



#HealthierMO

Transforming the Future of Public Health in Missouri

A New Year for Missouri Health

The new year offers a chance for a fresh start, a time to make changes that will lead to healthier outcomes – for each of us and for Missouri. What would it take to make Missouri healthier? What public health programs and services should be offered? How might the public health system need to change? Can you imagine a healthier Missouri – what does your vision look like?

Across the nation states are transforming their public health systems to achieve healthier outcomes.

- [Washington](#) public health system partners worked together for more than five years to develop their 2016 plan for rebuilding, modernizing and funding their public health system. They identified core public health services for which dedicated funding should be guaranteed and requested a commitment from the state budget. They explored local revenue-generating, encouraged efficiency, and emphasized the criticality of tracking data and using evidence-based measures.
- [Texas](#) has been working since 2015 to create a public health system that is easier to navigate, encourages program integration, and develops clearly defined performance metrics.
- [Oregon](#) is working to transition from a costly, fragmented health system to one that is coordinated and affordable, by collecting and monitoring data that will inform effective community health strategies.
- [Ohio](#) is focusing on transforming health by modernizing Medicaid, streamlining health and human services, and ensuring better health, better healthcare and lower costs.
- [Kansas](#) has committed to a multi-year project to ensure the public health system has capacity to offer foundational public health services to every resident.

These states committed to change to improve public health for their residents. Missouri can do the same! The #HealthierMO initiative seeks to transform the future of public health in Missouri, creating a stronger public health system that provides foundational programs and services and offers every resident the opportunity for a healthier life.

Join the initiative. Partner with stakeholders across the state not just to envision, but to create a stronger, sustainable and culturally relevant public health system that will lead to a healthier Missouri. Visit www.HealthierMO.org to provide your input and sign up to receive weekly updates.

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