LEVERAGING SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT

THE CLINIC TO COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING TOOL

The Community Healthy Living Index (CHLI) has helped hundreds of communities strengthen support for healthy living in the places where people live, work, learn, and play. The Clinic to Community Assessment (C2C) is a new supplement to CHLI that allows communities to assess the connections between clinical settings and community-based resources.

The Clinic to Community Assessment provides an inventory of supportive policies and practices for health care providers to prevent and manage chronic disease. Special consideration is given to identifying opportunities to enhance linkages and referrals between clinical settings and community-based resources. A companion Discussion and Improvement Planning Guide (DIPG) enables clinical and community stakeholders to prioritize an action plan. Community teams that tested the C2C reported that it helped build relationships and bridged knowledge gaps with health care providers. Additionally, it led to promising strategies for increased clinic-to-community connections.

Like the existing CHLI assessments, the Clinic to Community Assessment is not intended to measure success or failure. It enables sites to assess their readiness, build on relationships, and develop plans to implement meaningful change, improving the health of all.

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