

## Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital

### Introduction

#### **Samaritan Health Services, Inc.**

Samaritan Health Services, Inc (SHS) is a non-profit network of hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities that support the healthcare needs of the more than 265,000 residents in the mid-Willamette Valley and on the central Oregon Coast. We work together to provide innovative and world-class healthcare in a way that supports the evolving needs, and the values of the communities we serve.

#### **Samaritan Health Services, Inc. includes:**

Five hospitals include 3 critical access hospitals in rural communities.

Nearly 90 specialty clinics

Over 7,000 employees

#### **Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital**

Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) is a non-profit critical-access hospital that primarily serves the residents of North Lincoln County. In addition to emergency care and family medicine, specialties include cancer care, diabetes care, endoscopic services, general surgery, mental/behavioral health services, nutritional services, physical rehabilitation, and OB/GYN services. The hospital also provides screenings and education on disease prevention and management.

#### **Service Area**

The primary service areas of SNLH are the cities of Lincoln City, Neotsu, Otis, and their neighboring rural communities.

#### **1. The year of publication for the current community health needs assessment.**

The 2023-2026 SNLH Community Health Needs Assessment was approved by the SNLH Board of Directors and the SHS Board of Directors in December 2022.

#### **SNLH Community Health Needs Assessment**

The 2022 SNLH community health needs assessment was conducted in conjunction with the Health Departments of Benton, Lincoln, and Lincoln Counties, the Intercommunity Health Network Community Care Organization (IHN-CCO), the United Way, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. The process includes examining primary data collected through surveys, focus groups, community forums, listening sessions, and personal interviews with community members who reside throughout Lincoln County. These included low-income persons, veterans, seniors, non-English speaking persons, and members of rural communities. Secondary data is gathered from federal, state, and local agencies that address the health needs of children and families. The information was reviewed by SHS staff members, partners, and community members to prioritize the healthcare needs of Lincoln County residents. Each year the SNLH board of directors and various internal and external committees review the priorities to ensure we continue to address the community's needs.

The overall population of Lincoln County based on race and ethnicity is listed in the chart below.

Race/Ethnicity	Population
White/Caucasian	92.1%
Black/African American	0.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.8%
Asian	1.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Latino/Hispanic	10.2%
Reporting two or more races	3.7%

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, QuickFacts, Population Estimates, July 1, 2021 (V2021)*

Lincoln County is designated as a rural county and experiences many healthcare-related challenges. Transportation and distances required to travel to receive services are two of the environmental factors that impact the community. Language barriers for some community members impact health as Lincoln County has seen an increase in Mam-speaking populations as well as Spanish speakers.

**2. The top health needs identified in the hospital's most recent community health needs assessment. Include information on geographies, populations, or demographic groups affected.**

The top health needs assessment identified in the 2023-2026 SNLH Community Health Needs Assessments are:

- Access to Care
- Child Abuse/Neglect
- Poverty
- Food Insecurity

The targeted populations with the top health needs identified through the CHNA are as follows:

SNLH community benefit activities address both social determinants of health and health-related needs. Our initiatives to address access to care focus on the social determinants of health while our initiatives to prevent and reduce child abuse/neglect, poverty, and food insecurity address the health-related needs in the community.

**Access to Care**

Problems with access to care include healthcare navigation issues and a lack of patient advocates. This especially affects persons who are uninsured/underinsured and/or who lack insurance literacy. The complexity of the regional healthcare system can be daunting, especially for lower-income people, people with mental health issues, migrant workers, and people with specific linguistic or cultural needs and expectations.

**Child Abuse/Neglect** - Child abuse/neglect are violations against children that result in imminent risk or serious harm to a child's health and welfare. The offense is committed by a parent, caregiver, or a person who is responsible for the child's safety and protection. According to the American Community Survey, in 2020, Lincoln County had a rate of 20.2% founded child abuse/neglect cases.

**Poverty** - Poverty can be directly linked to poor health outcomes. Poverty is related to and derived from having limited income, a lack of economic stability, limited choices in education and employment, and poor living conditions. The 2022 U.S. Census Quick Facts lists Lincoln County as having a poverty level of 15.4%.

**Food Insecurity** - Food security is defined as not having enough to eat and not being able to purchase or obtain healthy food in socially acceptable ways. Adequate nutrition is particularly important for children, as it affects their cognitive and behavioral development. Children from food-insecure, low-income households are more likely to experience irritability, fatigue, and difficulty concentrating on tasks, especially in school, compared to other children. The most recent data shows Lincoln County at 14.2% food insecurity rate.

**The significant community benefit activities the hospital engaged in that addressed the health needs identified above.**

During 2023, SNLH invested \$74,000 through grant awards to local agencies in Lincoln County that directly addressed access to care, child abuse and neglect, food insecurity, and poverty.

**Access to Care** – SNLH provided 20,750 to Lincoln County Health and Human Services during 2023 to improve access to care for vulnerable residents of Lincoln County.

**Poverty** – SNLH provided \$22,500 to agencies addressing poverty in Lincoln County. Family Promise received 10,000 to prevent homelessness through advocacy and community services for vulnerable populations in Lincoln County. Neighbors for Kids and the Olalla Center each received 6,250 to provide childcare, healthy meal preparation, early childhood education, mental/behavioral health support, and parent education. Over 800 people benefited from these programs in Lincoln County for 2023.

**Food Insecurity** – SNLH provided \$10,750 to Food Share of Lincoln County to provide cooking classes, and food market tours, and to distribute food to Mam and Spanish families and individuals, and 10,000 to Oregon Cascades West Council of Government Meals on Wheels program to provide funding for the purchase of meals for seniors and people with disabilities in Lincoln County. Over 4,000 people benefitted from these programs.

**Child Abuse/Neglect** – SNLH provided 10,000 to My Sister's Place to support agency staff providing services to survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking.