



2024 Westmoreland Area Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation goals and Implementation strategies.

The recent Community Health Needs Assessment identified several pressing concerns within our region, including:

- Good jobs and a healthy economy
- Low crime / safe neighborhoods
- Strong family life

While these issues are vital to the overall health and wellbeing of our community, Independence Health System will not focus exclusively on them in our strategic initiatives. Instead, we will continue to build and strengthen partnerships with local organizations and service providers. These collaborations will enable us to better connect patients with existing community resources, ensuring they receive the support they need beyond clinical care.

Our approach reflects a commitment to leveraging community services and relationships to address social determinants of health in a sustainable and impactful way.

The recent Community Health Needs Assessment identified several pressing concerns within our region. The identified areas of need which we intend and strive to impact include:

- Access to health care
- Healthy behaviors and Lifestyles
- Access to food

Latrobe Hospital will be opening the Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health unit and new space at Latrobe Hospital for Inpatient Behavioral Health, bringing all Behavioral Health to the Latrobe campus by year end 2025.

The Women's Health program plans renovations of the 5th floor at Westmoreland Hospital to house the clinical OB/GYN with anticipation of opening in 2025. Westmoreland Hospital will provide all cardiology services in the Westmoreland Hospital campus projected for June 2025.

Independence Health System will continue to offer complimentary Lifestyle Coaching Classes which are open to all community members.

Independence Health System is piloting a Food Pantry Box Program for Frick and Latrobe Hospitals. This is a short-term intervention for acute care patients who are identified as food insecure. This intervention provides a bag of non-perishable items, donated by the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Along with non-perishables small food preparation items are provided as needed, including cutting boards, vegetables peelers, measuring cups, etc. Patients are also sent home with information on local food insecurity interventions.