

LECONTE MEDICAL CENTER

2024-2026 COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Identified Community Needs:

1. Mental Health
2. Adult and Childhood Obesity
3. Substance Abuse
4. Health Education
5. Transportation

Implementation Strategy to Address Needs:

1. Mental Health

Behavioral Health Services Expansion

- Psychiatric consultation service is now being provided for patients in the Emergency Department and for inpatients at LeConte Medical Center via tele-video through Peninsula Behavioral Health.
- LeConte's patients can be referred to Peninsula's Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic, which is located less than a mile from the hospital.

2. Adult and Childhood Obesity

Covenant Kids Run

- Each year, as part of the Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon, children in kindergarten through 8th grades participate in the Covenant Kids Run. Participants work on completing 26.2 miles of activity with the final mile taking place on race day of the marathon. The intent of the program is to get youth to engage in physical activity and develop healthy habits. LeConte Medical Center, the Knoxville Track Club and Covenant Health's marketing department will coordinate with Sevier County Schools to encourage participation.

LeConte Wellness Center

- LeConte Medical Center oversees the fitness floor at the Pigeon Forge Community Center. This promotes community activity and education regarding the importance of physical activity.

3. Substance Abuse

Peninsula Drug Treatment Program

- LeConte Medical Center can now refer patients to Peninsula's Medication Assistance Treatment program through the Center's Outpatient Services for Substance Abuse. This program offers specialized medications and intensive therapy to treat substance abuse disorders.

Opioid Lite Program

- LeConte Medical Center's Emergency Department is participating in a Covenant Health system-wide initiative to curb the use of hospital-prescribed opioids. Physicians are prescribing non-opioid drugs when indicated for pain management during treatment and at discharge.

4. Health Education

Dollywood Partnership

- LeConte Medical Center is a member of Covenant Health, which is the health partner for Dollywood, Sevier County's largest employer. LeConte periodically provides speakers for Dollywood's safety team.
- LeConte Medical Center partners with the Dollywood Splash Country team to provide an annual water safety day event. This event includes education regarding skin cancer, water safety, CPR, stroke and other relative health topics.

Cardiac Rehab Education

- LeConte Medical Center provides cardiac rehabilitation education.

Community Stroke Education

- LeConte's stroke coordinator regularly provides stroke education to the community via senior health fairs, parent days and other community events.
- LeConte sponsors the Rose Glenn Literary Festival in Sevierville, Tennessee, and showcases stroke education books for kids.

"Pink Out" Football Games

- LeConte Medical Center has partnered with the Dr. Robert F. Thomas Foundation and the Sevier County School System to host a special "Pink Out" football game at all five of the local high schools. This event includes education and awareness about breast cancer and the importance of early detection.

5. Transportation

- LeConte Medical Center is acutely aware of the transportation challenges facing many residents as they attempt to access community health and social service resources. Transportation is not in the scope of work or expertise that hospitals provide, but the medical center will support community efforts to address this issue as potential solutions arise.