
SHIP Fact Sheet:

Overview of the State Health Improvement Plan



What is SHIP?

The State Health Improvement Plan is:

- ♦ A health improvement plan that emphasizes improving the health status of populations
- ♦ A plan that emphasizes engaging local partnerships to coordinate resources and address local health issues
- ♦ A commitment to increase access to data and information necessary to assess local health status.

Goals

SHIP 2006-2010 has two goals. They are to:

1. Increase quality and years of healthy life, and
2. Eliminate Disparities

SHIP Structure

Within the Department, SHIP is managed from the Department of Health Central Office in Harrisburg in conjunction with the leadership of each of the 6 Community Health Districts. But the network of SHIP partners is much larger. Currently, there are 61 partnerships across the Commonwealth.

Guiding Principles of SHIP

- ♦ Prevention
- ♦ Communication
- ♦ Accountability
- ♦ Collaboration
- ♦ Coordination
- ♦ Continuous Learning
- ♦ Elimination of Health Disparities

More information is available from the Department of Health's Bureau of Health Planning:

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