

MISSION, GOALS & VISION



Mission

The Whatcom Coalition for Healthy Communities improves the health and quality of life in Whatcom County by connecting people and information, fostering collaborative leadership, and inspiring community engagement across sectors.

Goals

Enhance awareness and understanding of the broad range of factors contributing to community health
Foster collaboration and leadership to more effectively improve community health and promote community assets
Facilitate action to improve community health throughout our county

Vision

A healthy community weaves together:

Social Environment: Whatcom County is a place where people participate in the life of the community through contributing resources, voting and volunteering time.

Health: Everyone in Whatcom County has access to health care and opportunities to maintain and improve their health and well-being.

Natural Environment: Whatcom County is a place with a healthy and sustainable environment where the community serves as responsible stewards of natural resources.

Economy: Whatcom County has a healthy, vibrant economy that provides opportunities for future generations, balancing growth and development with environmental sensitivity and sustainability.

Public Safety: Whatcom County is a community where people feel safe and are safe in their neighborhoods, homes, roadways and workplaces.

Education: Whatcom County is a community where education opportunities serve the diverse needs of all its members, as well as the community as a whole.

Transportation: Whatcom County is a community where multiple transportation options are available to allow mobility for all citizens and to reduce dependency on cars.

Arts & Recreation: Whatcom County is a place where there are many avenues for exploration of arts and culture as well as many recreational opportunities.

Government & Politics: Whatcom County is a community where government is responsive to its citizens and manages the public good effectively.



Sponsors

The Coalition was founded in 1996 by numerous organizations and community leaders to provide neutral cross-sector convening to address community health issues and challenges.

Long-term commitment and support comes from organizational sponsors: City of Bellingham, St. Joseph Hospital, United Way of Whatcom County, and Whatcom County. Individual programs and projects have support from diverse businesses, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies.