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Adventist Health is a faith-based, nonprofit, integrated health system serving more than 100 communities on the West Coast and Hawai'i, with over 440 sites of care, including 27 acute care facilities. Founded on Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies and joint-venture retirement centers in both rural and urban communities. Our compassionate and talented team of more than 38,000 includes employees, physicians, allied health professionals and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. Guided by our mission, Adventist Health supports purposeful work to address the social drivers of health, with a special focus on underserved members of the communities in which we operate. Together, we are transforming the healthcare experience of our communities with a whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual and social healing to support well-being.

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2026 Community Health Implementation Strategy

Building upon the communities' voices, stories, and priority areas shared in the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), in the following pages you will find the 2026 Community Health Implementation Strategy (CHIS).

This CHIS is a long-term community health improvement plan that strategically implements programs to address the high priority health needs identified in the CHNA.

We welcome collaboration with all local partners and community members, empowering our community to own the potential of healthy living for all.

Scan QR code or visit https://www.adventisthealth.org/documents/community-beneft/2025-AHSV-CHNA.pdf to read about the latest findings and high priority needs identified in the 2025 CHNA.

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High Priority Health Needs That Will Be Addressed

After conducting our CHNA, we identified priority areas where our resources, expertise, and partnerships can make a meaningful impact.

In partnership with community stakeholders, our hospital has strategically prioritized efforts to address:

Access to Care – Women's Health
Access to Care – Older Adult's Health
Mental Health

Needs Hospital Plans Not To Address

Concentrating our resources on the above health needs will strengthen our ability to deliver effective interventions that are aligned with our operational capacity. The remaining lower identified health needs: **Adolescent & Children's Health, Caregiving, Chronic & Respiratory Diseases, Nutrition, Healthy Eating & Physical Activity, and Socio-political Environment** – will not be addressed but are expected to benefit from the existing community partnerships and organizations who are currently addressing the need.

Scan QR code to learn more about our collaborative approach for selecting our high needs for the 2025 CHNA:

Section V. Process And Methods To Conduct The CHNA
H. Criteria & Process Used for Identification & Prioritization of Health Needs

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PRIORITY NEED

Mental Health

Population(s)

Individuals experiencing mental health and substance use needs entering the Emergency Department

Root Cause(s) of High Need:

- *Mental Health identified as top priority in 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment*
- *High need of support*
- *Rising overdose deaths*
- *Mental health and self -harm are higher*
- *Unmet Mental Health needs*
- *Unmet Substance use needs*
- *Lack of mental health resources*

OBJECTIVE: Provide and ensure individuals entering the Emergency Department with substance-related needs receive timely, compassionate, and coordinated support through a dedicated Substance Use Navigator who provides public education, Narcan kits, connection to treatment and recovery services, and collaboration with local agencies to ensure continuity of care.
Establishes community-wide resource available for acute mental health services.

PROGRAM:
Substance Use Navigator Program

ACTIONS:

- ED screens individuals upon arrival to the emergency department to identify mental health and substance use needs.
- Implement and manage evidence-based practices in emergency care, including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and the administration of Narcan.
- Coordinate smooth transitions for individuals into appropriate treatment and recovery facilities.
- Expand the reach and impact of behavioral health and substance use programs through targeted initiatives and partnerships.
- Engage in community events to increase awareness, education, and access to resources.
- Collaborate with local agencies to provide support and resources at homeless encampments.
- Guest speaking engagements to promote behavioral health education, programs, and services.
- Distribute Narcan kits to enhance community safety and overdose response capacity.

Aim Statement: Over the next three years, the Substance Use Navigator will continue to create a pathway of support services to individuals experiencing mental health and substance use needs through compassionate care, community outreach, public education, and connection to behavioral health treatment services.

Existing Initiatives/Projects

- Substance Use Navigator Program
- Backpack Medicine
- Homeless Encampment Outreach
- Narcan Kit Distribution
- Fentanyl and Addiction Awareness

Data Source(s)

- # of individuals identified
- # of treatment offerings
- # of referrals
- # of transportation assistance
- # of Narcan distribution kits
- # guest presentations attended

Partners Internal

- Substance Use Navigator
- Emergency Department
- Cardiology
- Case Managers
- Social Workers

Partners External

- Simi Valley Police Department
- Conejo Health
- Local Shelters
- Treatment Facilities
- Alliance for Wellness

Available Resources

- Navigator Coach
- Transportation assistance
- Treatment facility referral
- Case Management assistance
- Clothing
- Food security

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PRIORITY NEED

Access to Care

Population(s)

All genders 55 and over

Root Cause(s) of High Need:

- *Older Adults Health identified as top priority in 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment*
- *Caregiver Stress*
- *Increased population and age discrimination*
- *Multiple Chronic Conditions*
- *Unmet Health Needs*
- *Limited accessibility to resources*
- *Limited Income*
- *Underserved population*

OBJECTIVE: Build a robust and responsive system of compassionate care for the older adult community through expanded provider networks, enhanced services, and strengthening outreach, education, and access to essential resources.

