Kaiser Permanente: Working to Meet Health Needs in Walnut Creek

Key Findings about People in the Community
Total Population 740,257

- 7% children in poverty
- 6% uninsured
- 27% live in a food desert
- 16% below 200% FPL*
- 17% children eligible for free/reduced price lunch
- 22% lack social or emotional support
- 37% of adults and 16% of youth are overweight
- 72% of adults and 43% of youth do not consume adequate fruits and vegetables
- 23% of adults and 10% of youth are obese
- 19% heavy alcohol use (self-reported)
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Kaiser Permanente works in partnership with other health organizations to learn about the issues and conditions impacting the health of our communities by reviewing data sources and talking with public health experts and community stakeholders. This snapshot displays Kaiser Permanente’s strategies, 2017-2019, to respond to some of the most pressing needs in our community, leveraging our unique resources and expertise.

Areas of Focus

Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL)
- Increase access to healthy, affordable foods, including fresh produce, and decrease access to unhealthy food
- Increase access to physical activity opportunities in schools and the community
- Increase access to safe parks and public spaces

Access to Care
- Increase access to primary and specialty care
- Improve navigation to obtain access to appropriate care within the health care system

Mental Health & Wellness
- Provide access to programs, services or environments that evidence suggests improves overall social/emotional wellness
- Promote integration of care between primary and behavioral health care

*Federal Poverty Level (200% FPL for a family of four ranged from $47,100 to $48,500 between 2013 and 2015)