



Cherokee County  
**Community Health  
Improvement Plan**

2026 - 2028









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# about Cherokee County

Cherokee County, located in the Piedmont region of South Carolina, is noted for its historic assets, recreation-rich environment, and evolving industrial base. With a growing population, the county features a mixture of small cities—including Gaffney, Blacksburg, and Cowpens—alongside extensive rural territory.

In terms of health, Cherokee County performs below other counties in South Carolina and the nation. According to 2024 County Health Rankings, the county's overall health outcomes and health factors are considered worse than the average county in South Carolina and counties across the United States.

Health outcomes include length of life and various quality of life measures. Health factors include various health behaviors, clinical care factors, social and economic factors, and measures of the physical environment.

Notable gaps in health outcomes will require focused effort from partners to ensure measurable improvements in priority areas are made.



**4.8%**

Unemployment Rate  
in 2022



**56,200**

residents living in  
Cherokee  
County in 2022



**7 year**

difference in life  
expectancy between  
zip codes in  
Cherokee County

# about Live Healthy Cherokee

## WHO?

Live Healthy Cherokee is a countywide health coalition made up of multi-sector partners—including healthcare providers, public health agencies, nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, businesses, and grassroots community members—working with the mission to achieve health equity and improve health outcomes for all Cherokee County residents.



## WHAT?

We serve as a unifying force for collective action, aligning community partners to identify health needs, reduce disparities, and implement strategies and evidence-based interventions that promote equity and improve quality of life. Our work is guided by community voice, data-driven insights, and a commitment to long-term impact.

## WHY?

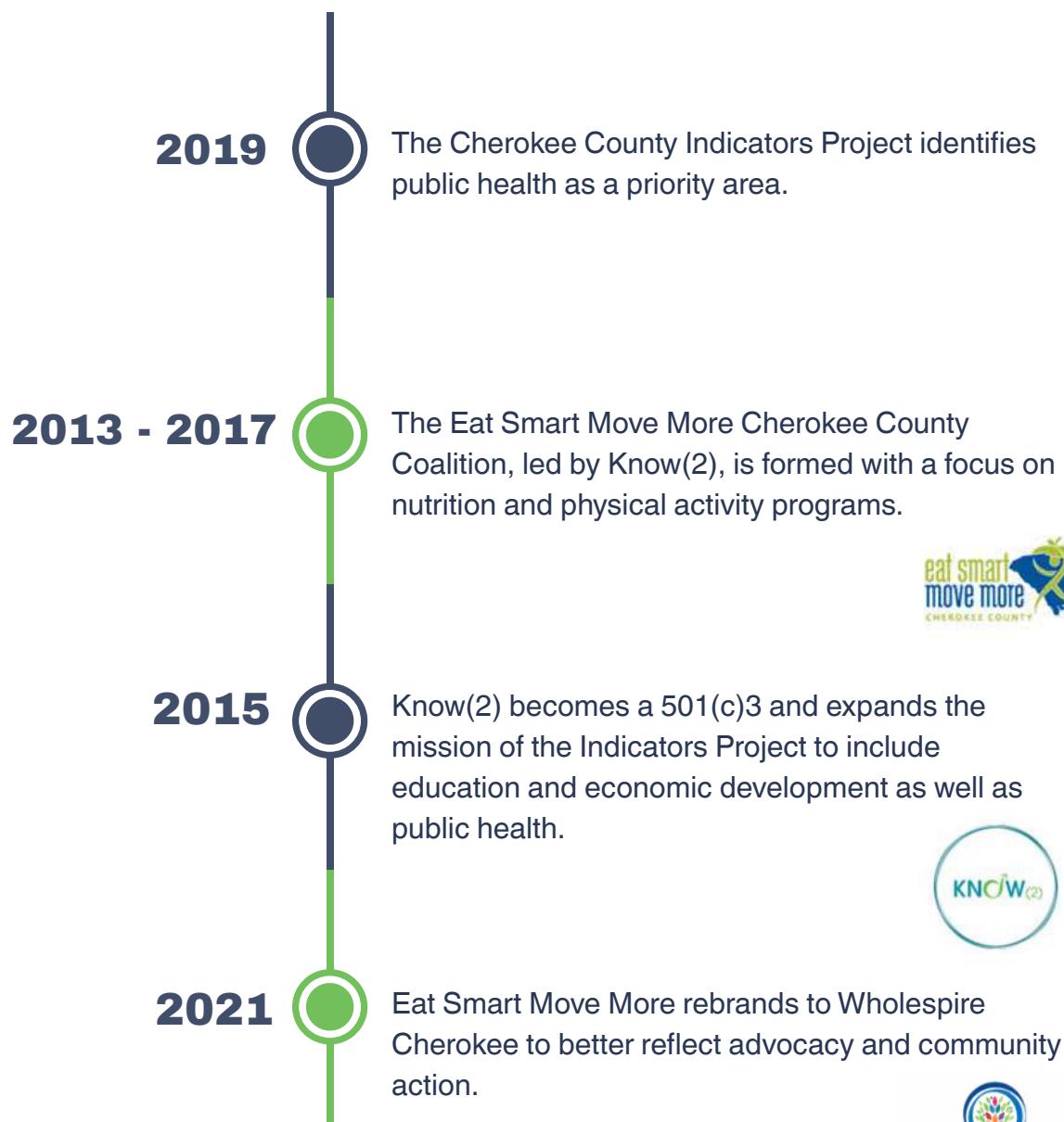
Because where people live, work, and play directly impacts their health. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthy life, and that achieving this requires intentional collaboration, community engagement, and equity at the core of every effort.



## HOW?

By aligning goals, combining resources, and leveraging local leadership, Live Healthy Cherokee serves as a community health coalition that convenes partners together to drive sustainable change and address the root causes of health and wellness challenges in our community.

# coalition history timeline



**2017 - 2021** Through the leadership of Know(2) and Wholespire programs such as FIT2gether and Thrive-U were developed.

**2021** KNOW(2) launches its local initiative, FoodShare Cherokee, in April 2021.



**2024** KNOW(2) leads the Coalition through the rebrand to Live Healthy Cherokee and launches the 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment.



**2025** Live Healthy Cherokee is awarded \$100,000 through the Healthy People Healthy Carolinas program funded by The Duke Endowment. The priority focus for these funds is Healthy Eating and Active Living.

**2026** Live Healthy Cherokee awarded a 5-year implementation grant through Healthy People Healthy Carolinas and launches their 2026-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan.

# a letter from the team

Greetings Cherokee Community,

On behalf of Live Healthy Cherokee, I am proud to share our 2026 - 2028 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which reflects the voices, data, and commitments of partners across Cherokee County. This plan is more than a document—it is a roadmap for collective action that will shape healthier futures for our families and neighbors.

This report provides a high-level overview of our community's most pressing priorities. Committees for each identified priority area met from September 2025 to December 2025 to select indicators, strategies, and performance measures that will allow us to measure progress and impact over time.

All relevant data and details associated with the priority areas outlined in this report will be made available online. Updates regarding accessibility can be found at our website, linked here or the QR code located below.

With your help, we look forward to building a healthier Cherokee County.

Sincerely,

*Libbie Cheek*

Libbie Cheek  
Coalition Manager  
Live Healthy Cherokee



# data-driven decisions for a healthier community

## BACKGROUND

The 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and the county-wide *Data Walk* hosted in partnership with the SC Department of Public Health (SC DPH) provided LHC with a comprehensive picture of the factors shaping health and well-being. These efforts **engaged residents, partners, and subject matter experts to examine data on health outcomes, social determinants, and equity gaps.**

Together, they highlighted both areas of progress and persistent challenges facing the community. A copy of the 2024 CHNA can be found on Live Healthy Cherokee's [website](#).

Data collection is the first step—lasting improvement requires shared agreement on which health priorities need immediate focus. The CHIP is designed to do just that.

By moving from data to action, Cherokee County ensures that the community is not just identifying health issues, but also developing targeted strategies and shared accountability to address them.

