

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

BACKGROUND 1994 - 2015

The Public Health Improvement Partnership (PHIP) was established over 20 years ago in response to [RCW 43.70.520](#) and [43.70.580](#).

The Partnership, a close alliance of public health experts, was directed by the legislature to guide and strengthen the decentralized governmental public health system in Washington State. The system includes tribal, state and local public health agencies. Although each local health jurisdiction serves the needs of its own community, through the Public Health Improvement Partnership leaders were able to align public health policies and programs in ways that emphasized population-based approaches, prevention and health promotion.

The Partnership supported policies that encouraged healthy environments and lifestyles, protected people and their communities from health threats, and worked toward eliminating health disparities. Over the span of its existence, the PHIP served as a national model for public health collaboration.

Since 2012, much of its work became focused on Foundational Public Health Services. The PHIP was instrumental in launching this next iteration of collaborative partnership which will modernize the public health system in our state.

The following major efforts continue to be ongoing in Washington State, however, no longer under the guidance and leadership of the Public Health Improvement Partnership:

[Public Health Modernization](#)

[State Health Improvement Plan](#)

[Performance and Accountability](#)

PARTNERS

[American Indian Health Commission](#)

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region X](#)

[Local Boards of Health](#)

[Local Public Health Jurisdictions](#)

[Tribal Nations](#)

[Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials](#)

[Washington State Board of Health](#)

[Washington State Department of Health](#)