

Maine TurningPoint

Collaborating for a New Century in Public Health

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

Maine's Public Health

Heart disease is the leading cause of death, illness, and health care costs for citizens of Maine.

Unlike almost all other states, Maine does not have a systematic, statewide organized public health structure at the local or regional level.

Strong public health systems have the ability to improve the lives of the public, protect the public's health, and ensure the delivery of the essential public health services.

Citizens of Maine should have access to the benefits of public health based in a strong system.

Maine needs a public health infrastructure at the regional level that can complement the state system and local activities.

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What is Maine 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. The Maine Turning Point project has more than 30 partners working together to build a strong public health system for people in Maine. These partners are convened by the Maine Center for Public Health, a private, nonprofit organization established by the Maine State Legislature in 1996 to improve the health of Maine citizens.

How is Maine Turning Point improving public health?

- Promoting access and coordination of public health services throughout Maine communities to better protect the health of local citizens
- Convening community partnerships across the state to assure the coordination of community-wide public health prevention and response programs
- Creating new public health leaders at the local level through a formal mentoring program that matches experienced community health coalition leaders with emerging local leaders
- Providing and expanding education for public health professionals to ensure a skilled and competent workforce
- Linking public health efforts to form a regional approach that improves the coordination of public health data sharing, training opportunities, emergency response, and other emerging public health issues between state level authorities and local communities

What can Maine Turning Point help you do?

- Provide information to support the development of public health policy
- Understand the issues related to the organization of public health at the sub-state level
- Improve the health of Maine residents through support of a regional structure, based on the configuration of regions for bioterrorism preparedness, to coordinate public health activity in communities

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