

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Community Health Needs Assessment

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Dear Maryland Community,

Kennedy Krieger Institute is proud to be a leader in providing clinical care for children and young adults with developmental disabilities and injuries. As leaders of the Institute, we have continued to support the depth and breadth of services initiated by our founder, Dr. Winthrop Phelps, in 1937. More than 75 years later, we continue to dedicate ourselves to collaborating, partnering, and building capacity with the community to enhance the health and wellness of Maryland's children and young adults with disabilities and their families.

We are happy to present to you our second community health needs assessment (CHNA). A lot has happened in Maryland over the last three years since our first CHNA. We are happy to report that we have met our goals and objectives associated with the 2013 priorities. Kennedy Krieger has expanded its reach into the Eastern Shore through new partnerships and telemedicine services, and we anticipate working with the Western Maryland community to continue addressing access to care.

As part of this CHNA, we collaborated with community organizations to share and collect data on the needs of the targeted population we serve in Maryland: individuals with developmental and related disabilities. Kennedy Krieger worked with the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute—a University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities—to conduct focus groups and attend public meetings focused on the needs of our target population.

We have learned that partnerships have been critical to addressing all priority areas that were identified in 2013. We look forward to strengthening those partnerships and establishing new relationships to respond to the priority areas within this report.

If you have comments or questions related to this report, please email
CommunityBenefit@KennedyKrieger.org.

Sincerely,

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President

Howard B. Miller
Board of Directors Chair

Executive Summary

Located in Baltimore, Maryland, Kennedy Krieger Institute is an internationally recognized institute dedicated to improving the lives of children and young adults with developmental disorders and injuries through patient care, special education, research, professional training, and community initiatives. Our mission is to transform the lives of children with disorders of the brain through groundbreaking research, innovative treatments, and life-changing education. For more than 75 years, Kennedy Krieger Children's Hospital, Inc. (Kennedy Krieger), an affiliate of Kennedy Krieger Institute, has served as a "niche" provider because of our unique services for individuals with developmental and related disorders and their families.

Kennedy Krieger conducted a community health needs assessment (CHNA) based on data and community information collected and shared by multiple partners. Because the majority of patients served by Kennedy Krieger are Maryland residents, with patients representing every Maryland county, Kennedy Krieger views the State of Maryland as the community it serves. This CHNA targets the needs of children and young adults with developmental disabilities and other disorders in Maryland, as well as their families.

The top four priority areas of need identified through this CHNA are:

- **Training** needs of education and health professionals working with children and youth with developmental disabilities and their families
- Improving **access to care** for families who encounter barriers related to geography/distance and shortage of providers
- **Advocacy** for families and self-advocates through stronger inter-agency, cross-regional partnerships and collaborations
- **Youth transition:** Legal planning and healthcare