## OUR PROCESS

From September to December 2025, Live Healthy Cherokee engaged in review of the 2024 CHNA and identified the following priority areas:

- Access to Care
- Behavioral Health
- Chronic Health Conditions
- Resilient Children and Families

Guided by the Results-Based Accountability framework, each committee systematically identified the desired results for each identified priority area, selected indicators to monitor progress, established strategies, and performance measures within their designated priority area.

# results-based accountability

In order to increase accountability to action and maintain alignment with frameworks utilized by state-level entities, the LHC team utilized **Result-Based Accountability** to drive the 2026 - 2028 CHIP development process.



## What is Results-Based Accountability?

Results-Based Accountability (RBA) is a disciplined, data-driven framework that helps communities move from talk to action. It begins with the end in mind—defining the results we want for a community and then works backward to identify the indicators that show whether we are making progress.



## How will we monitor progress?

In Cherokee, RBA is being used as the guiding framework for the new Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Each CHIP priority is linked to a results statement, indicators, and strategies. Partners use RBA to track data, share the story behind the numbers, and coordinate actions that can “turn the curve” on data trends identified.



## What does this mean for our work?

The use of RBA and online ScoreCard ensures that our work moves beyond this single, point-in-time report. The CHIP is a living plan that will continuously be updated as LHC partners bring the identified strategies to life, review emerging data, and adjust activities to ensure real, measurable impact.

# a common language

To ensure clarity and consistency throughout this report, the following glossary provides definitions of **common terms used in the Results-Based Accountability (RBA) framework**. These terms guide the process of moving from data to action and are essential for understanding how progress will be measured and sustained.



## **What is a Results Statement?**

A broad condition of well-being for a population (e.g., “All children are healthy and ready to learn”).



## **What is an Indicator?**

A measure that helps track progress toward a population-level result (e.g., high school graduation rate, rate of uninsured residents).



## **What is a Strategy?**

A coordinated approach or set of actions designed to improve an indicator and achieve the desired result.



## **What is a Performance Measure?**

A way to track how well a program or initiative is working. It helps determine whether the activities are producing the desired results.

## OUR PRIORITIES

ACCESS  
TO CARE



RESILIENT  
CHILDREN &  
FAMILIES



BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH



CHRONIC  
HEALTH  
CONDITIONS





# our priority areas

2026 - 2028

# priority access to care

## OUR BELIEF



Everyone deserves access to quality and affordable health care services. Live Healthy Cherokee believes increasing access and removing barriers to care are essential to improving health outcomes for Cherokee County residents.



## RESULTS STATEMENT

All Cherokee County residents have access to affordable health care services.



# priority access to care

## Overview

The **Access to Care** committee has identified the following headline indicators to monitor as it relates to understanding how well residents are able to access appropriate and affordable health care services from a population level.

- *Health Insurance Status*
- *Avoidable Emergency Department Utilization*
- *Provider Ratios*
- *Early & Adequate Prenatal Care*

A cross-section of relevant stakeholders worked to identify **indicators** that will be monitored over time through state-level and locally available data sources. Following the identification of those indicators, the team discussed **local strategies** led by partners that can create favorable outcomes.

**Performance Measures** were also identified and will be tracked by the local partners responsible for implementation of its corresponding strategy. The strategies included in this report lift up existing efforts that are already working well and new strategies that will be explored and developed throughout implementation of the 2026 - 2028 CHIP.

*All relevant data and details associated with the Access to Care Priority Area will be made available online. Updates regarding accessibility can be found at our website, [www.livehealthycherokee.org](http://www.livehealthycherokee.org).*

# indicators access to care

## Indicators

### ► **Health Insurance Status**

Percentage of adults with health insurance coverage, under the age of 65.

Source: U.S Census, American Community Survey (ACS)

### ► **Provider Ratios**

Primary Care, OBGYN, Pediatric, Dental, and Mental Health providers per number of residents

Source: SC Office of Revenue & Fiscal Affairs (SCRFA)  
SC Area Health Consortium (SC AHEC)

### ► **Avoidable Emergency Department Utilization**

Rate of avoidable emergency department visits per 100,000 population.

