



California's Health in All Policies Task Force Fact Sheet

WHAT IS HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES?

Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a collaborative approach to improving the health of all people by incorporating health, equity, and sustainability considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas.

WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS OF HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES?¹

1. Promote health, equity, and sustainability
2. Support intersectoral collaboration
3. Benefit multiple partners
4. Engage stakeholders
5. Create structural or process change

WHY DO WE NEED HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES?

- The environments in which people live, work, learn, and play have a profound and lasting impact on health by determining access to opportunities.
- Policy decisions made by “non-health” agencies are largely responsible for shaping these environments.
- A Health in All Policies approach identifies and leverages co-benefits to create win-win solutions to community challenges that advance health, sustainability, and equity.

WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES TASK FORCE?

- California's Health in All Policies Task Force was established by Executive Order S-04-10 in February 2010 and affirmed by the California Legislature through Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 in 2012.
- The Task Force was created under the auspices of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and charged with identifying priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while advancing State sustainability goals.
- The California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity facilitates and staffs the Task Force, in partnership with the Public Health Institute.

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES TASK FORCE?

- Air Resources Board
- Office of the Attorney General
- Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency
- Dept. of Community Services and Development
- Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Dept. of Education
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Dept. of Finance
- Dept. of Food and Agriculture
- Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Dept. of General Services
- Government Operations Agency
- Health and Human Services Agency
- Dept. of Housing and Community Development
- Labor and Workforce Development Agency
- Natural Resources Agency
- Dept. of Parks and Recreation
- Office of Planning and Research
- Dept. of Social Services
- Dept. of Transportation
- Office of Traffic Safety
- Transportation Agency



WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES TASK FORCE?

The Task Force established six aspirational goals to guide its work:

1. All California residents have the option to safely walk, bicycle, or take public transit to school, work, and essential destinations.
2. All California residents live in safe, healthy, affordable housing.
3. All California residents have access to places to be active, including parks, green space, and healthy tree canopy.
4. All California residents are able to live and be active in their communities without fear of violence or crime.
5. All California residents have access to healthy, affordable foods at school, at work, and in their neighborhoods.
6. California's decision makers are informed about the health consequences of various policy options during the policy development process.

WHAT HAS THE TASK FORCE ACHIEVED?

The HiAP Task Force coordinates multi-agency collaborative projects at the State level to foster healthy, equitable communities and to embed health and equity into government decision-making. Specific achievements include:

- ✓ Development of the 2014 Task Force Action Plan on Active Transportation, which includes commitments from over 20 state departments and agencies to promote safe walking, biking, and public transit as a cross-government goal. Action steps include updating guidance documents, providing tools, and coordinating data collection. (See http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/Active_Transportation_Action_Plan_9-26-14.pdf)
- ✓ Establishment of the California Farm to Fork Office as a partnership between the State Departments of Education, Food and Agriculture, and Public Health (See <http://www.cafarmtofork.com/>), to promote policies and strategies to improve access to healthy, affordable food.
- ✓ Creation of an inter-agency Food Procurement Working Group, a successful community supported agriculture pilot program, and integration of health criteria into State food purchasing contracts used by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- ✓ Development of a multi-agency workgroup to promote healthy environments through school facilities and land use decisions.
- ✓ Engagement by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research with health partners and a variety of Task Force members as they revise the General Plan Guidelines, with a particular focus on health, equity, and environmental sustainability.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

- More about the Health in All Policies Task Force, including action plans and progress updates at http://sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php
- More about the Health in All Policies approach, including resources and publications, at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Pages/HealthinAllPolicies.aspx>
- E-mail HiAP@cdph.ca.gov to be added to the Health in All Policies mailing list.

¹Rudolph, L., Caplan, J., Ben-Moshe, K., & Dillon, L. (2013). Health in All Policies: A Guide for State and Local Governments. Washington, DC and Oakland, CA: American Public Health Association and Public Health Institute