Child Health Domain

2025 MCH Needs Assessment

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Children's health - NPM rankings overall

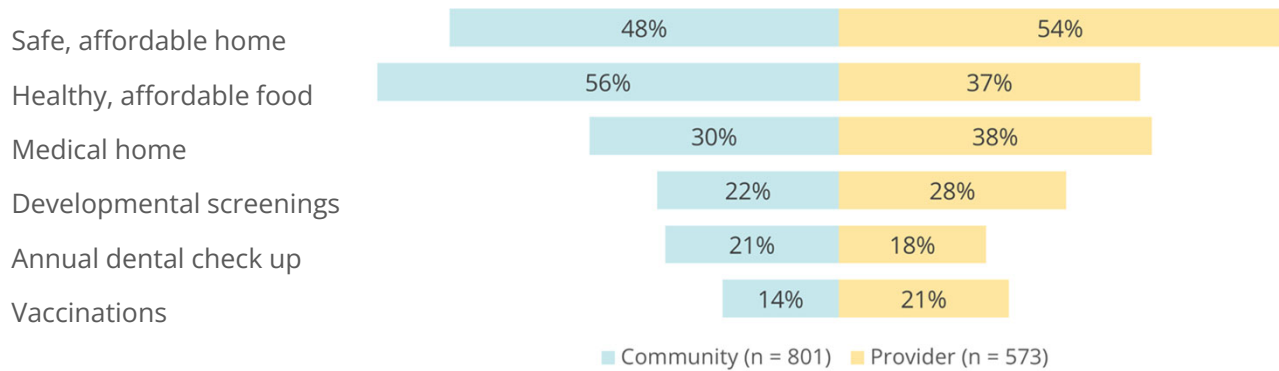Having a safe, affordable home, and healthy, affordable food were the highest priorities overall.

Category	Percentage
Safe, affordable home	50%
Healthy, affordable food	48%
Medical home	34%
Developmental screening	25%
Annual dental check up	20%
Vaccinations	17%

n = 1,374

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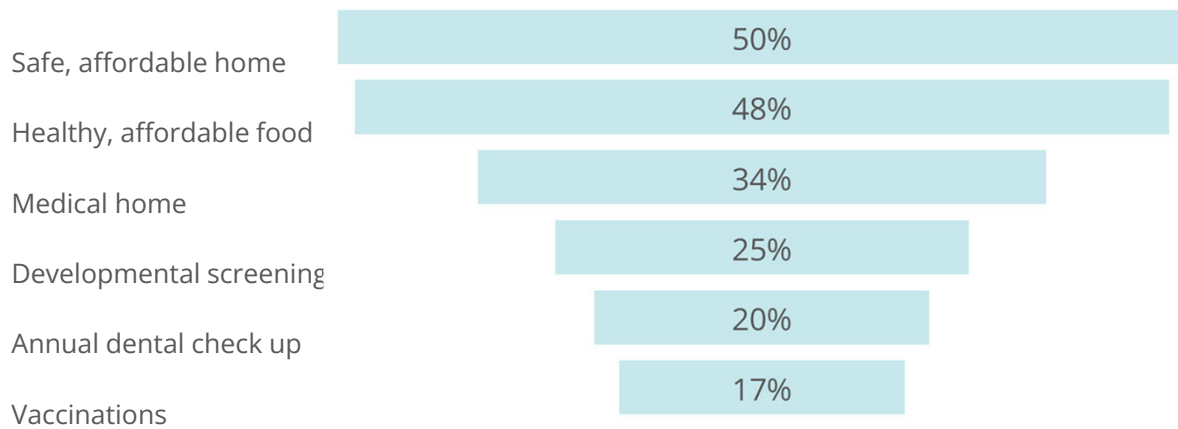
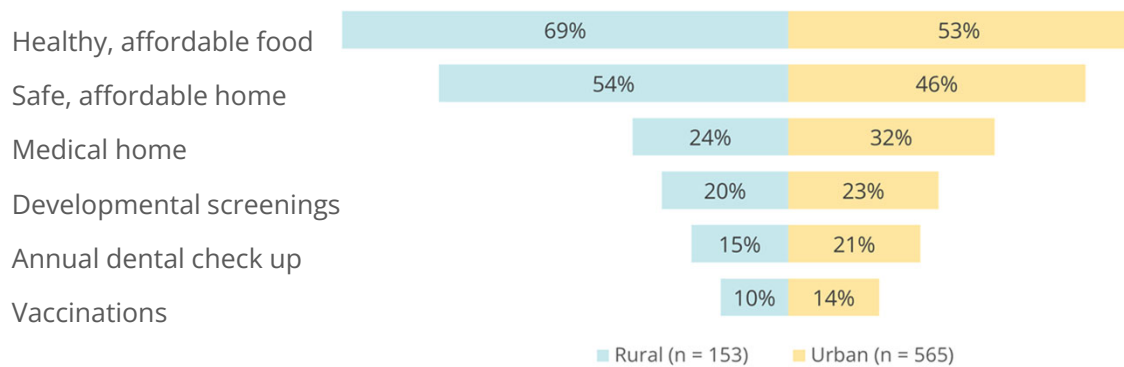## Children's health - NPM rankings for community members and providers

Community members ranked access to healthy, affordable food highest, while providers ranked having a safe, affordable home highest.

