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Help Us Gather Information about the Behavioral Health Needs in Kittitas County

The Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) is asking for participation in a behavioral health needs survey. Behavioral Health is a term that includes both mental health and substance use. The survey is open and available online at https://kittitas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8647ooGY8A2KUCO. After you complete the survey, you can enter to win a \$25 gift card for your participation.

The survey will help us better understand mental health and substance use challenges in our county, find gaps in services, and learn about the biggest challenges people face. All responses are confidential.

“We know through our Community Health Assessments (CHA) that behavioral health is a major concern for our community,” states Director Chelsey Loeffers. “We want more information so that we can better understand areas to focus community efforts in order to improve behavioral health.”

The community survey information will be used to inform a larger behavioral health needs assessment. The assessment includes the survey as well as key informant interviews and focus groups to get a broad perspective on the issues in Kittitas County. The results will help guide improvements to services, policies, and resources in our community.

“Our hope is that the community will complete the survey and help us spread the word as well so we can get the best information possible,” states Director Loeffers. “When the full assessment is finished, we will share the completed report via our website and social media.”

For a paper copy of the survey, please call KCPHD at 509-962-7515. To read more about the Community Health Assessment, visit [2022 Community Health Assessment.pdf](#). For questions about the survey or the behavioral health needs assessment, please call KCPHD at 509-962-7515.

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