Source: CMS, 2022

### ► **Early & Adequate Prenatal Care\***

The timing of the first prenatal visit and the number of follow-up visits throughout pregnancy.

Source: SC Department of Public Health

\*Adequate prenatal care is measured using the Kotelchuck Index. Adequate is defined as care started within the first trimester and 80-109% of recommended visits.

# our approach access to care

Strategies	Performance Measures
<b>1.1</b> Strengthen coordination across all safety-net providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals that have established care with medical home</li><li>• # of referrals for care &amp; % of patients that follow through</li></ul>
<b>1.2</b> Increase reach of mobile units throughout Cherokee County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of sites/days that partner units are available in the community</li><li>• # patients served</li></ul>
<b>1.3</b> Increase opportunities for Community Health Worker engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of CHWs serving Cherokee County</li><li>• # of people served by CHWs</li></ul>
<b>1.4</b> Increase support and services engaging mothers in prenatal care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals participating in a supportive program during pregnancy</li><li>• % of those individuals receiving early &amp; adequate prenatal care</li><li>• % with of those individuals with positive birth outcomes</li></ul>
<b>1.5</b> Increase collaborative opportunities with dental care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals receiving services through dental safety-net providers</li><li>• % decrease in emergency department utilization due to dental needs</li></ul>
<b>1.6</b> Increase access to chronic condition self-management support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals participating in a self-management program</li><li>• % of those individuals with improved self-management and health outcomes</li></ul>
<b>1.7</b> Increase access to care through specialty provider rotations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # patients engaging in specialty care through specialist rotations</li></ul>

# our approach access to care

Strategies	Performance Measures
<b>1.8</b> Increase access to and participation in community-based screenings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of community-based screenings offered</li><li>• # of individuals participating in community-based screenings</li><li>• % of these individuals referred to care</li></ul>
<b>1.9</b> Increase utilization of telehealth supports and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of partners offering telehealth support</li><li>• # of individuals utilizing telehealth</li></ul>
<b>1.10</b> Increase capacity for school-based health services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of schools providing enhanced school-based health services</li><li>• # of students served by school-based health services</li></ul>
<b>1.11</b> Develop partnerships that promote healthcare workforce readiness, recruitment, and retention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of academic institution partnerships</li></ul>



# priority behavioral health

## **OUR BELIEF**



Access to mental health and substance use services is essential for overall well-being. Live Healthy Cherokee believes in strengthening behavioral health resources and ensure every resident can access the supports they need.



## **RESULTS STATEMENT**

All residents of Cherokee County will have access to opportunities and services that promote their mental and behavioral health.



# priority behavioral health

## Overview

The **Behavioral Health** committee takes a holistic approach to understanding and improving mental and emotional well-being across Cherokee County. Recognizing that behavioral health is influenced by complex, interrelated factors, the committee track has identified the following indicators that will be monitored over time through state-level and locally available data sources:

- *Mental Health Distress*
- *Drug Overdose*
- *Emergency Department Visits*
- *Suicide*

Following the identification of those indicators, the team discussed **local strategies** led by partners that can create favorable outcomes. **Performance Measures** were also identified and will be tracked by the local partners responsible for implementation of its corresponding strategy.

The strategies included in this report lift up existing efforts that are already working well and new strategies that will be explored and developed throughout implementation of the 2026 - 2028 CHIP.

*All relevant data and details associated with the Behavioral Health Priority Area will be made available online. Updates regarding accessibility can be found at our website, [www.livehealthycherokee.org](http://www.livehealthycherokee.org).*



