

Pitt Partners of Health 2022-2025 Policy Agenda

Introduction

The Pitt Partners for Health Policy Agenda demonstrates a collective voice supporting its mission to improve the population health of Pitt County through coalition building and partnership. The health priority categories adopted by the Coalition from the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment (2022-2025) are a reflection of input from grassroots members representing local communities, faith based organizations, and health and social support agencies. Pitt Partners for Health members are committed to helping our community thrive by promoting policy changes that benefit the health and wellness of all who live, work, worship, or play in our communities.

The Policy Agenda also reflects the diversity, perspectives, expertise, and priorities within our community. The Coalitions' unified voice serves to ignite awareness, bring together support, and amplify advocacy efforts for optimal health and wellness policy changes.

Improving health status requires laser focus on individual behaviors, but more importantly on system and environmental contexts, social determinants and conditions in which people live and make choices. Significant policy, systems, and environmental changes will be required to make healthy choices readily available, accessible, identifiable, and affordable to **all** people living in Pitt County.

The 2022-2025 Pitt Partners for Health Policy Agenda supports health and wellness in Pitt County in the following areas:

Increase Access to Care

1. We advocate for increased access to health care through initiatives and programs that are not impeded by transportation, socio-economic status, and/or lack of insurance or other barriers.
2. We advocate and support safety net programs for the most vulnerable populations in Pitt County.

Encourage Healthy Lifestyles

1. We promote healthy lifestyles focused on the provision of care and prevention of chronic diseases.
2. We endorse opportunities for increased physical activity in communities across Pitt County.

Improve Mental Health

1. We advocate for accessibility to mental health services for all citizens of Pitt County.
2. We foster positive mental health through education and community awareness.
3. We believe that diverse partnerships and perspectives are needed to equitably address mental health needs and the lack of adequate resources.



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