

COMMUNITY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

OUR MISSION

The [Community Health Administration](#) works to prevent the leading causes of death, protect and promote the health of mothers and children, and eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in health.

OUR APPROACH

Improving the health of a community requires actions by many individuals and organizations working together toward common goals. Actions are needed by DC Health, other government agencies, health care providers, health systems, health plans, community-based and faith-based organizations, employers, schools, child care providers, and institutions of higher education. Our *Framework for Improving Community Health* lays out strategies and metrics to measure our joint success, organized in seven areas:

- Access to health services
- Clinical preventive services for adults
- Maternal and reproductive health services
- Care of young children
- Preventive services for children and adolescents
- Tobacco and marijuana use
- Nutrition, physical activity and weight status

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OUR WORK

The Community Health Administration contains four bureaus working together and with community partners to achieve our mission:

Nutrition and Physical Fitness Bureau works to improve access to healthy, affordable food, support breastfeeding, increase opportunities for active living, and stop the rise in obesity.

INITIATIVES: WIC | Breastfeeding Support | Nutrition Education | School-Based Nutrition Markets | Farmers Market Incentives | Home-Delivered Meals | Healthy Corner Stores | Older Adult Nutrition | Obesity Prevention | Physical Activity Promotion

Family Health Bureau works to protect, promote and improve the health of families through screening and surveillance, education, community-clinical linkages, family strengthening programs, preventive services and positive youth development.

INITIATIVES: Maternal Health | Newborn Screening | Safe Sleep | Home Visiting | Place-Based Family Support | Help Me Grow | Teen Pregnancy Prevention | Access to Contraception | School Health Services | School-Based Health Centers

Cancer and Chronic Disease Prevention Bureau works to reduce the incidence and mortality of cancer and chronic disease through policy change, clinical quality improvement, community engagement and wellness promotion.

INITIATIVES: Prevention of Tobacco Use | Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening | Colorectal Cancer Screening | Cardiovascular Disease Screening and Preventive Treatment | Chronic Disease Self-Management | Asthma Control | Cancer Registry | Brain Health

Health Care Access Bureau works to improve the availability and accessibility of primary medical care and dental services, and to prevent infectious diseases by maintaining high levels of vaccination.

INITIATIVES: Immunization | Oral Health | Primary Care Access | Health Professional Loan Repayment | Healthcare Workforce Development