

A NOTE FROM KINGS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Kings County Department of Public Health strives to bring together people and organizations to improve community wellness. The community health assessment process is one way the health department and its partners can live out its mission. In order to fulfill this mission, these partners must be intentional about understanding the health issues that impact residents and work together to create a healthy community.

A primary component of creating a healthy community is assessing the community's needs and prioritizing those needs for impact. In 2023, Kings County Department of Public Health partnered with Moxley Public Health and community-based organizations to conduct a comprehensive Community Health Assessment (CHA) to identify primary health issues, current health status, and other health needs. The results from the assessment provide critical information to those in a position to make a positive impact on the health of the region's residents. The results also enable community members to measure impact and strategically establish priorities to then develop interventions and align resources.

Kings County Department of Public Health and their many health partners conduct CHAs every five years to measure and address the current health status of the Kings County community. The Department assessed Kings County as the community of focus because it is where those they serve live, work, learn, and play. Through quantitative and qualitative data collection and assessment, this report will inform decisions on how to better meet the health needs of the community. The Department strives to provide the best possible care for the Kings County community and will use this report to guide strategic planning and decision-making concerning future programs and health resources.

The 2023 Kings County CHA would not have been possible without the help of numerous Kings County organizations, acknowledged on the following pages. It is vital that assessments such as this continue, so partners know where to direct resources and how to use them in the most advantageous ways.

The goals of public health can only be accomplished through community members' commitment to themselves and to each other. The Department believes that together, Kings County can be a thriving community of health and well-being at home, work, school, and play.

Importantly, this report could not exist without the contributions of individuals in the community who participated in interviews and completed the community member survey. The Department is grateful for those individuals who are committed to the health of the community, and took the time to share their health concerns, needs, behaviors, praises, and suggestions for future improvement.

Sincerely,



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