NPM	Community (n = 801)	Provider (n = 573)
Safe, affordable home	48%	54%
Healthy, affordable food	56%	37%
Medical home	30%	38%
Developmental screenings	22%	28%
Annual dental check up	21%	18%
Vaccinations	14%	21%

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Children's health - NPM rankings for rural and urban areas

Rural and urban community members ranked NPMs about the same.

NPM	Rural (n = 153)	Urban (n = 565)
Healthy, affordable food	69%	53%
Safe, affordable home	54%	46%
Medical home	24%	32%
Developmental screenings	20%	23%
Annual dental check up	15%	21%
Vaccinations	10%	14%

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Children's health - NPMs by race and ethnicity

Top priorities for non-Hispanic non-White community members (n = 72):

1. Healthy, affordable food (65%)
2. Safe, stable, affordable home (36%)
3. Medical home (28%)
4. Annual dental check up (22%)
5. Developmental screenings (18%)
6. Vaccinations (15%)

Top priorities for Hispanic community members (n = 188):

1. Healthy, affordable food (47%)
2. Safe, stable, affordable home (39%)
3. Medical home (36%)
4. Annual dental check up (29%)
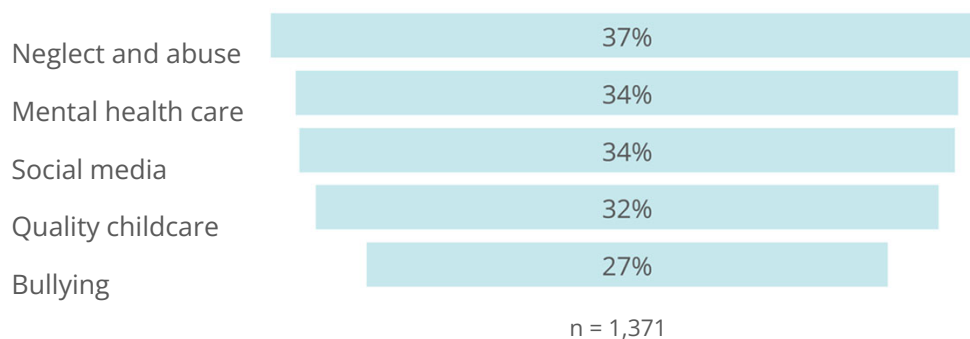5. Developmental screenings (27%)
6. Vaccinations (11%)

Top priorities for non-Hispanic White community members (n = 500):

1. Healthy, affordable food (58%)
2. Safe, stable, affordable home (53%)
3. Medical home (29%)
4. Developmental screenings (21%)
5. Annual dental check up (16%)
6. Vaccinations (14%)

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Children's health - other issue rankings overall

Preventing child neglect and abuse was ranked highest overall.

Issue	Percentage
Neglect and abuse	37%
Mental health care	34%
Social media	34%
Quality childcare	32%
Bullying	27%

n = 1,371

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Children's health - other issue rankings for community members and providers

Top other issues for community members (n = 792):

1. Child neglect and abuse (34%)
2. Social media (33%)
3. Bullying (31%)
4. Quality childcare (30%)
5. High-quality, affordable mental health care (27%)

Top other issues for providers (n = 579):

1. High-quality, affordable mental health care (43%)
2. Child neglect and abuse (40%)
3. Social media (35%)
4. Quality childcare (35%)
5. High-quality, affordable medical care (26%)

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Children's health - other issue rankings for rural and urban areas

Top other issues for rural community members (n = 153):

1. Child neglect and abuse (43%)
2. Bullying (35%)
3. Social media (31%)
4. High-quality, affordable mental health care (26%)
5. High-quality, affordable medical care (22%)

Top other issues for urban community members (n = 565):

1. Social media (33%)
2. Child neglect and abuse (32%)
3. Quality childcare (31%)
4. High-quality affordable mental health care (27%)
5. High-quality, affordable medical care (23%)

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Children's health - other issue rankings by race and ethnicity

Top other issues for non-Hispanic non-White community members (n = 72):

1. Quality childcare (39%)
2. High-quality, affordable medical care (31%)
3. Bullying (29%)
4. Social media (24%)
5. Child neglect and abuse (21%)

Top other issues for Hispanic community members (n = 188):

1. Bullying (36%)
2. Child neglect and abuse (30%)
3. Quality childcare (30%)
4. Social media (27%)
5. High-quality, affordable medical care (25%)

Top other issues for non-Hispanic White community members (n = 500):

1. Child neglect and abuse (39%)
2. Social media (35%)
3. High-quality, affordable mental health care (32%)
4. Bullying (30%)
5. Quality childcare (29%)

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DHHS recommendations

Child health domain:
- Medical home
    - Addressing root causes and potential for impact.
    - Consistent high prioritization across community and provider survey as well as across race/ethnicity.
    - High potential to address other concerns identified in the MCH Needs Assessment survey.
    - Building the foundation.

- Developmental screening
    - Stepping stone to services.
    - Ability to leverage and support existing systems.
    - "Dipping the toe" and serving as a gateway.

- Preventive dental visit
    - Oral health is the gateway to overall health and wellness.
    - Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease in children.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 ☆ What are your thoughts about the results? **What are one or two of your top priorities or issues you would like to discuss?**

2 👍 What do you think about the UDHHS recommendations? **Do you support the direction?** Are there other more important priorities?

3 📍 **What do you recommend?** What **strategies** are needed for complex systems change? Are there **opportunities** (or low-hanging fruit) that could be addressed sooner than later? How?

4 👥 **Who needs participate?** What is your/your agency's role in any of these areas? Are there existing partnerships that need to expand? New partnerships needed?

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