

VISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Healthy People in Healthy Communities.

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To Improve health status of individuals and communities through promotion of health, and prevention and protection from injury, communicable diseases, and environmental contaminants.

PRINCIPLES

- The Public Health mission is shared by federal, state, regional, local and tribal government agencies and by non-government and private sector organizations.
- All levels of government need to provide adequate and equitable funding to carry out public health activities.
- Public Health priorities must be determined by the community.
- Public Health has a unique role and responsibility in the health system to assess health status indicators as a method of assuring the quality and accessibility of health and primary prevention services.
- Public Health in Washington State is embodied in the Core Functions and Ten Essential Services.

VALUES

- Policy Development. Policy Decisions should balance information from community assessment, scientific data and knowledge, and community values and priorities.
- Leadership. Leadership in Public Health should identify and frame issues of public health significance.
- Partnerships. Collaboration and partnerships with business, community organizations, educational systems, the health care system, families and individuals are essential to carrying out public health functions.
- Community Input. Empowerment of the individual and community will be reflected in services and activities.
- Diversity. Workforce will be diverse and multi-disciplinary.
- Employees. Commitment to on-going professional training and staff development.