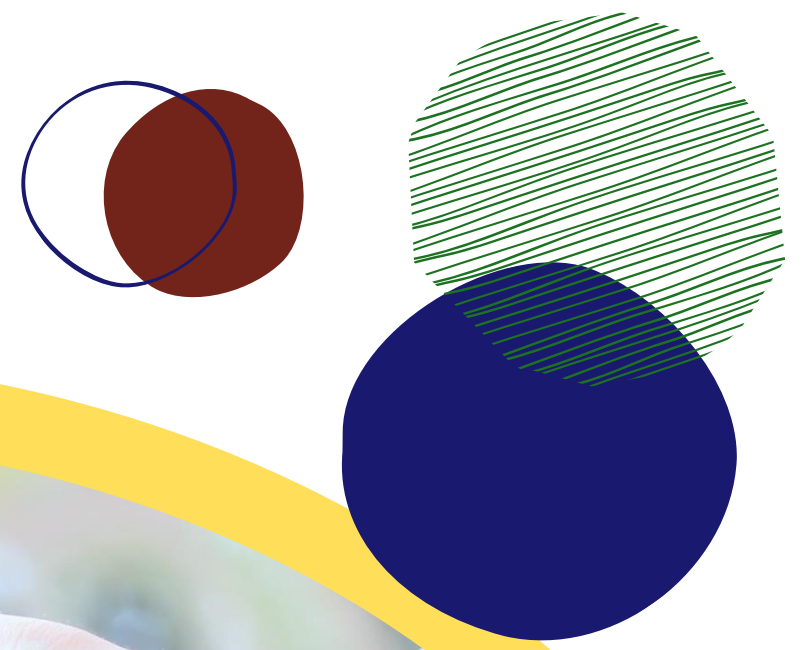
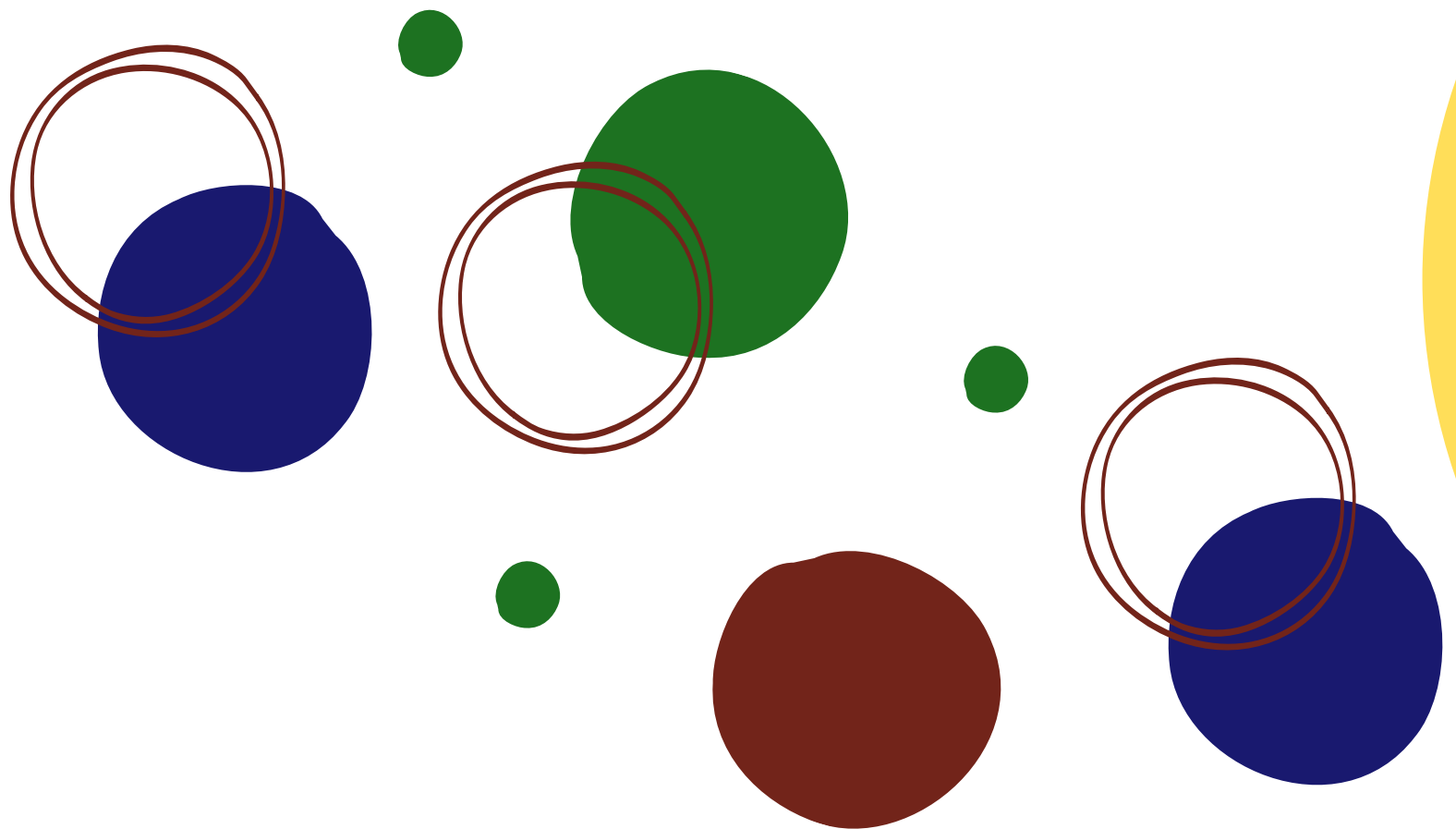
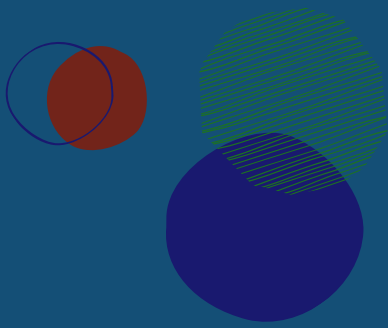


GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

January 8, 2025





OVERVIEW

- Council background
- Updates
- Upcoming activities
- Stay connected
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COUNCIL PURPOSE

The Health Disparities Council is a state-level interagency advisory workgroup.

We collaborate across sectors to create policy recommendations and coordinate strategies to eliminate health inequities by race/ethnicity and gender.

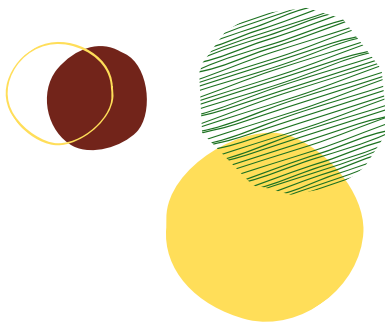
Authorizing statute:

Chapters [43.20.270](#), [43.20.275](#), [43.20.280](#) RCW

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

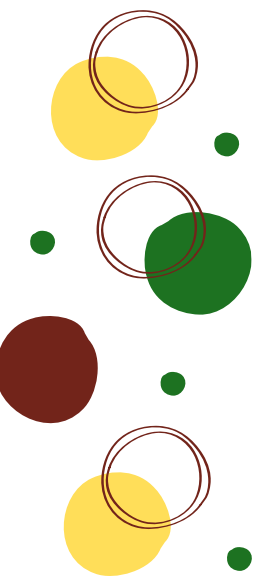
- Chair
- 2 Community Members
- Commission on African American Affairs
- Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
- Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (delegated to the American Indian Health Commission)
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (K-12 education)
- Department of Social and Health Services
- Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board
- Department of Children, Youth, and Families
- **State Board of Health**
- Department of Health
- Health Care Authority
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Ecology





COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Create a [state action plan](#) for eliminating health disparities/inequities.
- Create [policy recommendations](#) for state agencies, the Governor, and state lawmakers.
- Understand how state government actions reduce or contribute to health inequities.
- Recommend ways to improve the availability of [culturally and linguistically appropriate health literature and interpretative services](#).





