



Health Equity Means Equal Health for Everyone



To keep islanders healthy and thriving, the Hawaii State Department of Health works with other **agencies** and **communities** to help ensure that **everyone** has equal access to health opportunities and health protections.

We work with other **agencies** because we know that working together through policy and planning is one of the best ways to improve the health choices for all:

- A. Better roads means less time in cars, more quality time at home, and more time for healthy physical activities.
- B. High-quality education means improved potential earning power, less financial stress, and the financial resources in choosing healthy foods.
- C. Safe neighborhoods, good employment, and affordable housing are also gateways to good health.

We work with **communities** because we know that each one has its own identity and unique needs.

- A. Partnering with schools and community health centers in developing special health programs to reach the most vulnerable students and consumers.
- B. Providing Telebehavioral Health Services for children in rural areas where psychiatrists are not available.
- C. Promoting the use of EBT cards at local farmers markets so that families with lower incomes can have the same access to locally grown fruits and vegetables.



We work with **you** by giving you more health options to reach your highest health potential.

- A. Providing you with support in your efforts to quit smoking.
- B. Giving you access to bilingual health services and language interpreters.
- C. Providing you with nutritional advice and support as part of your overall health plan.

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Our Commitment to the People of Hawaii

The Department of Health's Five Foundations for Healthy Generations



-  **Health Equity**
-  **Health Promotion & Disease Prevention**
-  **Emergency Preparedness**
-  **Clean & Sustainable Environments**
-  **Quality & Service Excellence**

Eliminate disparities and improve the health of all groups throughout the State of Hawaii.

Attain lifelong quality health free from preventable disease, avoidable disability, and premature death.

Mitigate, respond to, and recover from natural external or man-made threats impacting individual and community well-being.

Create social and physical environments that promote and support good health for all.

Develop internal systems to assure timely consumer responsiveness and satisfaction.