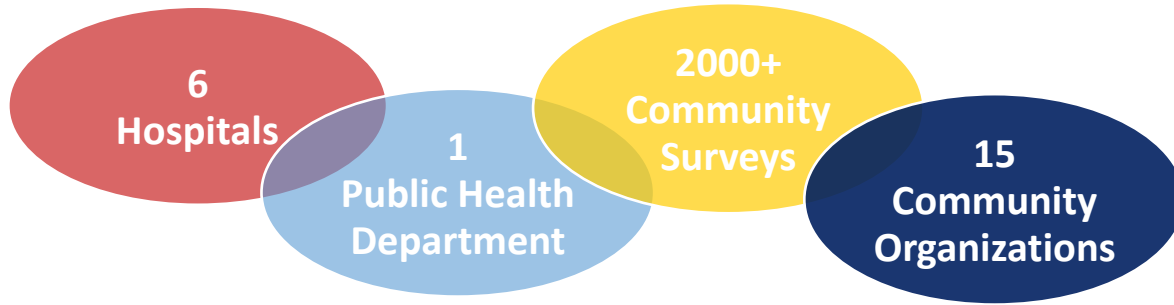


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The Affordable Care Act requires tax-exempt hospitals to explicitly and publicly demonstrate community benefit by conducting a **Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)** and adopting implementation strategies to address the identified community health needs. Health departments also engage in a cyclical community needs assessment process. In 2015, leaders from the Volusia County hospital systems and health department met with a diverse group of executives from 15 local organizations and unanimously agreed to form a Leadership Team that adopted best practices and maximized community impact by collaborating on a single communitywide health assessment. Representatives from the Florida Hospital campuses and Halifax Hospital along with the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County worked with One Voice for Volusia to form the Volusia County CHNA Partnership. These partners provided the leadership and resources to conduct this joint assessment and prioritization process.

Over the course of 9 months, the Leadership Team of 45 diverse community leaders collected and analyzed 335 data indicators and the responses from over 2,000 community surveys. To understand the health of the community, they reviewed local information on risk factors, quality of life, mortality, morbidity, community assets, forces of change, social determinants of health, health inequity and the public health system’s provision of essential services. Using a systematic prioritization process, the Leadership Team gradually narrowed down the areas of focus to a set of 5 Priority Health Issues. In 2016, these priorities were vetted by multiple community groups across Volusia County and will now serve as the basis for **Community Health Improvement Planning (CHIP)** over the next three years.

