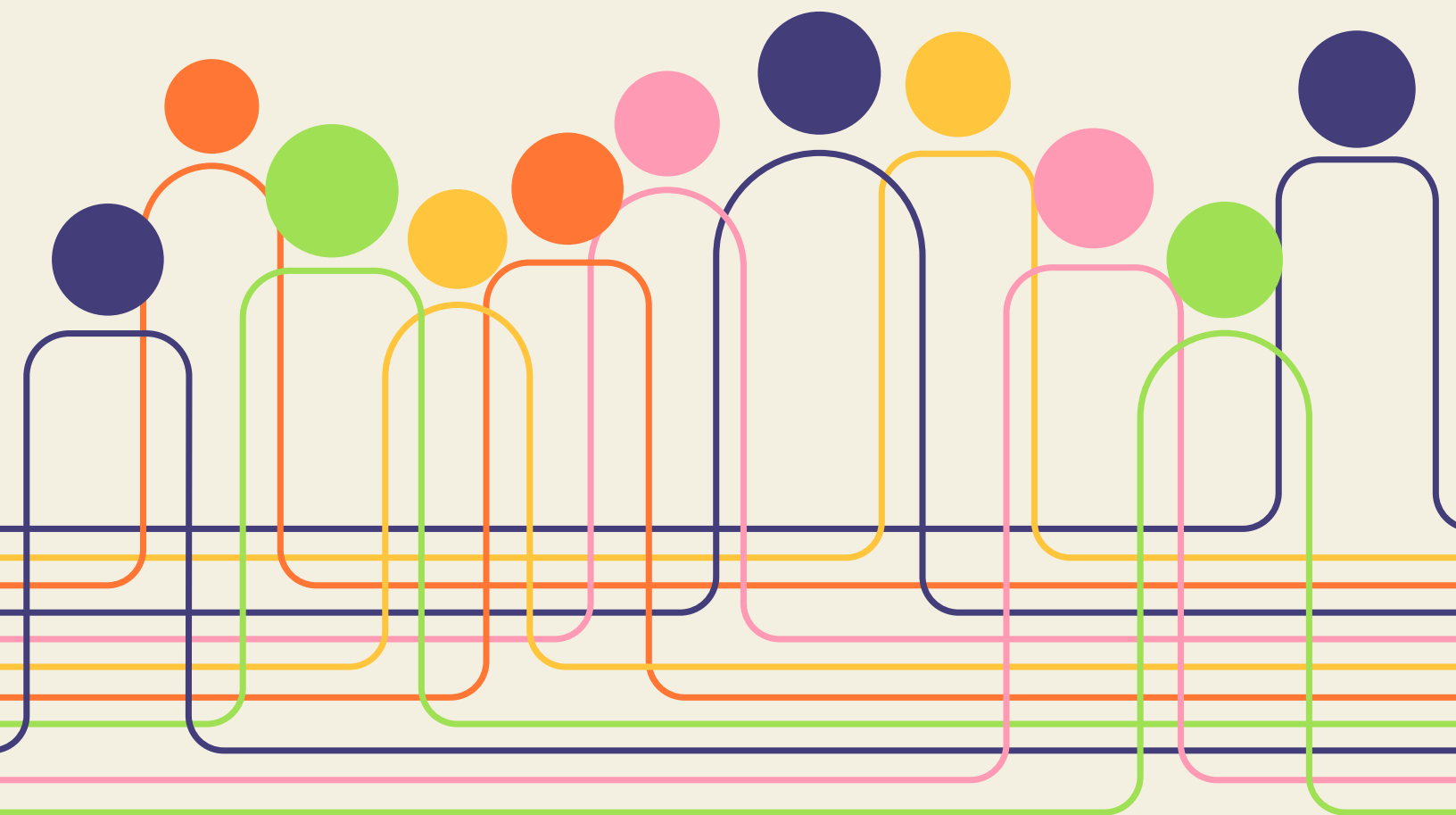




HANYS' 2026 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Call for submissions

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **FEB. 18**



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WHAT'S CHIA?

Since 1997, HANYS' Community Health Improvement Award has honored hospitals and health systems for their outstanding initiatives aimed at improving the health and well-being of communities. The award recognizes programs that target specific community health needs while emphasizing the importance of health equity, demonstrate leadership and collaboration with diverse community partners and achieve quantifiable results.

The winning facility will be recognized in person at HANYS' Annual Membership Conference June 24-26 and promoted through a video celebrating your program, produced by HANYS.

All submissions that meet award criteria will be included in HANYS' [Community Health Initiatives Tool](#) and [annual profile book](#). Members and their community partners are encouraged to use these resources for inspiration and direction on how to replicate successful programs in their own communities.

CHIA INITIATIVES

- ☒ are community-focused, to identify and address the health needs of the community;
- ☒ use a collaborative approach, working with community partners;
- ☒ must demonstrate quantifiable results;
- ☒ are preventive, not part of acute care and usually taking place outside of a clinic or hospital; and
- ☒ are related to the New York State *Prevention Agenda* that aims to improve the health status of individuals in New York and reduce disparities through a strong emphasis on prevention.

CHIA INITIATIVES ARE NOT

- ☒ quality improvement, patient safety, care transition or inpatient-focused.

WINNER SELECTION

Submissions are judged by an external panel of experts on the following criteria:

Background and <i>Prevention Agenda</i> priority	15 points
Collaboration and approach	30 points
Results and impact on the community.	35 points
Conclusions and sustainability	20 points

The submission scoring the highest will be awarded.

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THE WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED THE WEEK OF MARCH 23.

Questions?

Contact Kristen Phillips, director, community health policy, at kphillip@hanys.org or 518.431.7713.

Do you have a community health initiative that you're proud of?

Has your initiative shown success by improving health equity or addressing social determinants of health?

Do your hospital, staff and community partners deserve recognition for their hard work?

I'M INTERESTED! NOW WHAT DO I DO?

Visit our website to submit your application at [HANYS.org/awards/chia](https://hanys.org/awards/chia).

Use your email and HANYS password to log in.

Curious about what an award-winning program looks like?

Check out the winners and submissions from previous years at [HANYS.org/awards/chia](https://hanys.org/awards/chia).



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