

Developing a Community Health Assessment: The Los Angeles County Experience

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Los Angeles County Demographics

- Population
 - 9.8 million residents
- Size
 - 4,300 square miles
- Race/Ethnicity
 - 47% Latino
 - 28% Caucasian
 - 14% Asian/Pacific Islander
 - 8% African American
 - 0.2% American Indian



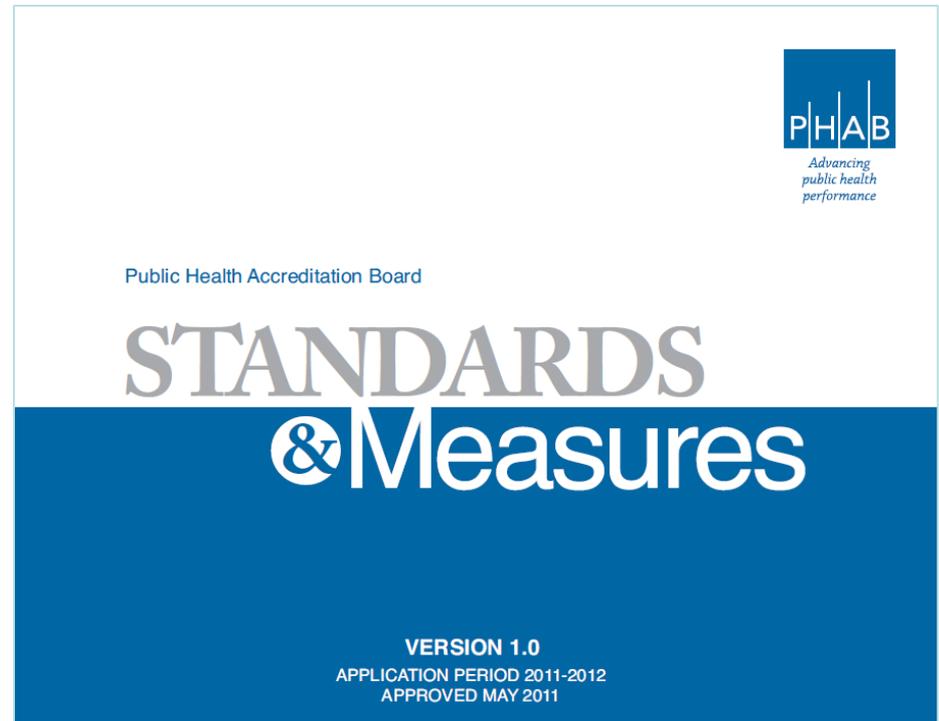
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

- 39 Programs
- 14 Health Centers
- 4,000 Employees
- Separated from
Health Services in 2006



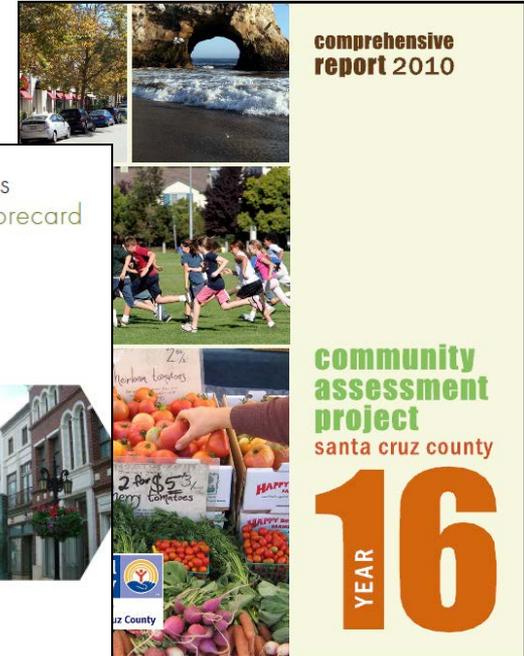
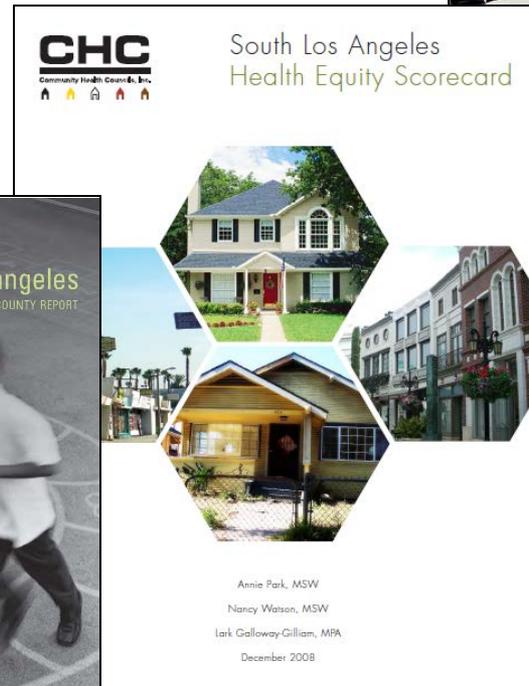
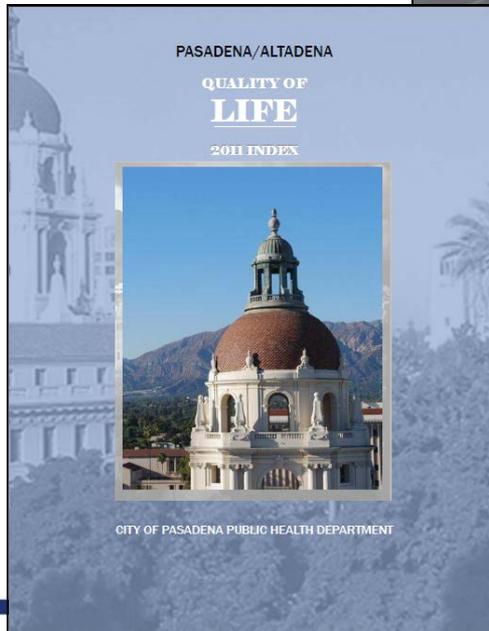
Community Health Assessment

