

Strategic Implementation Plan Executive Summary

FY 2026-2028



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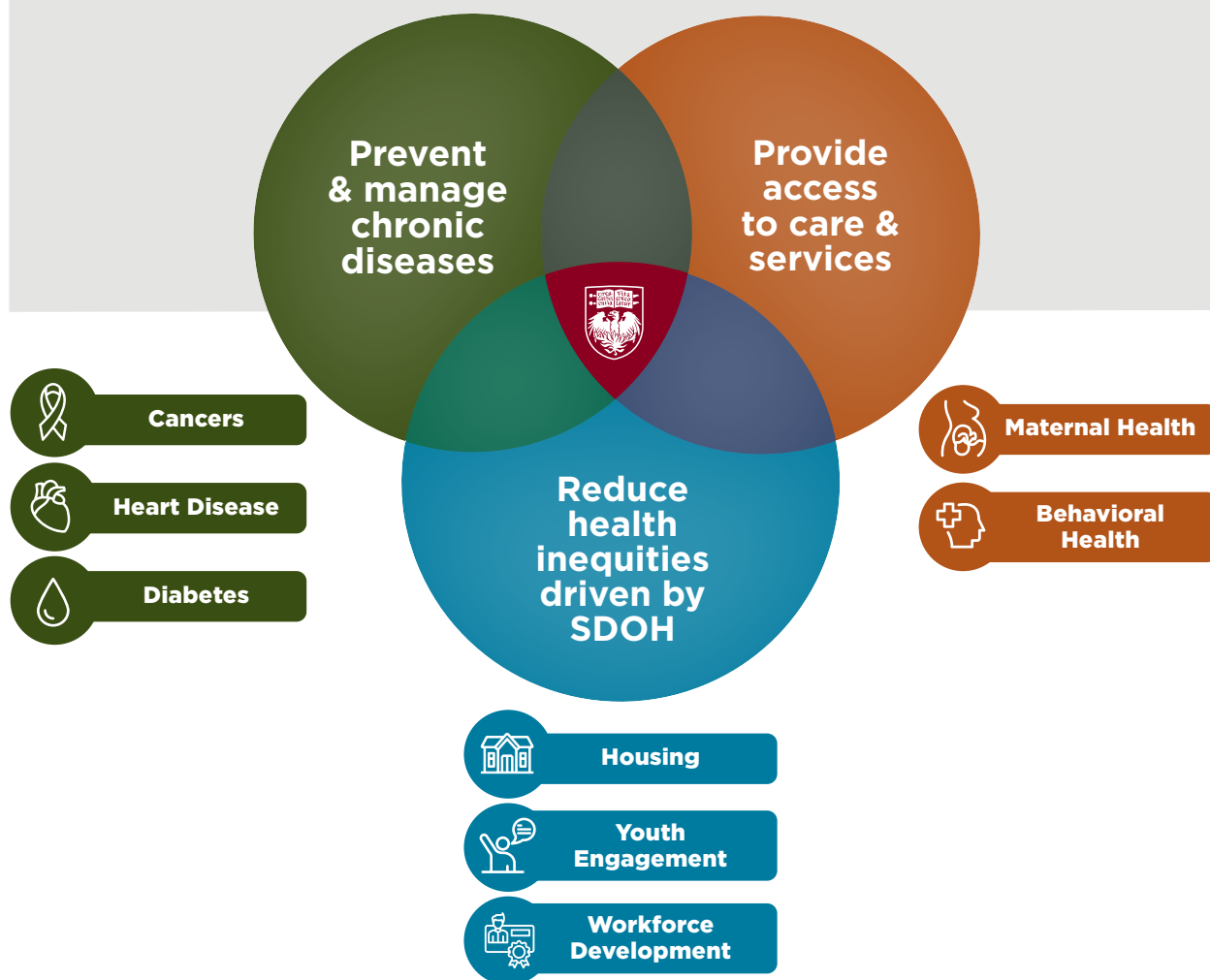
Ingalls Memorial



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Community Benefit Priority Areas

Using the community benefit priority area structure developed through the [2024 - 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment \(CHNA\)](#), the following Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) Executive Summary outlines goals and strategies to be implemented, measured, and assessed during the upcoming three-year cycle (July 2025 - June 2028).



Goal: Prevent and Manage Chronic Diseases



Priority Areas: Cancers, Heart Disease, Diabetes

Living with chronic disease is associated with poorer quality of life, lower life expectancy, financial instability, and poor mental health. There are many social and structural barriers to living a healthy lifestyle in the UChicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial primary service area (PSA). Residents struggle to access healthy food, safe places to exercise, healthy environments, disease screenings, and other preventative services.

STRATEGIES

Address risk factors including obesity, healthy food access, health screenings, and preventative services.

Expand primary care medical homes and the overall healthcare ecosystem with connections to community-based organizations (CBOs).

Develop new and strengthen existing partnerships, engage in community-based education and outreach programs, and expand care delivery initiatives.

Goal: Provide Access to Care & Services



Priority Areas: Maternal Health and Behavioral Health

Throughout the Ingalls Memorial PSA, there is a significant shortage of obstetric and gynecologic physicians per capita. In addition, the Ingalls Memorial PSA has labor and delivery deserts, limited prenatal care, and disparities in maternal mortality rates among different racial groups.

There are also high rates of self-reported mental health needs in the PSA. When compared to emergency department usage in the city and county, people in the Ingalls Memorial PSA are more likely to use the emergency department for behavioral and mental health, substance use, and alcohol use. Community members consistently noted a lack of access to behavioral health support.

STRATEGIES

Continue and expand maternal and infant health programs and increase access to high-risk care.

Increase behavioral health screenings, programs, and services.

Build a behavioral health ecosystem internally and through community partnerships.

Goal:

Reduce Health Inequities Driven by Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)



Priority Areas: Housing, Youth Engagement, Workforce Development

The CHNA process identified key Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) impacting the Ingalls Memorial PSA, including housing, youth engagement, and workforce development. Ingalls Memorial's PSA has significantly higher rates of opportunity youth, housing cost burden, poverty, and unemployment compared to county, state, and national measures.

STRATEGIES		
Increase SDOH screenings and referrals in healthcare and community settings to support partnerships with community-based organizations (CBOs).	Increase career pathways and opportunities through partnerships and community investment.	Continue partnerships and referrals to community-based organizations for SDOH needs.

Strategic Implementation Plan Timeline

