



MONTANA 21C: STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH TOGETHER

In each Montana community, the local or tribal public health department works to prevent illness and injury, address new health threats, and help advance community priorities for better health. Public health departments tackle health risks that can impact the whole community, rather than treating individuals when they get sick. By doing so, public health can improve health, help children and families thrive, and reduce the costs associated with treating illness.

FIVE CORE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THAT EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS:

- 1.**
Preventing the spread of communicable diseases
- 2.**
Preventing chronic disease and injury
- 3.**
Ensuring safe food, air, and water quality
- 4.**
Supporting maternal, child, and family health
- 5.**
Improving access to and coordination with clinical care

Montana state law outlines that local public health departments provide these services in each county. Still, departments often lack the funding and staff needed to deliver all services effectively.

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Montana 21C is a new initiative working to improve Montana's public health system through collaboration, communication, training, policy, and identification of new funding sources to meet local communities' needs. Montana 21C is a statewide partnership between local and tribal health departments and public health organizations.

The Public Health Accreditation Board's 21st Century Learning Community (21C) aims to transform public health systems across the U.S. by supporting states in intentional transformation and rebuilding trust.

Montana is working to assess its public health service capacity and analyze gaps through 21C. The initiative will begin by listening to local and tribal public health staff and the community, creating a shared vision, and identifying necessary resources to make it a reality.

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