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- Top gaps in health care in the county: a shortage of mental health providers, lack of specialty care, women's/maternal care, oral health, and family medicine.
- Barriers to addressing issues: lack of funding, staff shortages, access to medical care and transportation.
 - 43% reported the COVID-19 pandemic changed the priorities of their organization.
 - 70% reported an increase in their caseloads.
 - 48% reported experiencing a shortage of referral options.
 - When asked if they had the resources to address the issues, 61% said they did not.
- The majority organizations completing the survey were community-based organizations, government employees, and tribal members.
- These findings will be used for Community Health Improvement Planning (CHIP) with community partners. CHIP planning includes a Perinatal Access forum on June 1st. Public Health is hosting a Children's Health Committee Round Table on Teen Health on June 14th from 10-12:00 with Healthy Mendocino Collaborative Partners



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Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) has been working on a significant initiative to improve perinatal care access throughout Mendocino County. This initiative is the result of work done in 2021-22 related to tribal perinatal health outcomes measures. Our first collaborative round-table will take place on June 1, 2023, and brings together a cross-section of partners, including tribal representatives and Indian Health Clinics. We aim to discuss the issues, opportunities, and barriers and develop a framework for solving this problem: disparities based on ethnicity, race, and those who live in isolated areas of the county, particularly the Coast, Laytonville, and Round Valley.

MCAH will facilitate the Children's Health Committee (CHC), a Council on Children and Youth sub-committee. Due to the growing prevalence of adolescent Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STIs) and teen pregnancy, there will be a round-table discussion on the California Healthy Youth Act (CaHYA) and adolescent reproductive health education on June 14, 2023. Through partner outreach efforts with the Mendocino Office of Education (MCOE), Planned Parenthood Northern California (PPNorCal), and local Community-based Organizations (CBOs), we hope to develop a resource list for educators that will be useful in identifying and addressing gaps in CaHYA provision. Following conversations with PPNorCal and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), a PPNorCal job listing has recently been posted for a Mendocino County Health Education Specialist.