PAST RECOMMENDATION AREAS

- Education & early learning
- Health insurance coverage
- Healthcare workforce
- Specific health conditions (obesity, diabetes, adverse birth outcomes)
- Behavioral health
- Reproductive health access
- Poverty reduction
- Disaggregated data
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS)
- Environmental justice
- Equity in state government
- **Health Justice**
- **Council Redesign**

Read [Council reports](#) and information on [past advisory committees](#).





PARTNERSHIP

The State Board of Health:

- Helps convene the Council
- Has a seat on the Council
- Conducts Health Impact Reviews in collaboration with the Council
- May interact with similar communities and partners
- Shares a commitment to health equity
- May uplift Council recommendations



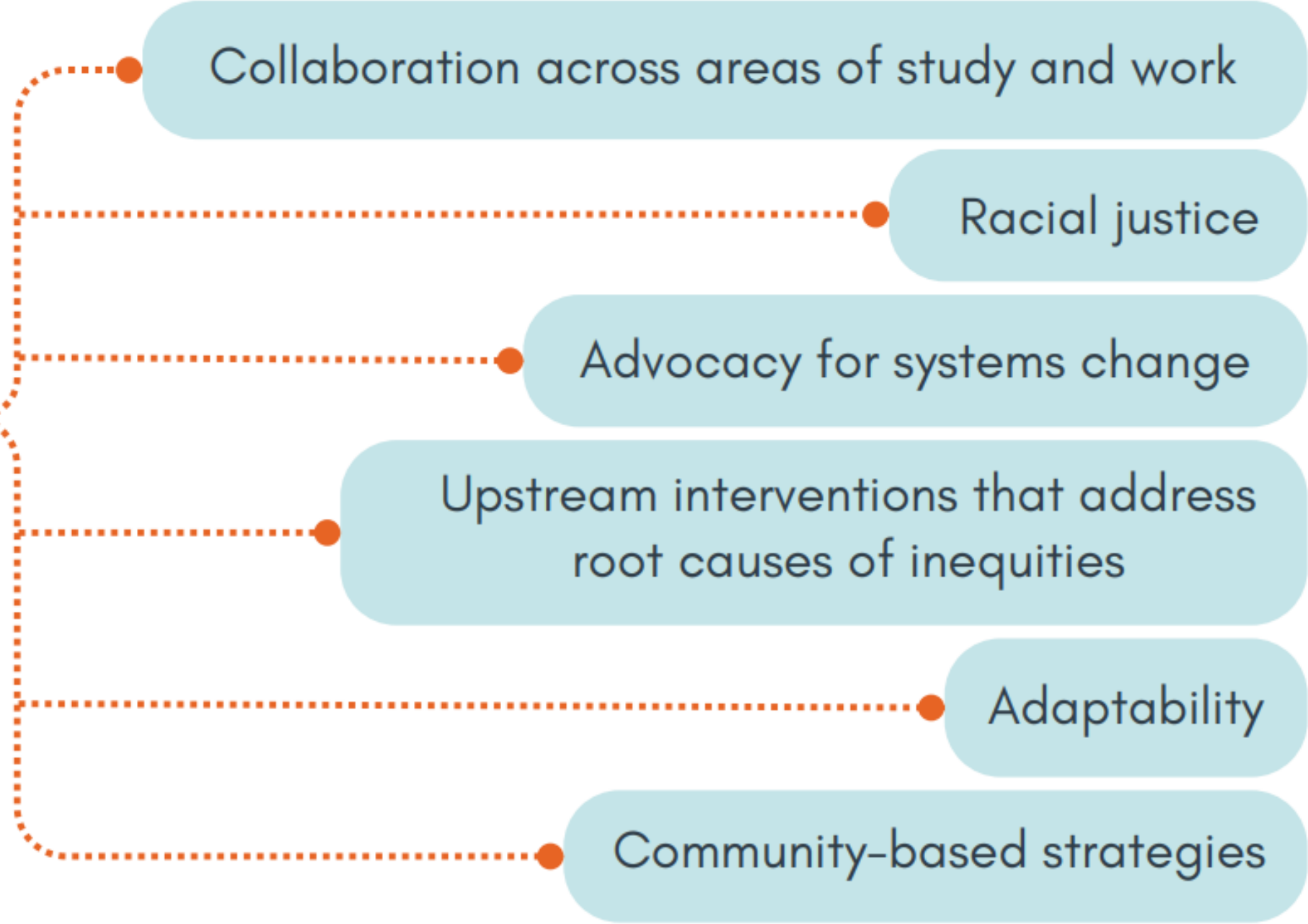
UPDATES

- Redesign process and proposal ([webpage](#))
- Community partner engagement ([2023 report](#))
- January 2024 State Action Plan Update ([report](#))
- Health Justice and Equity ([informational sheet](#))
- 2024 Legislative Session results



HEALTH JUSTICE & EQUITY

A Health Justice Framework¹¹ includes:

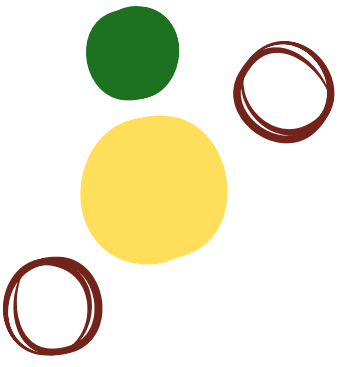


Health equity only exists when we all have the opportunity to reach our full potential.

Health Justice provides a framework to achieve lasting health equity goals.



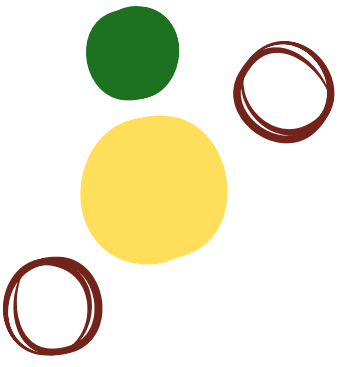
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Strengthen our foundation and relationships
- 2025 Legislative Session: request to update our authorizing statute
- Develop a statewide vision for health and wellbeing





DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



Health Disparities Council Outreach Team



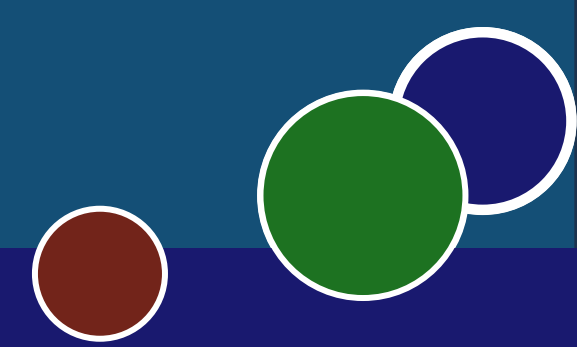
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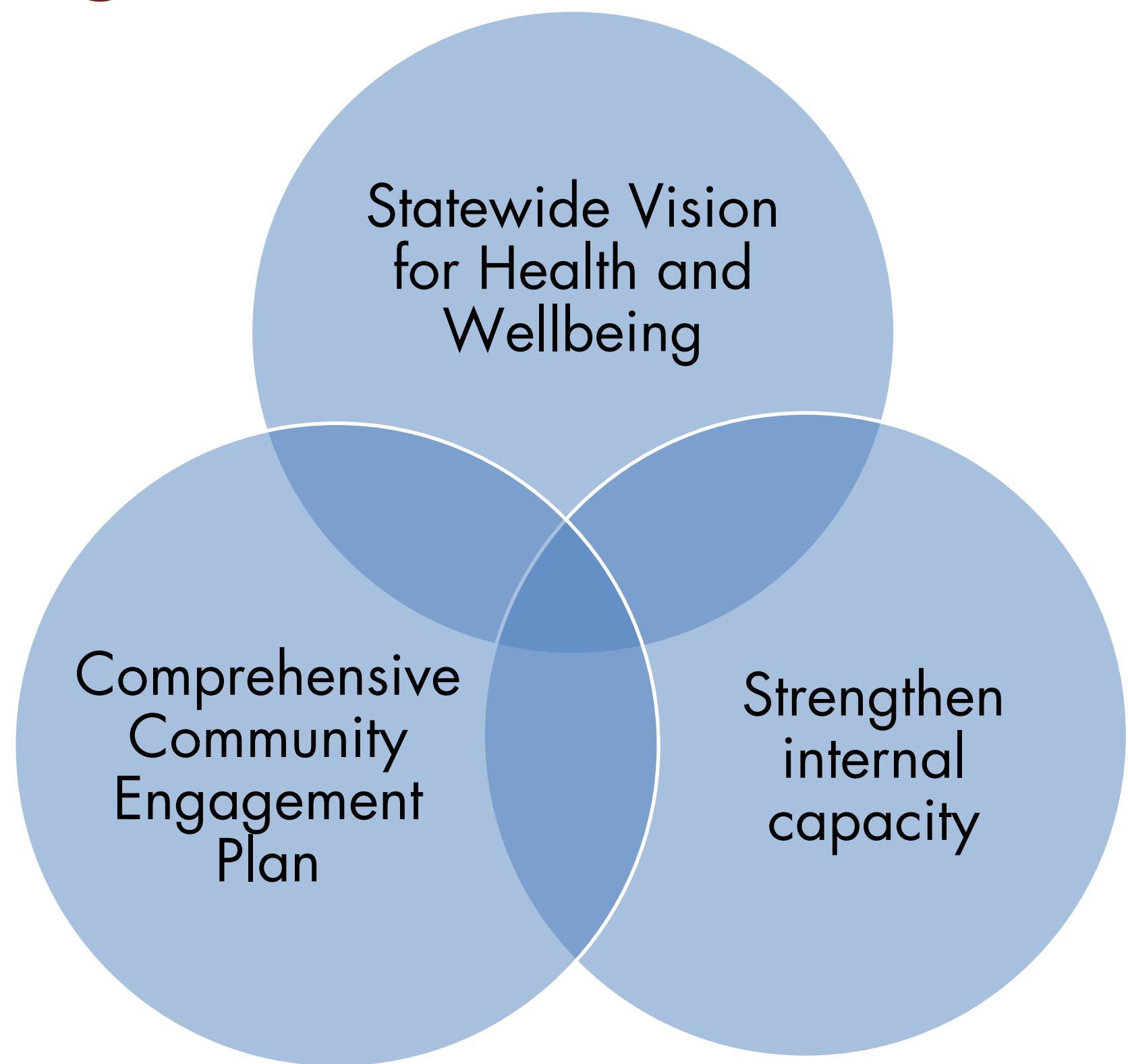
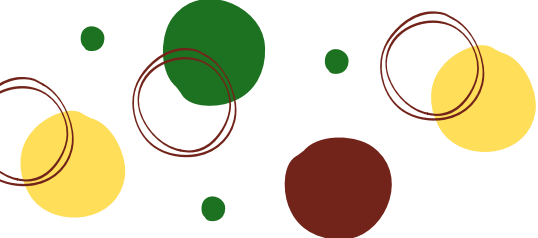


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Community Engagement

Our approach will be a collaborative, community driven process that respects and empowers local voices while ensuring that engagement efforts are inclusive, equitable, and sustainable.





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