

Needs Assessment Training NYSOFA

DATABASES in the Public Domain/ WEBSITES

1. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/brfss/index.htm>
 - Extended list of questions to ascertain risk behaviors by county
 - 2003 data easily accessible
 - Examples of indicators on handout called County Report Card
2. SPARCS
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/statistics/sparcs/annual.htm>
 - Hospitalization discharge data
3. County Health Assessment Indicators (CHAI)
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/statistics/chac/chai/>
 - Trends for cardiovascular disease and diabetes
 - Spotty datasets—much of what is offered is not specific to the counties
4. County Health Indicator Profiles
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/statistics/chip/index.htm>
 - Trends for some basic county level health indicators (CVD, Diabetes, Smoking)
 - Effective tool for SES profiling of counties across time
5. New York Community Health Data Set
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/statistics/chac/chds.htm> ‘
 - Poverty levels for each county provided
 - PDF forms of the 2000 census (demographics) for each county
6. Disability Reports
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/prevent/chart/toc.htm>
 - State level data
7. The State of Aging and Health in America 2007
http://www.cdc.gov/aging/pdf/saha_2007.pdf
 - National summary data
8. New York State Department of Health – Statistics & Data
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/statistics/>
 - Easy access to other databases
9. U.S. Census Bureau – Health Insurance Coverage: 2005
<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/hlthin05.html>
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10. American FactFinder (U.S. Census Bureau) – By state, city, or zip code
<http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html? lang=en>
 - Mapping tool to visually see concentrations of age, race, etc.
 - Enter the city/town, county, or zip code to access the Census 2000 demographic profile highlights regarding population, housing, economic, and geographic data.
11. Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Reports (MMWR)
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html>