

Keeping Houston Healthy & Safe

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OUR MISSION

Working in partnership with the community to protect and promote the health of the Houston community.





HEALTH CHALLENGES



The Core Challenges to Achieving Health

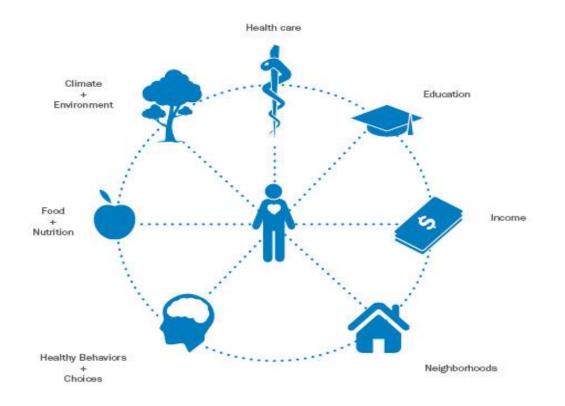
- Focus on health care vs health
- Many people uninsured
- Health influenced by many factors







Factors that Impact and Influence Health





HEALTH STRATEGIES



Public Health Takes on the Challenge

Public health keeps kids healthy and communities strong







Effective Public Health Response Requires Change

- Innovation
- Effective strategies
- Partnerships
- Effective Communication





Re-inventing Public Health for Effectiveness

- Decreased emphasis on clinical services
- Increased reach into communities
- Increased focus on children's services and prevention
- Enhanced ability to respond to emerging infectious diseases
- Increased focus on chronic disease
- Increased collaborations and partnerships to expand resources
- Increase emphasis on connecting individuals and families to services.



Redesigning our Work for Greater Impact

- Expansion of services and interventions with a neighborhood focus
- Optimize use of department facilities and resources
- Data driven decision making processes
- Implementation of evidence based and best practices and strategies



REMAINING RELEVANT



Success Requires

- Cultural competent service delivery
- Effective engagement of targeted stakeholders
- Technology
- Print Media and Shared Messages
- Events and Touch Experiences
- Compliance with Accreditation Standards





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