

What is a Community Benefit?

Non-profit hospitals are required by the ACA of 2010 to perform a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) every three years. This assessment helps the hospital to identify the main health needs of the population it serves, including illness prevention and Social Determinants of Health (SDOH). SDOH are non-medical factors that influence health outcomes, like financial resources, education, housing and social support and quality healthcare access. For the 2023 CHNA, a search of parameters indicating health disparities was conducted. Census tracts in Orange County were scored 0-100 based on people with low income (income <200% of the Federal Poverty Level, or \$60,000 for a family of 4), people not having a high school diploma, limited English households, and lower life expectancy at birth. In the St. Joseph service area, 208 of 484 (43%) of census tracts scored above the average of 38.5, indicating high need (see green-shaded area in figure).

A cross-sector Community Health Committee and Providence leaders reviewed the data to summarize the top three 2023 significant Community Health Needs: Access to Care, Behavioral Health (including substance use) and Affordable Housing.

To address health needs identified by CHNA, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is required by state and federal law. The 3-year CHIP covering 2024-26 identified the following implementation plans for community health needs. A sample of these plans includes, for Access to Care: increasing access to OB/Prenatal Care and Pediatrics services for the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) patients, supporting the Avoidable Emergency Department Navigation Program to increase primary and specialty care engagement in lieu of unnecessary ED visits, and increasing enrollment of uninsured patients in Medi-Cal.

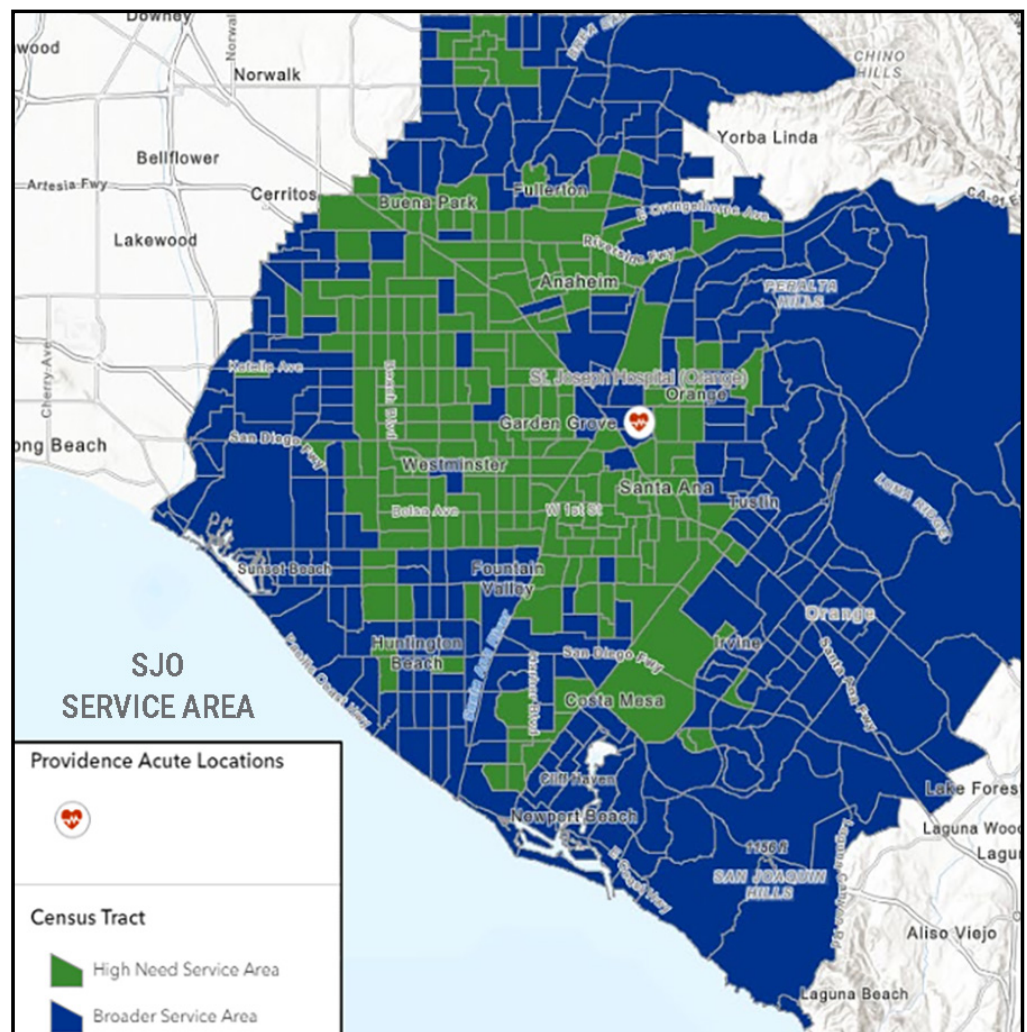
Behavioral Health: promoting Green Bench OC "Each Mind Matters" campaign in Latino / Vietnamese communities, expanding Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) program in ED for patients with opioid use disorder, and collaborating with partner FQHC to provide free psychiatry services.

Affordable Housing: partnering with Illumination Foundation to provide patients with Recuperative Care and referral to services including case management and supportive housing services, joining with

St. Joseph Justice Center Advocacy Team to educate candidates for Orange City Council on Accessory Dwelling Units, collaborating with United Way Eviction Diversion & Prevention Program to provide an ecosystem of eviction prevention services, and supporting development of OC's Affordable Housing Access website as a hub for residents, navigators of social services agencies and property owners.

For FY2024 ending on June 30, 2024, St. Joseph invested \$38 million in community benefit programs. In addition to financial support, St. Joseph leaders serve on boards and advisory committees of multiple community organizations including the Santa Ana Early Learning Initiative and MOMS Orange County supporting pregnancy and infant health.

Learn more about Community Health Benefits at [providence.org/about/annual-report/reports/chna-and-chip-reports](https://www.providence.org/about/annual-report/reports/chna-and-chip-reports) or contact Cecilia Bustamante Pixa, MPH, Director of Community Health Investment, at Cecilia.Bustamante-Pixa@stjoe.org.



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World's First Spine Surgery Performed Here Using eCential Robotics' Open Spine Robot

Providence St. Joseph Hospital Orange has successfully performed the world's first robotic spinal surgery using a new open spine platform by eCential Robotics to implant a Spineart medical device. The platform enhances surgical precision and is expected to improve patient outcomes.

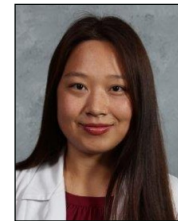
"The integration of Spineart's advanced implant system with eCential's open robotic platform will enable us to perform minimally invasive surgeries with high predictability, reproducibility and outcomes," claims Erick Westbroek, MD, Providence St. Joseph spine surgeon.

SJO became the first clinical institution in the world to

be equipped with the state-of-the-art robot, and the recent surgeries are the first in-human cases in the U.S. to be used successfully in conjunction with Spineart implants.

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