- Describes **the health and health needs** of the County
 - Indicators on health status, socio-economic factors, physical environment, & social environment
 - Displays data & written analysis
 - Highlights disparities



Community Health Assessment

Some models:



Overview of the CHA Process

- Identify indicators
- Engage community
- Analyze data, highlight disparities
- Develop report with charts, graphs, & text
- Disseminate the CHA



Preparation for CHA Process

- Consider PHAB requirements
- Review existing CHAs
 - Discuss with other jurisdictions
- Review data sources
 - Los Angeles Health Survey
 - California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)
 - California Department of Education
 - Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHPD)
 - US Census & American Community Survey



Los Angeles County CHA Process

- Determine Domains and Health Indicators
 - Demographics
 - Social Environment
 - Physical Environment
 - Health Behaviors
 - Health Care
 - Health Outcomes
- Data to be analyzed by sub-group, e.g. geographic area, race/ethnicity, and age group



Health Indicator Example

Physical Environment

- Health Indicator:
Access to Parks & Recreation
- Data from Los Angeles Health Survey 2011
 - % of population who use walking paths, parks, sports fields, playgrounds in their neighborhood



Health Indicator Example

Health Behaviors

- Health Indicator:
Students who meet statewide physical fitness goals
- Data from California Department of Education website, Physical Fitness Testing
 - Data available by county, district, school and grade level



Community Engagement

- Stakeholder survey conducted for departmental Strategic Plan
 - Included questions on a wide range of health issues and priorities
- Next steps
 - Community Meetings
 - Webinar
 - Online Comment Period



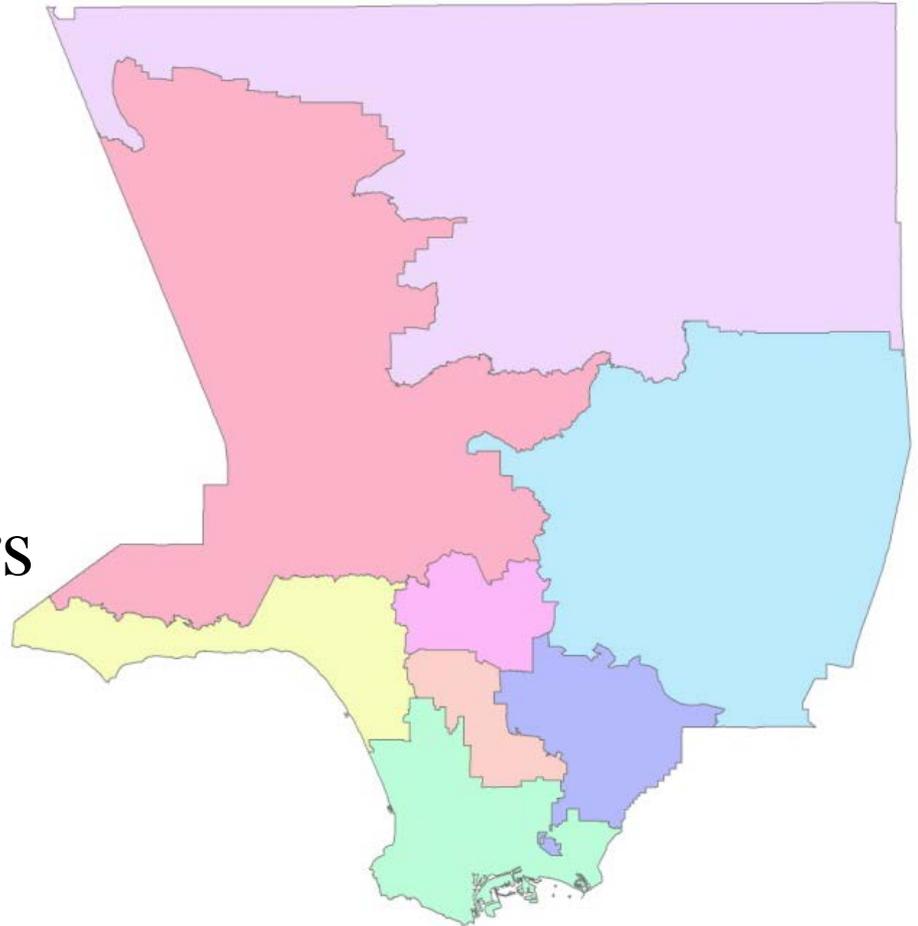
Analysis and Dissemination

- Analyze data
 - LA County Health Survey data (awaiting LA County 2010 census data)
 - Data to be analyzed by sub-group to identify disparities
- Write and design report
- Disseminate CHA via print & web
 - Share with community partners via program and field staff



Challenges

- Data Limitations
 - County-Wide
 - Service Planning Areas
- Numerous Indicators
- First Time CHA



Opportunities

- Community Engagement
- New Analyses
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)



Questions?

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