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**The Coalition for a  
Healthier York County**

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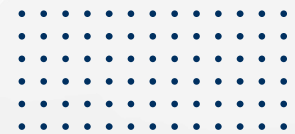
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# LETTER FROM COALITION CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For over 30 years, Healthy York Coalition has been bringing together community conversations and key stakeholders to address critical health issues in our area. Guided by our core principles of assessment, collaboration, and mobilization, we are dedicated to our mission of promoting a healthier York County.

While the health challenges our community faces are complex, we understand the importance of partnerships and working towards a shared goal of a more equitable future for all.

We deeply appreciate everyone who has contributed to the Coalition's journey and will continue to support the needs of our community. Health is essential for a thriving York, and with your support, we will enhance the Coalition's capacity for even greater impact in the future.

Join us in this effort. A healthier York County is achievable when we work together!



Natalie Williams,  
Executive Director  
Healthy York Coalition



Jenny Englerth, Chair  
Healthy York Coalition  
President & CEO  
Family First Health

# MISSION



The Healthy York Coalition assesses health needs, convenes community partners and facilitates action to drive progress toward better health for all.



# VISION

Working together to champion a healthier York County.

# ABOUT

The Healthy York County Coalition was established in 1994, bringing together stakeholders from across the community to discuss common health goals and collaborative opportunities. For more than 30 years, over a 100 volunteers have worked to advocate for policy change, establish programs and services, and produce and distribute educational materials around community health issues.

Healthy York has been proudly supporting and advancing the health of York County for more than 30 years. Throughout its history, the Coalition has collaborated with multisector partners to gain a robust understanding of the needs of the county.

The Coalition's work is driven by a strategic framework of goals anchored by three key tenants: assessment, collaboration, and mobilization.



# COALITION PARTNERS

## Steering Committee

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## Leadership Council

AARP

ALPHA

Affordable Housing Advocates

Bell Socialization Services, Inc.

Community Progress Council

Crispus Attucks Association

Emergency Health Services Federation

Family First Health

Friends and Neighbors of PA

Hospice & Community Care

Jewish Family Services of York

Katallasso Family Health Center

Leadership York

Leg Up Farm

Mental Health America

National Association for Mental Illness

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

OSS Health

PA-211 (Contact Helpline)

Pappas House

Penn State York

Pressley Ridge

Public Safety Collaborative

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Representative Carol Hill Evans' Office

SpiriTrust Lutheran

Susquehanna Valley Community

Mental Health Services

TrueNorth Wellness

United Way of York County

UPMC Pinnacle Hanover

UPMC Pinnacle Memorial

Utz Quality Foods

VNA of Hanover & Spring Grove

WellSpan Health

YMCA of York & York County

York Area Housing Group

York City Health Bureau

York College of Pennsylvania

York County - Area Agency on Aging

York County Assistance Office

York County Community Foundation

York County Coalition on

Homelessness

York County Economic Alliance

York County Food Alliance

York County Hispanic Coalition

York County Human Services

York County Libraries

York County Literacy Council

York County Planning Commission

York County Rail Trail Authority

York Jewish Community Center

# KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ● ALIGNED PARTNERSHIPS

- Penn State College of Medicine, **CDC REACH (Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health)** has expanded to York County and selected Healthy York as a strategic partner. The national program focuses on the Hispanic and Latino population to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities.
  - Through collaboration the first year included:
    - Assessment of community health needs
    - Hired a REACH project consultant
    - Completion of CDC Active Communities Modules
    - Convening community stakeholders that align with REACH's focus areas
    - More to come in Year 2!

## ● CONVENING COMMUNITY PARTNERS AROUND SHARED GOALS

- In concert with **York County Care Coordination project; now Connect York**, Healthy York has been supporting through leadership and strategic direction the Bi-Directional & Shared Intake Committee.
  - Key Project deliverables included:
    - Systems mapping & evaluating needs for resource navigation
    - Review & creation of shared intake forms
    - Development of RFP process for selected vendors
    - Creation & evaluation of scoring rubric
    - Recruitment of pilot organizations for Connect York
- Conducted **environmental scans** to inform health care and community partners on Community Health Improvement Plan areas in York County including housing, charitable food system, mental health services and public health.
- In partnership with the York County Coroner and Child Death Review Team, we have convened community partners surrounding gun deaths and developed a framework for the **York County Gun Safety Initiative**. Through cross sector collaboration, the Initiative is a strategic approach to addressing gun safety in York County, leveraging data, storytelling, community engagement and education to create a safer environment for all residents.

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## ● COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

- Healthy York Coalition convened community partners at our February **2024 Health Forum** at Penn State York. **“Collaborative Approaches to Community Health”**. From health care, government, public health and health and human service organizations gathered together to hear about key community health data, critical projects and initiatives including:
  - Launch of the York County Care Coordination Project, now Connect York
  - Food Insecurity Data
  - Housing Data
  - Key SDOH topics for Healthy Neighborhoods
  - Introduction to CDC REACH

## ● OTHER NOTEWORTHY WORK

- Healthy York Coalition Executive Director continues to uplift awareness of Healthy York Coalition through community engagement and identified priority areas:
  - York County Coalition on Homelessness (YCCH)
  - YCCH Program Funding Evaluation Team
  - York County Care Coordination Advisory Committee
  - Child Death Review Team
  - County of York Mental Health Awareness Month
  - York County Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
  - Tobacco Free York County
  - Alliance for Personal Care Advancement (ALPHA)
  - Black and Brown Mental Health Collaborative
  - Safe Kids Coalition South Central PA
  - Stable Housing Collaborative
  - plus many more important community initiatives!

# CONNECT YORK





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**A special note of thanks to  
our more than 100  
community volunteers &  
partners for helping to  
champion a healthier  
York County.**

**Thank you to WellSpan  
Health for their continued  
support of Healthy York  
Coalition.**

**Thank  
you!**



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