

The Washington State Department of Health

State Health Improvement Plan

A collaborative effort involving community, cross-sector partners and leaders from across the state to identify the most pressing health issues in our state to address collectively.



Data & Community Informed

The State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) is a plan that the Department of health leads with community partners to address the needs of all citizens. The SHIP is a long-term, systematic plan to address issues identified in the State Health Assessment (SHA). The purpose of the SHIP is to describe how the health department and the community it serves will work together to improve the health of the population.

Equity, Innovation & Engagement

- At the heart of the work we do, we center equity to drive improved outcomes and quality life experience. The State health assessment will identify health inequities that will be the foundation to engage and build an equitable response.
- We strive for innovative approaches to complex issues that are affecting Washingtonians health.
- We engage cross-sector partners, other government agencies, community, and community leaders in collectively planning, implementing solutions, and evaluating our collective work.

Collective Action

Working collaboratively to identify top health priorities and aligning efforts across the state to focus our collective work on improvement utilizing a systems approach.

- Building policy recommendations
- Program alignment
- Identification of synergy and collaboration
- To drive improvement in focused areas