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Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment

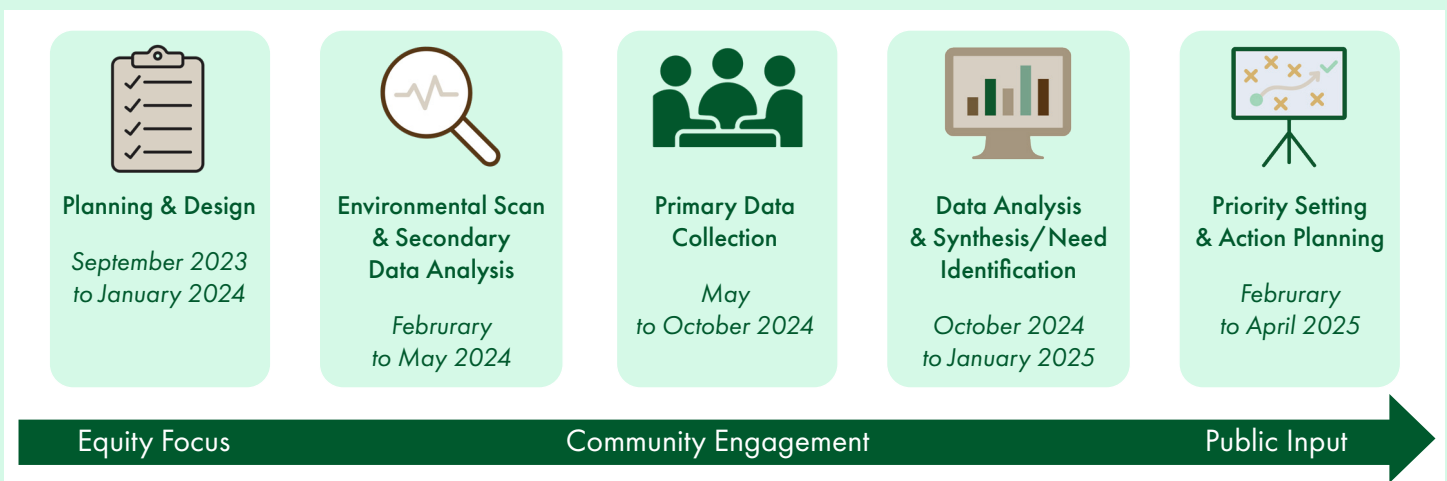


Purpose of the Needs Assessment

Every five years, the Hawaii State Department of Health's (DOH) Family Health Services Division (FHSD) conducts a state-level needs assessment of the health and well-being of women, children and youth, and families to fulfill a requirement for a federal Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Grant. The goal of the assessment is to gather information to understand the issues facing this population, particularly as Hawaii emerges from the pandemic and disasters like the Maui wildfires. Additionally, FHSD will use the findings to identify priorities that can be effectively addressed through 2030.

Changing population demographics, emerging health trends, and shifting program capacity make it necessary to regularly assess the state's MCH needs. It is also an opportunity to review collaborations with organizations that serve the MCH population and to hear directly from families and youth themselves. Guiding principles of the needs assessment are: equity focus, community engagement, and public input.

Needs Assessment Process



The assessment will include the following components:

- **Environmental Scan:** Review of other state/community assessments, studies, and plans to assure alignment of efforts and avoid duplication.
- **Review of Existing Data Sources:** Review of major surveillance survey data and MCH data measures, demographic/socio-economic data, and national Healthy People 2030 measures.
- **Community Data Collection:** Surveys, focus groups, interviews, and other data collection methods to collect information from program partners/agencies, families, and youth to identify concerns and possible strategies to address them.
- **Capacity Assessment:** A review of FHSD program and state workforce composition and capacity based on a review of program resources and workforce data.
- **Priority-setting:** FHSD will use the assessment data to select priorities based on program resources and MCH national performance measures for each of the five MCH Population Domains – Women & Maternal, Perinatal & Infant, Child, Adolescent, Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs – as well as issues that are cross-cutting/systems-building.

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For additional information about the MCH five-year needs assessment go to health.hawaii.gov/fhspd/titlev or contact Annette Mente at annette.mente@doh.hawaii.gov.