

# UnityPoint Health - Des Moines

## 2017 Community Health Needs Priorities

The 2016 Central Iowa Community Health Needs Assessment is a collaboration of hospital and health department representatives along with other community stakeholders. A Steering Committee identified five areas to address, including access to care, mental health, physical environment, workforce, and youth. These priorities have been adopted by UnityPoint Health – Des Moines as organizational priorities. They include:

- A. Increase opportunities for expanded and alternative means of healthcare delivery to address issues limiting access to care
- B. Establish more vibrant communities and neighborhoods characterized by mixed- and joint-use spaces and facilities that are accessible and available to everyone, including public gathering places for diverse and integrated engagement, and designs that promote healthy lifestyles
- C. Expand statewide training efforts for all professionals working with children across the various health and child-serving systems in Trauma Informed Care, cultural competency, and mental health first aid
- D. Identify additional sources of funding to create new and expand existing training programs in Psychiatry and Psychology and improve the mental health and disabilities training of primary care doctors and other primary care providers
- E. Ensure access to high-quality pre-K and K-12 education for Central Iowa children
- F. Ensure access to health care services and education for Central Iowa’s newcomer population



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