



Access to Care

Adequate access to health education and services directly impacts health outcomes.

In Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster Counties, our communities identified the most important gaps in health care services and the most concerning barriers to accessing health care.

Gaps in Health Care Services

- Mental Health Practitioners
- Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment
- School-Based Services
- Specialty Services
- Emergency Services
- Chronic Disease Management Services

Barriers to Accessing Health Care

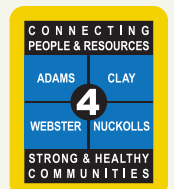
COST
 NAVIGATING THE HEALTH SYSTEM
INSURANCE COVERAGE
 HEALTH LITERACY
TRANSPORTATION
 AWARENESS OF AVAILABLE HEALTH RESOURCES
 POVERTY AND ECONOMIC STATUS



"Accessibility to primary care and prevention is a huge issue, be it due to financial restraints, transportation issues, or knowledge deficit."

Resident response to SHDHD Community Themes and Strengths Assessment, 2018

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Our goal is to improve access to comprehensive, quality health care services by addressing identified gaps in services and barriers to accessing care.

We are working together to improve access to quality health care for everyone!

STRATEGIES/OBJECTIVES

Action

Setting

Provide affordable primary care, oral health and behavioral health services.



Federally Qualified Health Center

Expand substance misuse services.



Community, healthcare system

Improve transportation options.



Community

Help people understand and use insurance



Community, providers, hospitals, worksites

Build a workforce to assist people with accessing health care



Community, healthcare, public health department

Promote using proven practices to improve health information communication



Healthcare, public health department

Assist people who experience greater barriers to accessing health care



Community, public health department

Create a health services resource guide



Libraries, schools, clinics, hospitals, community and the public health department

EXPECTED RESULTS

Fewer people say that cost is a barrier to visit their health care provider



More people have health care coverage and know how to use it



More people have a personal health care provider



More people visit their doctor and dentist for routine exams

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