# indicators behavioral health

## Indicators

### ► Mental Health Distress

Percentage of adults reporting being in poor mental health 14+ days per month

Source: SC Department of Public Health, BRFSS, 2023

### ► Emergency Department Visits

Rate of emergency department visits related to mental and behavioral health

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, 2025

### ► Drug Overdose

Rate of Cherokee County residents who died by overdose

Source: SC Department of Public Health, Vital Statistics, 2024

### ► Suicide

Rate of Cherokee County residents who died by suicide

Source: SC Department of Public Health, Vital Statistics, 2024



# our approach behavioral health

Strategies	Performance Measures
<b>2.1</b> Promote community-wide Mental Health First Aid Training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals completing Mental Health First Aid training</li><li>• % of individuals who report using the skills they learn in training</li></ul>
<b>2.2</b> Promote existing school-based mental health supports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of students served</li></ul>
<b>2.3</b> Explore opportunities and build capacity to develop a local Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment, and Healing (EmPATH) unit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of partnerships developed</li><li>• % of self-reported increased capacity</li></ul>
<b>2.4</b> Increase local peer support capacity and engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals served through peer support</li></ul>
<b>2.5</b> Promote and increase the reach of naloxone distribution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of naloxone kits distributed to the community</li><li>• # of reported overdose reversals</li></ul>
<b>2.6</b> Strengthen suicide prevention and postvention strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals participating in suicide prevention training</li><li>• # of survivors receiving postvention support</li></ul>



# our approach behavioral health

Strategies	Performance Measures
<b>2.7</b> Increase local community paramedicine capacity related to behavioral health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals served by community paramedicine for behavioral health needs</li><li>• % of these individuals connected to additional support</li></ul>
<b>2.8</b> Promote existing mobile crisis response efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals served by mobile crisis</li><li>• % of these individuals connected to additional support</li></ul>
<b>2.9</b> Increase access to community-based behavioral health support systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of community-based support groups</li></ul>
<b>2.10</b> Increase local capacity to serve the needs of individuals with neurological and developmental differences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals served through Project LifeSaver</li><li>• # of individuals served through increased partnership with Project HOPE Foundation</li></ul>



# priority chronic health conditions



## OUR BELIEF

We believe that addressing chronic health conditions such as diabetes and hypertension includes preventative approaches such as supporting and developing opportunities that increase access to healthy foods and safe places for physical activity.



## RESULTS STATEMENTS

- All Cherokee County residents have ***access to healthy foods.***
- All Cherokee County residents have ***access to a safe place to exercise.***



# priority chronic health conditions

## Overview

The **Chronic Health Conditions** committee focuses on upstream approaches to preventing conditions such as diabetes and hypertension to improve overall community health. Recognizing that **access to healthy foods** and **safe places to be active** often shape these conditions, the group chose to outline food and activity strategies separately while recognizing how closely they connect.

Using data and community input, the committee selected a set of **Indicators**—population-level measures that best reflect food accessibility and access to physical activity opportunities. Both sets of indicators are listed below:

### Healthy Eating

- *Food Insecurity*
- *Fruit & Vegetable Consumption*
- *Limited Access to Healthy Foods*

### Active Living

- *Adult Physical Inactivity*
- *Access to Physical Activity Opportunities*

Members then identified what is already working well locally, such as existing programs and partnerships, and where gaps remain that may require **new or strengthened strategies**. For each selected strategy, **performance measures** were established to help track implementation progress and understand how well interventions are working over time.

*All relevant data and details associated with the Healthy Eating, Active Living Priority Area will be made available online. Updates regarding accessibility can be found at our website, [www.livehealthycherokee.org](http://www.livehealthycherokee.org).*

# indicators healthy eating



## INDICATORS

### ► Food Insecurity

Percentage of residents experiencing food insecurity.

Source: Feeding America, 2023

### ► Fruit & Vegetable Consumption

Percentage of adults eating less than one serving of fruits and vegetables per day.

Source: US Department of Agriculture, 2019

### ► Limited Access to Healthy Foods

Percentage of low-income residents living in low-access census tracts.

