

BACKGROUND ON ASSESSMENT

Health Centers were assessed for their training and technical assistance (TTA) needs in Fall 2024. The results inform increased coordination, development, and delivery of assistance to health centers while raising awareness of pressing needs. The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) administered the assessment and is one of 22 National Training and Technical Assistance Partners (NTTAPs) funded by HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care. NTTAPs provide subject matter expertise and delivery of free or low-cost training and professional development to health centers, including in collaboration with Primary Care Associations. Topics include the TTA domains in this report. To learn more or contact an NTTAP see <https://bit.ly/3UtmU4V> or visit bphc.hrsa.gov. For analysis methods and measure definitions, please see the full report.

STATE RESPONSE RATE

Number of Individual Responses

77

Health Centers that Responded

20/71 (28%)

HEALTH CENTER/RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Health Center Size | Large: 10 (50%) | Mid-size: 6 (30%) | Small: 4 (20%) |
| Health Center Location | Urban: 15 (75%) | Rural: 5 (25%) | |
| Respondent Role | Executive Leadership: 32 (42%) | | |
| | Frontline/Operations: 45 (58%) | Clinical: 11 (24%) | Non-Clinical: 34 (76%) |

TOP T/TA NEEDS BY SPECIFIC TOPIC

ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY (N=38)

| Specific T/TA Need | State | National |
|---|-------|----------|
| Implement or expand case management services | 76% | 66% |
| Develop and implement activities/initiatives to help patients access social care services and community resources | 76% | 68% |
| Coordinate with housing agencies to help with housing placement | 66% | 55% |
| Assess and connect patients to family support services | 66% | 59% |

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CEO Respondents Only) (N=4)

This section was only made available to health center CEO respondents. To assure confidentiality, no aggregate state-level data is provided. For more information on Governance needs, please see the NACHC 2023 Health Center Board Practices and Needs Assessment (www.healthcenterinfo.org/details/?id=5434).

QUALITY, PATIENT CARE, AND SAFETY (N=43)

| Specific T/TA Need | State | National |
|--|-------|----------|
| Use data to guide and improve clinical quality, operations, and health center finances | 72% | 70% |
| Learn about emerging clinical topics and best practices for working with certain groups of patients (e.g., patients who smoke or those with congenital syphilis, hepatitis C, Alzheimer's and related dementias, maternal and children's health, adolescent health, justice-involved, cancer care, etc.) | 70% | 73% |

POPULATION HEALTH AND SDOH (N=46)

| Specific T/TA Need | State | National |
|--|-------|----------|
| Assess and address the needs of patients who are experiencing food insecurity | 87% | 68% |
| Assess and address the needs of patients who are experiencing housing insecurity | 84% | 73% |

WORKFORCE (N=54)

| Specific T/TA Need | State | National |
|--|-------|----------|
| Support professional development for young professionals and early to mid-career staff | 70% | 68% |
| Build effective processes for recruiting clinical staff | 70% | 76% |

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY (N=33)

| Specific T/TA Need | State | National |
|--|-------|----------|
| Improve coding for more accurate financial modeling | 66% | 52% |
| Implement best practices and strategies to prepare for transformation and payment reform | 61% | 59% |

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (N=31)

| Specific T/TA Need | State | National |
|--|--------------|-----------------|
| Conduct an all-hazards facility-based risk assessment | 81% | 67% |
| Interruptions in communications, including cyber attacks | 74% | 71% |

PATIENT EXPERIENCE (N=38)

| Specific T/TA Need | State | National |
|--|--------------|-----------------|
| Understanding patient engagement in chronic disease management | 68% | 63% |
| Develop culturally-responsive staff who use patient-centered approaches to health care | 63% | 53% |
| Understanding patient engagement in mental health services | 63% | 59% |

TECHNOLOGY (N=36)

| Specific T/TA Need | State | National |
|--|--------------|-----------------|
| Protect your health center's data from hackers | 56% | 66% |
| Increase data literacy / Increase data literacy for healthcare staff | 50% | 56% |
| Increase patient and provider use of patient portals | 50% | 46% |

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