

State Health Assessment (SHA) and State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Overview

STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT (SHA)

What is the SHA?

- The SHA is a collaborative process aimed at data collection and analysis to provide an overview of the community's current health status, needs, and factors that contribute to health outcomes. The SHA helps guide the development of a State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) by facilitating the prioritization of strategies and activities, identifying collective resources, and determining how to align those resources to achieve improvements in health outcomes

Why should a state conduct the SHA?

- Helps the community determine health improvement goals and objectives based on data/needs
- Identifies health inequities and disparities
- Serves as the foundation for the SHIP
- Is a required element for Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation

What are the key elements included in the SHA?

- Facilitates multi sector collaboration
- Engages diverse community engagement
- Collects actionable data on community themes, strengths, health status, inequities/disparities, and assets
- Features a communication plan to share results and information

SHIP

What is the SHIP?

- The SHIP is a five-year plan—developed in collaboration with multi sector partnerships—to address public health issues and themes based on the results of the SHA. This plan outlines what the community collaboratively intends to do about identified health priorities.

Why should a state conduct the SHIP?

- Sets priorities and coordinates efforts among stakeholders with similar goals
- Develops strategies and policies to improve health outcomes through prioritization activities and goal setting
- Is required for PHAB accreditation

What are the key elements of the SHIP?

- Creates partnerships and engages the community through the SHIP development process
- Achieves improvements through collective impact
- Establishes a state-level plan that outlines priorities, effective interventions, and policies to achieve targeted goals and objectives
- Can be used as a roadmap for improving health and well-being at a population level
- Serves as a framework for planning and resource alignment
- Provides a communication mechanism to share state-level health goals and aims
- Establishes a process for ongoing review, evaluation, and monitoring of population health improvement activities