Needs Assessment Worksheet

Use this worksheet to map out the pressing community health issues (using current local community data). Then prioritize the top issues to address that inform the partnership's vision, mission, goals, and resources for short-, mid-, and long-term planning. Once you have identified the top issues, use the Structure Worksheet in the Evaluation Plan Templates section to drill down on the details for inventorying your assets, resources, data sources, and other needs to launch the initiative.

Assessment and Planning Worksheet		
Community Health Issues *What we know*	So What? *Why does it matter?* *To whom does it matter?*	Now What? *What are the next steps?*
E.g., High obesity rates, above both state and national averages of 3% and 5%, respectively.	Associated with high levels of chronic conditions. Data show that those with more chronic conditions have higher medical expenses and are more often absent from work, affecting productivity. This affects both the individual and employers.	Conduct a needs assessment to determine factors that may be contributing to local obesity rates (e.g., access to healthy foods, places for physical activity/ recreation, access to affordable healthcare) and identify the gaps and opportunities for engagement.