

Healthy **Communities**. Every**One** Matters.

**OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH
AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services



In carrying out your program, you may have a need to speak with a helpful resource to learn more about a health topic or receive materials that you can distribute in your community. The following is a list of branch contacts within the DHHS Division of Public Health that are available to help:

Cancer Prevention and Control Branch

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Our Mission: The goal of the Cancer Prevention and Control Branch is to develop and implement effective strategies to prevent, detect and control cancer and to promote activities which enhance comprehensive cancer initiatives. The primary activities of the Cancer Prevention and Control Branch are:

- Provide professional and public education to improve the ability of communities to prevent, detect or control cancer.
- Provide funding for communities to conduct screening for the early detection of cancer and to assist with treatment services.
- Collaborate with communities to foster cancer control through advisory councils and coalitions.
- Promote partnerships to deliver high quality comprehensive cancer services.

Diabetes Prevention and Control Branch (DPCP)

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Our Mission: DPCP is responsible for helping North Carolina residents reduce the impact of diabetes through leadership, education, surveillance, communication, community involvement and capacity building, advocacy and policy development. Overarching goals for the DPCP include eliminating health disparities and increasing linkages to promote health for people with diabetes and those at risk for the disease.

HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch

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Our Mission: The HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch is located in the Epidemiology Section of the [Division of Public Health](#). Its mission is twofold:

- Eliminate morbidity and mortality due to sexually transmitted diseases-- syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, HIV/AIDS; and
- Assure that an up-to-date continuum of care services is available for all HIV-infected individuals residing in North Carolina.

The HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch works to reduce and eventually eliminate illness and deaths due to HIV, AIDS, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia and other sexually transmitted diseases, and to assure that an up-to-date continuum of care services is available to all HIV-infected persons living in North Carolina.

The North Carolina HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch provides --

- Information on STDs, HIV and AIDS for individual citizens, the media, policy makers, service providers and healthcare workers

- Resources for public health professionals and community-based organizations trained to assist in the prevention of STDs (including HIV/AIDS)
- STD treatment guidelines for health care providers
- Information about a variety of case management and care services available to persons living with HIV/AIDS
- [Statistics](#) on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (including HIV/AIDS) in North Carolina
- A collection of resources for public health prevention efforts directed toward reducing the number of cases of HIV/AIDS/STDs in North Carolina
- Information for use in health policy planning, evaluation and research
- Presentations to special interest groups

Injury and Violence Prevention Branch

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Our Mission: Injury is a serious public health problem in North Carolina and in the nation because of its impact on health including premature death, disability and the burden on the health care system. Injury is the leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults and the fourth leading cause of death for all ages. Injuries disproportionately affect children, minority populations, and older adults. Leading causes of deaths from injury include motor vehicle crashes, homicide, suicide, falls, fires and burns, poisoning, and drowning.

Like diseases, injuries do not occur at random. They are predicable and, therefore, preventable. Injury prevention strategies focus on environmental design, product design, human behavior, education, and legislative and regulatory requirements that support environmental and behavioral change, for example laws requiring the use of seat belts and motorcycle helmets.

Injury and Violence Prevention plans, implements and evaluates prevention strategies that are built on surveillance data and incorporate proven prevention methods. Because many agencies and organizations are involved in injury prevention, Injury and Violence Prevention collaborates with others to enhance the effectiveness of all prevention activity.

Women's and Children's Health Section (Infant Mortality)

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Our Mission: The mission of the Women's and Children's Health Section (WCH) is to assure, promote and protect the health and development of families with emphasis on women, infants, children and youth. WCH programs place a major emphasis on the provision of preventive health services beginning in the pre-pregnancy period and extending throughout childhood. The Section also administers several programs serving individuals who are developmentally disabled or chronically ill.