

# Comprehensive Child Health Assessment and Planning Survey

## Project Summary & Goals

Cook Children's Health Care System (Cook Children's) established a commitment to improve the health of children in their six-county region. This requires coordinated community-wide health resources and health information based upon reliable, local health information about our children that is only available through a community-wide child health assessment. An in-depth assessment in these counties is necessary to determine the health status and needs of the children they serve. Key secondary data from government and other professional sources are represented in this report as one component of that overall assessment.

In a collaborative effort with Cook Children's representatives, the Center for Community Health Development (CCHD) developed a set of secondary data indicators for children in the six-county service region of Cook Children's. The secondary data were compiled to assist in an endeavor known as the Community-wide Children's Health Assessment and Planning Survey (CCHAPS). This has led to the creation of a unique data array unparalleled nationally as a local resource of information on child health.

Cook Children's plans to use and share the data with key community leaders and organizations primarily to:

- Determine needs and service priorities for child health services;
- Determine funding priorities for programs that address child health issues and access to health services;
- Track progress made on addressing child health issues; and
- Enhance collaborative relationships with other entities and organizations sharing a concern for the health of children.

## Principal Investigator

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## Project Dates

2007-2008

## Communities Involved

Denton County  
Hood County  
Johnson County  
Parker County  
Tarrant County  
Wise County

## Funders

Cook Children's Health System

## Outcomes

- The CCHAPS project catalyzed a regional initiative called "Decade of the Child." See the project website at <https://cchaps.org/English/Pages/default.aspx>.