Community Health and Wellbeing Survey© (CHWS)
New innovations in population-based health surveillance

What is the CHWS?
The Community Health and Wellbeing Survey© is an innovative public health resource for collecting representative data on health, health risks, and community perceptions from a population of any size. Whether you are interested in gaining a better understanding of the health status and/or prevalence of specific health conditions within a county, city, tribe, or state, the CHWS can be a powerful tool for quickly and efficiently leveraging the data you need. The CHWS produces representative data that can be used to track progress toward the U.S. Dept. Health and Human Service’s Healthy People 2020 goals as well as data that can be compared to state Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) indicators and SAMHSA’s National Outcome Measures (NOMs).

Surveillance is a fundamental part of public health practice
Health surveillance using the Community Health and Wellbeing Survey© is an excellent way to achieve “population assessment,” the first of the three core functions of public health. The Community Health and Wellbeing Survey© can assist in achieving public health’s call for population assessment by:

- Establishing a health surveillance and monitoring system that captures data related to health status as well as beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors that may increase health risk.
- Establishing point-in-time data for major health and community indicators against which future progress can be measured.
- Establishing data necessary to inform the formation of public policy and health priorities.
- Establishing data necessary to evaluate the broad impact of public health efforts.

Topics covered within the survey
The Community Health and Wellbeing Survey© is a versatile instrument that can be tailored to the specific need of each community. The instrument is composed of a core and supplemental questions. Topics covered in the core survey instrument include:

- General Health
- Physical Activity & Nutrition
- Health care coverage & Access
- Alcohol, Tobacco, & Drug Use
- Mental Health
- Social Support & Trust
- Civic Participation
- Community Perception

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A number of resources have been developed specifically for the implementation of the Community Health and Wellbeing Survey. These products will build capacity for engaging in surveillance research and make the process more enjoyable. The following resources are available individually or in packages:

- ✓ Core questionnaire
- ✓ SPSS database
- ✓ Data collection tracking system
- ✓ Data sharing agreement templates
- ✓ CHWS code book
- ✓ CHWS data users guide
- ✓ Psychometric add-ons
- ✓ Data analysis plan

We can help to ensure that your surveillance project is a success. We provide support at all levels of the health surveillances process. From project planning to secondary analysis of data.

- ✓ Project management
- ✓ Protocol development
- ✓ Sample size estimation
- ✓ Data collection & entry support
- ✓ Data analysis & reporting
- ✓ Data translation

Build capacity for health surveillance with the following training:

- ✓ Introduction to health surveillance
- ✓ Interviewer training
- ✓ Introduction to statistics & data analysis
- ✓ Linking research to public health policy & practice
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Health surveillance made simple

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Would you like to learn more about how the Health Education and Promotion Council can assist with your surveillance project? Check the following products and services that you would like to hear more about and return via email, U.S. mail, or fax. A member of our talented research team will contact you.

_____ CHWS Products
    _____ Complete CHWS package
    _____ Code book & data user guide
    _____ Surveillance data tracking system
    _____ Other

_____ Surveillance Support Services
    _____ Full project management
    _____ Data collection & entry
    _____ Data analysis
    _____ Project planning
    _____ Surveillance training
    _____ Other

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