

2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

We thank the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) and the Washington State Public Health Association (WSPHA) for monitoring public health legislation. We support WSALPHO and WSPHA policies that align with our mission and advance health equity.

As a public health agency, we:

- Are concerned with protecting the health of all people in Kitsap County;
- Center collaboration and community engagement;
- Use data and evidence to identify and implement solutions and evaluate success;
- Recognize and define health issues;
- Prioritize prevention and equity;
- Promote resilience to climate change and emergencies; and
- Ensure safe and healthy natural and built environments.

Vital to public health programs, we support:



PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING

Optimizing Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) funding and oppose any policies that reduce local public health authority.



EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORT

Improving access to early childhood interventions, assistance, and family resources to promote child health, social and emotional development, positive childhood experiences, and adult outcomes.



COMMUNITY-CENTERED PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Focusing on modernizing data and surveillance systems, improving disease control, and expanding low barrier access to treatment and medical case management.

Vital to Kitsap Community Health Improvement, we support:



HEALTHCARE SYSTEM & WORKFORCE

The investment in comprehensive healthcare services and the healthcare workforce, including increases to Medicaid reimbursement rates and benefits to ensure equitable access to affordable quality healthcare.



MENTAL HEALTH & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Our local behavioral health system to increase capacity for community based behavioral health resources, holistic crisis response programs, and activities that strengthen social connectedness to prevent isolation and loneliness.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

Healthy housing options, increase low-income housing, and actions to prevent individuals and families from experiencing homelessness.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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