Source: SC Department of Public Health, BRFSS, 2013-2021





# our approach healthy eating

Strategies	Performance Measures
<b>3.1</b> Promote access to nutrition support programs like SNAP, Healthy Bucks, WIC, and Senior Nutrition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># of partners engaged in nutrition supports advocacy</li></ul>
<b>3.2</b> Increase the reach of FoodShare Cherokee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># of customers</li><li>% of customers purchasing through SNAP/Healthy Bucks</li><li>% of repeat customers</li></ul>
<b>3.3</b> Support the implementation of the Know(2) Mobile Market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># of customers</li><li>dollars spent and leveraged</li><li>% of sales through SNAP/Healthy Bucks</li></ul>
<b>3.4</b> Support the expansion of Culinary Medicine initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># of individuals participating in Culinary Medicine programming</li><li>Improvements in health among participants</li></ul>
<b>3.5</b> Promote and deliver nutrition education through Cooking Up Confidence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># of individuals participating in Cooking Up Confidence</li><li>% of individuals with improved knowledge, skills, and abilities</li></ul>
<b>3.6</b> Promote and increase the reach of Summer Meals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># of Summer Meals participants</li><li>% of meals offered through different implementation methods (delivery, congregate at Housing sites)</li></ul>

# priority active living

## INDICATORS

### ► **Adult Physical Inactivity**

Percentage of adults reporting no physical activity outside of work.

Source: SC Department of Public Health, BRFSS, 2023

### ► **Access to Opportunities for Physical Activity**

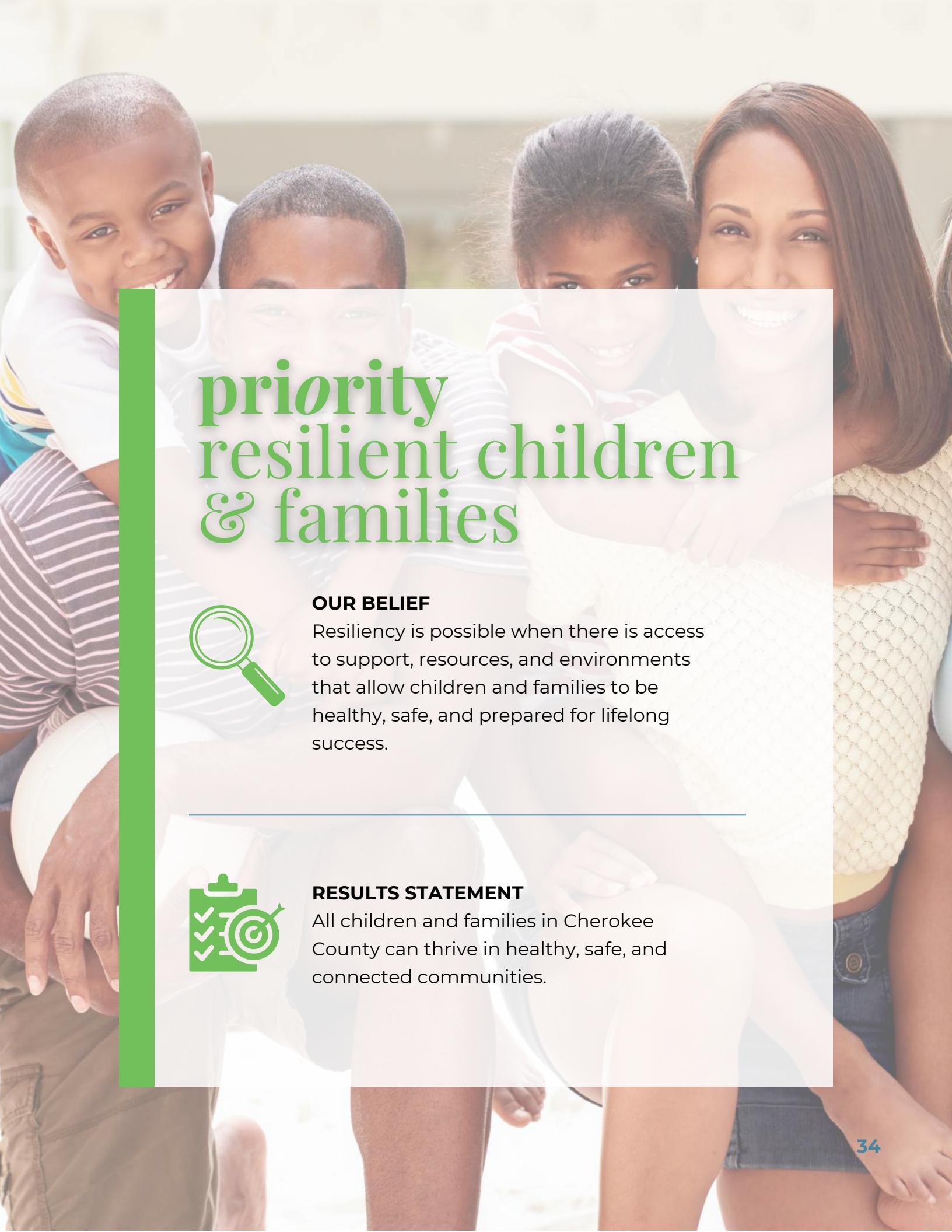
Percentage of residents living close to a park or recreation facility.

