

# Community Health Improvement Plan Update

## What is the Community Health Improvement Plan?

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) lays out a plan on how to meet the needs identified in the MAPP2Health report, closing the gap on health disparities. The CHIP launched in April of 2023 and can be found on BRHD's CHIP website.



## What are some highlights of CHIP progress?

In the first year of the CHIP, there are already great successes:

- **Transportation:** The Charlottesville Area Alliance is working to include more community members' voices in the transit decision-making process.
- **Healthcare Workforce:** The Clinical Skills Center at UVA School of Medicine is filming a recruitment video to diversify the pool of Standardized Patients. They'll also launch diversity and inclusion training this fall.
- **Digital Access + Skills:** The Jefferson Madison Regional Library won a grant to host free workshops for digital skills training and information on low-cost, high-speed internet.
- **Mental + Behavioral Health:** UVA Health and Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital announced the UVA Children's Neurodevelopmental and Behavioral Care Clinic will open in 2024 to expand access to mental healthcare for children.

## Can I participate in the CHIP?

YES! Follow and join the CHIP on the BRHD website.

**For more information:** Visit [www.vdh.virginia.gov/blue-ridge/chip](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/blue-ridge/chip) or contact CHIP lead Jen Fleisher at [Jennifer.fleisher@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Jennifer.fleisher@vdh.virginia.gov).



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