

# Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

## DEFINITIONS: AUGUST 2025 (PENDING SCHSAC APPROVAL)

- A. Provide timely, relevant, and accurate information to partners and the public on population health trends related to chronic disease and injury prevention.**
  1. Develop and maintain internal information systems and access external information systems for prevention and population health—including systems for chronic disease, and injury prevention.
  2. Collaborate with community to conduct surveillance of the population with respect to chronic disease and injury and use information to educate partners and the community.
  3. Establish metrics and evaluate prevention and population health improvement activities.
  4. Collect, analyze, validate, and share data related to chronic disease and injury prevention.
  5. Provide education and technical assistance to organizations involved in improving health and preventing harm.
- B. Develop a prevention plan for chronic disease and injury prevention in collaboration with community partners.**
  1. Collaborate with partners and communities to address chronic disease and injury prevention through the following actions:
    - a. Building new and strengthening existing relationships,
    - b. Assessing need and considering factors and conditions influencing these issues,
    - c. Creating plans, implementing, and evaluating population-based strategies,
    - d. Pursuing joint funding or supporting partners in identification and pursuit of funding, and
    - e. Sustaining work through policy and systems change, capacity building, and integration into existing programs.
- C. Coordinate, integrate, address funding opportunities, and align chronic disease and injury prevention programs and initiatives.**
  1. Work together to plan and connect efforts to prevent chronic diseases and injuries.
  2. Identify ways to better align and coordinate programs already funded or required by law, so they support each other and have greater impact.
  3. Support partners in understanding funding limitations, flexibilities, and explore creative and innovative approaches and opportunities.
  4. Educate decision-makers about resources needed for chronic disease and injury prevention.
  5. Assure and maintain baseline funding for chronic disease and injury prevention programs and initiatives.
  6. Seek out, apply, and manage funding opportunities.
- D. Work actively with statewide and community partners to implement population-based strategies to increase protective factors and reduce modifiable risk factors for chronic disease and injury.**
  1. Collaborate to implement population-based strategies to:
    - a. Increase healthy eating, active living, mental wellbeing and community connectedness.
    - b. Reduce statewide and community rates of alcohol, commercial tobacco, and other drug use.
    - c. Identify, manage, and live well with chronic disease.
    - d. Understand, respond to, and prevent occurrence of and harm caused by forms of injury and violence.
  2. Develop, implement, and maintain systems and infrastructure for policy, system, and environmental change.
  3. Develop and maintain written training materials, provide training to appropriate staff.

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4. Utilize evidence-informed practices aligned with national, state, and local guidelines.
5. Establish a system for tracking efforts toward agreed upon responsibilities for governmental public health, and partners, track these efforts.
6. Verify equitable access to and availability of screening, referrals, and treatment of chronic diseases and injuries.