PROGRAM:
Older Adults

ACTIONS:

- Participate in the annual Wellness Expo for community members.
- Host a Health Fair at the Farmers Market.
- Partner with local non-profit organizations to support older adult population programs.
- Host Orthopedic Care classes for joint replacement and spine surgery patients.
- Strengthen the Home Health/Hospice program through community outreach and engagement events and workshops.
- Partner with the Grants team to identify and pursue funding opportunities that support community educational initiatives.
- Expand provider network in urology, radiology, oncology, endocrinology, and women's health.
- Partner with the Free Clinic of Simi Valley to support the underserved population with free lab and radiology tests.
- Engage in community education opportunities with emphasis on cardiovascular, stroke, spine and mobility.

Aim Statement: Over the next three years, strengthen provider capacity, expand services, and increase screenings and education classes to improve older adult engagement in care and promote timely recovery.

Existing Initiatives/Projects

- Orthopedic Care Classes
- Optilume Procedure
- Home Health/Hospice

Data Source(s)

- # of individuals attending class
- # of people given a care kit
- # of people participated in prehabilitation education program
- # of patients enrolled in Hospice program
- # of free labs performed

Partners Internal

- Perioperative Navigator
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physicians
- RN's
- Marketing & Communications
- Home Health Care
- Foundation
- Laboratory

Partners External

- SV Council on Aging
- Body Brain Train
- City of Simi Valley
- Simi Valley Family YMCA
- Senior Centers
- Assisted Living Facilities

Available Resources

- Orthopedic Care Classes
- AHSV led Lecture Series

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PRIORITY NEED

Access to Care

Population(s)

Women of all ages

Root Cause(s) of High Need:

- *Women's Health identified as top priority in 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment.*
- *High Breast Cancer rates*
- *Rising Cervical Cancer*
- *Higher death rates due to breast cancer and cervical cancer*
- *Heart diseases, cancers, and Alzheimer's Disease and strokes leading causes of premature death in women.*
- *Higher mental health conditions*
- *Underserved population*

OBJECTIVE: Deliver accessible and compassionate care and provide education for women that is holistic, compassionate, attentive, and convenient.

ACTIONS:

- Host Power of Pink event .
- Host a Health Fair at the Farmers Market.
- Participate in six (6) community events promoting Women's Health.
- Integrating perimenopausal and aging women education.
- Develop a Women's Growth Health Committee with internal and external providers
- Partner with non-profit organizations with grants or sponsorship to support women's health including human trafficking and wellness expo events.
- Guest speaking engagements for physicians and clinical staff.
- Partner with the Free Clinic of Simi Valley to support the underserved population with free lab and radiology tests.

PROGRAM:
Women's Health

Aim Statement: Within three years, encourage women to prioritize their health by providing community-focused education on prevention, early detection, and access to treatment, aiming to improve access to care and increase utilization of services at the Nancy Reagan Breast Center.

Existing Initiatives/Projects

- Nancy Reagan Breast Center
- Women's Health Committee
- Power of Pink

Data Source(s)

- # of Power of Pink attendees
- # of community events
- # of farmers market events
- # of lecture series per year
- # of individuals in attendance
- # of free labs

Partners Internal

- Business Development
- Adventist Health Primary Network
- Nancy Reagan Breast Center
- Cardiology/EP
- Endocrinology
- Nurse practitioners
- Marketing & Communications
- Staff

Partners External

- Soroptimist of Simi Valley
- Non-profit organizations

Available Resources

- Nancy Regan Breast Center
- Adventist Health Primary Network

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APPROVAL PAGE

2026 CHIS Approval

In response to the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment, this Community Health Implementation Strategy was reviewed and approved by our Hospital Board as well as the Adventist Health System Board on April 23, 2026.

The entire report is published online and available in print form by contacting community.benefit@ah.org.

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