Source: County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, 2024



# our approach active living

Strategies	Performance Measures
<b>4.1</b> Support and promote open community use policy efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of schools actively implementing open community use policy</li><li>• # of PSE changes promoting open community use</li></ul>
<b>4.2</b> Improve opportunities for community mobility by ensuring safe streets for pedestrians and cyclists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of community mobility assessments completed</li><li>• # of recommendations for improvements made and completed</li><li>• # of plans or policies influenced through community engaged assessments</li><li>• # of residents participating in assessments</li></ul>
<b>4.3</b> Promote the use of parks and trails by assessing and improving current facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of community park/trail assessments completed</li><li>• # of recommendations for improvements made and completed</li><li>• # of plans or policies influenced through community engaged assessments</li><li>• # of residents participating in assessments</li></ul>
<b>4.4</b> Increase the reach of Kids in Parks Track Trails.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of Track Trails in Cherokee County</li><li>• # of kids and families utilizing Track Trails</li><li>• # of registered Track Trail visits</li></ul>
<b>4.5</b> Promote the utilization of local physical activity programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of classes and programs offered</li><li>• # of residents participating in classes and programs</li><li>• % of residents that are repeat participants</li><li>• % of classes and programs targeted toward older adults and youth</li></ul>



# priority resilient children & families



## OUR BELIEF

Resiliency is possible when there is access to support, resources, and environments that allow children and families to be healthy, safe, and prepared for lifelong success.



## RESULTS STATEMENT

All children and families in Cherokee County can thrive in healthy, safe, and connected communities.



# priority resilient children & families

## Overview

The **Resilient Children & Families** committee focuses on strengthening the conditions that allow every child and family in Cherokee County to thrive in healthy, safe, and connected communities. Recognizing that resilience is built through stable relationships, supportive environments, and equitable access to opportunities, the group's efforts center on fostering both individual and community-level protective factors.

Through the use of data and community input, the committee selected **Indicators**—population-level measures that best reflect progress toward family well-being and child resilience. The following indicators were selected:

- *Kindergarten Readiness*
- *Third Grade Literacy*
- *Adverse Childhood Experiences*
- *College or Career Ready*
- *Asset Limited, Income Constrained (ALICE) Families*

Selected **strategies** aim to strengthen family supports, improve access to early childhood and parenting resources, and expand trauma-informed practices within systems that serve children and families. For each strategy, **performance measures** were developed to track implementation and assess how well interventions are working over time.

*All relevant data and details associated with the Resilient Children & Families Priority Area will be made available online. Updates regarding accessibility can be found at our website, [www.livehealthycherokee.org](http://www.livehealthycherokee.org).*



# indicators resilient children & families

## Indicators

### ► **Kindergarten Readiness**

Percentage of students demonstrating readiness to learn

Source: SC Department of Education, School Report Cards, 2025

### ► **Third Grade Literacy**

Percentage of third graders testing below standards in English/Language Arts.

Source: SC Department of Education, School Report Cards, 2025

### ► **College or Career Ready**

Percentage of Cherokee County students leaving school ready for a career or for postsecondary education.

