

Health and Safety C.A.T.  
Driving Forces and SWOT Critical Questions

**Driving Forces**

1. Poverty is increasing in Lakewood requiring an increase in services: How do we maximize the use of our health care resources with an increase in poverty and decrease in available resources?
2. What barriers need to be removed to engage the diverse population of Lakewood in health and safety issues?
3. What kinds of health promotion activities do we need in Lakewood?

**Strengths**

1. How can we improve access to Lakewood's existing health and safety resources?
2. How do we enhance the services to meet the needs of our ever-changing population?
3. What safety problems are we experiencing and how do we best address them?

**Opportunities**

1. How do we utilize these new spaces to promote health?
2. How do we engage Lakewood citizens to take responsibility for healthy lifestyles for themselves and their families?
3. How do we collaborate and coordinate health care professionals and health care services?
4. What are the needs of our culturally diverse community?

**Weaknesses**

1. How do we identify and engage our culturally diverse community?
2. What do we do about the large and increasing underinsured patients in Lakewood?
3. What are the barriers to opening an inpatient adolescent mental health facility?
4. Which community tools should be used to make information accessible to families and children?

**Threats**

- 1.) What actions can be taken to decrease the violence and substance abuse?

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- 2.) How do we educate the community about the threat of lead poisoning and ways to prevent it?
- 3.) How do we address the mental health issues in our community?
- 4.) What can be done to improve the overall health of the community regarding healthy behaviors?
- 5.) How do we keep Health and Safety issues a priority in the face of varying economic resources?