

The 10 Essential Services of Public Health



The 10 Essential Public Health Services describe the responsibilities of the local public health system.

1. **Monitor health** status to identify community health problems
2. **Diagnose and investigate** health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. **Inform, educate,** and **empower** people about health issues.
4. **Mobilize community partnerships** to identify and solve health problems.
5. **Develop policies** and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. **Enforce laws** and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. **Link** people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. **Assure** a competent public health and personal healthcare workforce.
9. **Evaluate** effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. **Research** for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

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Our Vision:

A thriving and safe Orange County where everyone has the opportunity for optimal health and quality of life.

Our Mission:

In partnership with the community, we promote optimal health for all who live, work, or play in Orange County through assessment and planning; education and services; and policy development and implementation.

Our Values:

Excellence, Integrity, and Health Equity

Public Health Services is one service area under the **Orange County Health Care Agency**. Public Health Services is made up of the divisions described below and works with the community to **assure** a competent workforce, **evaluate** services, and conduct **research**.

California Children's Services

California Children's Services (CCS) is a statewide program that provides authorizations for **medical care**, financial assistance, and medically necessary **physical and occupational therapy** services to children who meet the CCS eligibility criteria.

Disease Control and Epidemiology

Disease Control & Epidemiology protects the health of Orange County residents by **monitoring** reportable communicable diseases, **investigating** communicable disease outbreaks, and through **prevention and treatment programs**, such as for STDs, HIV, and tuberculosis (TB).

Family Health

Family Health promotes family-focused preventative health care through **developing community linkages** and integrated programs such as **clinical and community services** for maternal, child, and adolescent populations, **nutrition services**, and **dental services**.

Health Promotion

Health Promotion protects the health and safety of Orange County residents by **providing health education** and **building the capacity** of individuals, organizations, and communities to promote optimal health and prevent disease, disability, and premature death.

Public Health Laboratory

Public Health Laboratory provides clinical diagnostic and environmental **laboratory support services** for all programs within the Agency, **consultation services** to other laboratories and the medical community, and **biothreat agent testing** services for law enforcement.

Public Health Nursing

Public Health Nursing provides community and in-home **health education, health assessments, case management**, and **health access support** to promote optimal health across the lifespan.

Summary of Goals

Focus Area 1:

Maternal and Infant Health

Goal: Optimal health outcomes for all moms and babies in Orange County.

Objective 1: By June 30, 2019, 90% of pregnant PHS clients will have a **postpartum medical visit** within 6 weeks of delivery.

Objective 2: By June 30, 2020, 98% of pregnant PHS clients served before 28 weeks, with a minimum of three visits, will deliver babies **free of exposure to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs**.

Objective 3: Annually, 100% of PHS perinatal clients will receive **standardized comprehensive assessments**.

Objective 4: Annually, 100% of infants served by PHS maternal, infant, and child programs will receive a **developmental screening** with a standardized tool.

Focus Area 2:

Healthy Weight and Fitness

Goal: All Orange County children have resources and support to maintain a healthy weight.

Objective 1: By June 30, 2020, reduce the **obesity rate** among Orange County 5th graders by 5% to 17.1%.

Objective 2: By June 30, 2020, reduce the obesity rate among 5th graders in schools in **target communities** by 10% to 25.9% in Anaheim City, 26.7% in Buena Park, 24.2% La Habra City, and 27.5% in Santa Ana Unified.

Focus Area 3:

Chronic Disease Prevention and Management

Goal: Orange County residents will avoid disability and premature death through early identification and management of chronic diseases.

Objective 1: Annually, at least 65% of Public Health Nursing case management clients who have been assisted in **managing their chronic disease will have met their goals** at case closure.

Objective 2: By June 30, 2019, create or enhance **web and/or social media sites** to provide comprehensive tools and information for Orange County residents living with chronic diseases.

Focus Area 4:

STDs and HIV

Goal: No new STD or HIV infections in Orange County.

Objective 1: By June 30, 2020, decrease the **HIV transmission rate** in Orange County to 4.5 per 100 persons living with HIV disease.

Objective 2: By June 30, 2020, stabilize the **contagious syphilis** disease case rate in Orange County to at or below 15 per 100,000 people.

Focus Area 5:

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

Goal: Eliminate injury and disease in Orange County caused by alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Objective 1: By June 30, 2019, **smoking cessation** services will be provided to 4,065 adults annually, a 50% increase compared to FY 2016.

Objective 2: By June 30, 2020, decrease **DUI collisions** in five cities that have the highest rate (and/or number) in Orange County by 5%.

Objective 3: By June 30, 2020, all cities will be offered **individualized results regarding DUI crashes, training on best practice strategies, and social marketing tools and materials**.