

Colorado TurningPoint

Collaborating for a New Century in Public Health

A strong public health system is crucial for protecting and improving the health of Americans.

Colorado's Public Health

In an otherwise healthy state, the magnitude of health disparities among racial and ethnic groups is staggering. African Americans, American Indians, and Latinos/as in Colorado experience higher rates of disease, disability, and death than the general population. These disparities cost health care dollars, productivity, and future contributions to family and community.

With bioterrorism threats and emerging diseases, we collectively must ensure that all Colorado communities are prepared and protected. Public health and community-based organizations need sustained support in working together on health promotion, disease prevention, and emergency preparedness.

All people, regardless of race and ethnicity, should have an equal opportunity to be healthy.

For more information

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What is Colorado Turning Point?

The national Turning Point Initiative aims to transform and strengthen the public health system in the United States by making it more community based and collaborative. Toward this goal, Colorado Turning Point is forging new partnerships to ensure that the state's minority communities are not left behind. The elimination of health disparities must be a top priority for health professionals, policy makers, and communities, so that together we may work toward a solution.

How is Colorado Turning Point improving public health for all?

- Tracking health issues and reporting differences in health by race and ethnicity
- Educating affected communities, health systems, and policy makers on the magnitude of health disparities and their root causes
- Convening traditional public health stakeholders and community-based organizations to address complex public health issues
- Making data, information, technical assistance, and other types of support available to community-based organizations and the public
- Building leaders among minority health professionals through direct training and mentoring, and promoting workforce diversity to improve the quality of public health services
- Endorsing the need to promote social justice strategies that will eliminate differences in health

What can Turning Point help you do

- Engage minority communities in assessing local public health needs and defining priorities
- Identify barriers to community health including differential access to health care and other health promoting systems
- Educate minority constituencies about their health status and community resources
- Consider policies that will "level the playing field" for minority communities

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