



WHAT IS THE SHIP?

The Connecticut State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) is a roadmap for promoting and advancing population health, and ensuring all people in Connecticut have the opportunity to attain their highest potential for health. The plan is based on findings from the Connecticut State Health Assessment (SHA) and together these efforts will comprise Healthy Connecticut 2025.

A State Health Improvement Plan is created through a statewide collaborative planning process that engages partners and stakeholders to develop, support and implement the Plan. It is intended to provide a vision for the health of the state and a framework for organizations to use in aligning priorities, leveraging resources, engaging partners and identifying strategies for collective action.

Vision, Values and Operating Principles

Healthy Connecticut Vision

Through effective assessment, prevention, and policy development, the Connecticut Department of Public Health and its stakeholders and partners provide every Connecticut resident equitable opportunities to be healthy throughout their lifetimes and are accountable to making measurable improvements toward health equity.

Values and Operating Principles

- *Integrated approach (with state and local health departments and key health system partners)*
- *Collaboration (among state and local health departments and DPH programs)*
- *Balance between depth of focus and breadth of scope (to increase impact)*
- *Health equity*
- *Evidence-based practices and strategies*
- *Build on and expand from existing initiatives*
- *Present data to stakeholders in a meaningful way (understandable, actionable, can drive next action)*

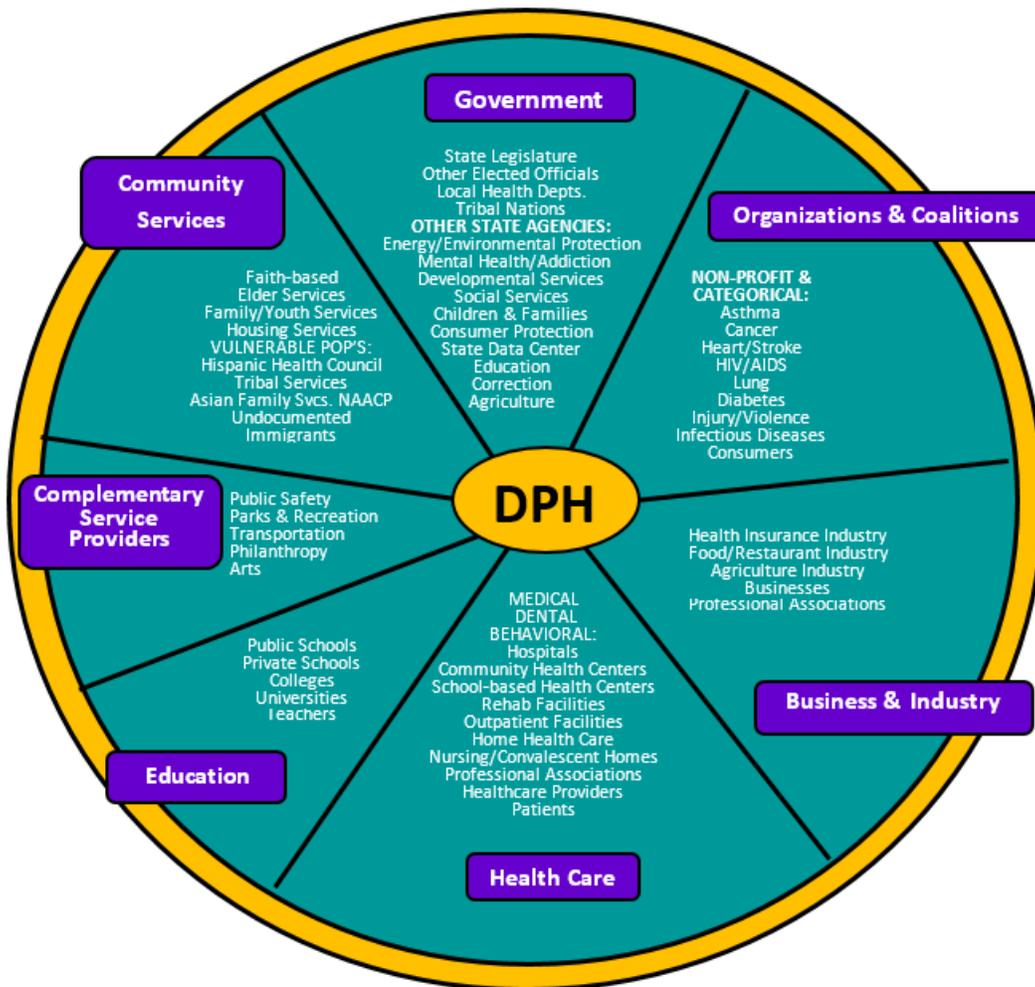
WHY IS THE SHIP IS IMPORTANT

The state health improvement plan provides guidance to the department, its partners, and stakeholders, for improving the health of the population. The plan reflects the results of a collaborative planning process that includes involvement of key sectors. Partners can use a state health improvement plan to prioritize existing activities and set new priorities. It serves as the basis for taking collective action, facilitating collaborations, and shared responsibility for addressing population health improvement. Health improvement planning is a core function for state and local health departments and the documentation provides a resource for staff and the public as well as providing consistency in operations and identification for areas of improvement. (Source: Adapted from the Public Health Accreditation Board, Standards and Measures Version 1.5, 2013).



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholder engagement is the foundation of the SHIP collaborative effort and involves a wide range of community partners representing various sectors. These stakeholders, organized as the Connecticut Health Improvement Coalition, serve as community ambassadors who inform the overall implementation of the SHIP, sharing information from key networks and groups to facilitate action. Through the infrastructure of the Coalition, partners are enabled to share their unique perspective and expertise, collaboratively develop solutions, and coordinate activities across the state.



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