Source: SC Department of Education, School Report Cards, 2025

### ► **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)**

Percentage of adults that self-report childhood ACES.

Source: SC Department of Public Health, BRFSS, 2019-2021

### ► **Asset Limited, Income Constrained (ALICE)**

Percentage of households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living.

Source: United for ALICE



# our approach resilient children & families

Strategies	Performance Measures
<b>5.1</b> Strengthen coordination across organizations and programs supporting children and families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of partners engaged in an enhanced, wraparound approach to family support</li><li>• % of families served through a coordinated partner network</li></ul>
<b>5.2</b> Promote community-wide training on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs, Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs), and resilience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of individuals participating in training</li><li>• % of participating individuals with improved understanding of ACEs, PCEs, and resilience</li></ul>
<b>5.3</b> Support existing parenting education and support programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of people participating in parenting education</li><li>• % of participating individuals increasing their parenting knowledge or confidence</li></ul>
<b>5.4</b> Promote training on financial literacy and financial security.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of partners offering financial literacy and financial security training</li><li>• % of individuals participating in training</li></ul>
<b>5.5</b> Support efforts to create healthy environments for youth beyond school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of students participating in a positive out-of-school environment</li><li>• % of students participating in a program that demonstrate improved outcomes</li></ul>
<b>5.6</b> Build the capacity of organizations serving homeless community members .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # of organizations increasing their capacity to serve homeless community members</li><li>• # of individuals served</li></ul>

# how to get involved

This report offers a high-level snapshot of the shared priorities that will guide Live Healthy Cherokee's efforts over the next three years. For greater detail—including access to relevant data, strategy-level updates, performance measures, and current progress—community members and partners are encouraged to visit our [website](#) for updates regarding our online ScoreCard.

Looking ahead, committees for each priority area will continue to meet regularly to monitor progress, review performance data, and celebrate milestones. These groups will also remain responsive to emerging community needs, ensuring that strategies stay relevant, equitable, and aligned with the evolving health landscape of Cherokee County.

Together, we remain committed to building a healthier, more connected community—where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

If you or your organization would like to join our efforts, please email us at [livehealthycherokee@gmail.com](mailto:livehealthycherokee@gmail.com) or visit [www.livehealthycherokee.org](http://www.livehealthycherokee.org) for more information.





# thank you to our partners

Live Healthy Cherokee extends sincere gratitude to all members of the priority committees, partner organizations, and community contributors who dedicated their time, expertise, and insight to the 2026 - 2028 CHIP process.

We offer a special thank you to our Executive Team for their guidance and leadership.

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# our committee members

A special thank you is extended to organizations that participate in our committees. Our team is grateful for their partnership and commitment to building a healthier, more resilient Cherokee County—together.

Able SC	Fullerton Foundation
Access Health	Gaffney Housing Authority
Birth Matters	Gaffney Visitors Center & Farmers Market
Cherokee Charter Academy	Gibbs Cancer Center Cherokee & Union
Cherokee County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse -	Innovation Counseling Services
Cherokee Recovery	Iron City Ministry
Cherokee County Family YMCA	Kids Club Upstate- Cherokee County
Cherokee County Government	KNOW(2)
Cherokee County School District	Limestone Presbyterian Church
Cherokee County Sheriff's Office	Meals on Wheels of Cherokee County
Cherokee Mental Health Center	Miracle Hill Rescue Mission – Cherokee
Cherokee Pregnancy Center - Options Medical	Peach Center Ministry
Cherokee Recreation District	Piedmont Care
Cherokee Tabernacle Gospel Church	Project REST
Cherokee/Union Guardian Ad Litem	ReGenesis Healthcare
Children's Advocacy Center	Salvation Army of Cherokee County
City of Gaffney	Senior Centers of Cherokee County
Clemson - SNAP Education	Spartanburg Community College
Dance with Mena	Spartanburg Regional Foundation
Department of Public Health	Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System
First Bank Blacksburg	Town of Blacksburg Administration
First Steps of Cherokee County	United Way of the Piedmont
Free Medical Clinic of Cherokee County	Velocity Clinical Research







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