (US News)
- Public Transit Score: N/A



How SCCHC Intends to Make a Difference:

To achieve the three year objective for Healthy Community, SCCHC plans to highlight the impact that poverty has on Stone County communities, and address methods to tackle the load it places onto the citizens who are impacted. The Coalition plans to address three overarching topics, including food insecurity, affordable housing, and accessible transportation, and ensuring that all activities are designed with equity in mind. The target of this objective is to increase awareness of services pertaining to poverty for 5,000 individuals in Stone County, MO.

In 2024, SCCHC aspires to focus on food insecurity by drawing attention to the various resources available throughout Stone County. The Coalition plans to spearhead a variety of social media campaigns that highlight available resources such as food banks, WIC resources, affordable recipes and more. It will also implement cooking classes and create a digital resources booklet that outlines the available resources.

Year 2 (2025) will pivot to affordable housing, which again will consist of social media campaigns and the formation of a digital resource booklet, which will outline the options available in Stone County for various affordable housing opportunities, and be easily accessible and distributable to the Stone County population.

In the final year of this CHIP (2026), the healthy community focus will shift to accessible transportation that is available in Stone County, including those for senior citizens, and those accessible to all, and provide opportunities to observe what services are currently and ways that those could be improved, if necessary, to better serve the community.

Healthy Community

Objective: Increase the awareness of services pertaining to poverty for 5,000 individuals in Stone County, MO by 2026.				
Activity	Target Date	Resources Required	Lead Organization	Anticipated Result
<p><u>Food Insecurity:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media campaign highlighting all available food resources in Stone County on SCCHC Facebook page. • Joint cooking classes with heart health group to make budget-friendly, WIC approved, heart healthy recipes. • Digital resource booklet outlining available resources in Stone County including healthy recipes. 	12-31-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media • Cooking Classes • Recipes • Nutrition Assistance Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC OACAC • SCCHC • SCHD • CAM • Unite Table Lake • 4 Ozark Seniors 	Provide education and learning opportunities for Stone County individuals regarding ways to combat food insecurity.
<p>Affordable Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media campaign highlighting all affordable housing resources in Stone County on SCCHC Facebook page and the importance that plans in public health. • Digital resource booklet outlining available housing resources in Stone County. 	12-31-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media • Affordable Housing Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Rock Chamber • SC OACAC • Reeds Spring Schools • SCHD • City of Kimberling City Govt 	Provide education for Stone County individuals regarding resources available for affordable housing in the area.
<p>Accessible Transportation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media campaign highlighting all accessible transportation resources in Stone County on SCCHC Facebook page, that expresses the importance of being accessible. • Digital resource booklet outlining accessible transportation resources in Stone County. 	12-31-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media • Transport Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Rock Chamber • SC OACAC • SC OATS • City of Kimberling City Govt 	Provide education for Stone County individuals highlighting accessible transportation available in the area.

Impacts through Accountability

The Stone County Community Health Coalition remains steadfast in its commitment to the well-being of Stone County through the ongoing execution and refinement of our Community Health Improvement Plan. Our dedication to this mission is unwavering as we work collaboratively to foster a healthier, more vibrant community.

Our Community Health Improvement Plan is not a static document but a dynamic roadmap that will be reviewed and revised on an annual basis, or more frequently if circumstances necessitate. This ensures that our strategies remain responsive to the evolving needs of our community and incorporate equity and the latest evidence-based practices to each and every one of our endeavors.

Our commitment is anchored in our core goals of promoting a healthy mind, a healthy body, a healthy heart, and a healthy community. By prioritizing these pillars, we aim to enhance overall wellness with heart health, address mental and emotional health by addressing substance abuse and suicide prevention, and cultivate a supportive environment that benefits all residents of Stone County by addressing poverty.

We are resolute in our mission to make measurable progress in these areas and will continue to engage with community stakeholders, leverage resources effectively, and adapt our approach as needed. Through this persistent effort and collaboration, we envision a Stone County where every individual has the opportunity to thrive, embodying the true essence of a healthy and thriving community.

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