

Tracking and Implementation of the Cancer Plan

Tracking: Baselines and Targets

Throughout the years covered by this Plan, it will be vital to monitor baseline data and track trends over time to identify priority areas that will inform the work of the Partnership. The Partnership looks to both statewide and nationally set goals as references for baseline and target data, while trying to narrow the focus to areas of the state experiencing disparate rates. Connecticut's [State Health Improvement Plan](#) offers state-specific indicators, baselines, and five-year targets, and Healthy People 2030 Cancer objectives provide nationwide baseline and target data as well as evidence-based practices and other resources.

Implementation

In the implementation of this Cancer Plan, the role of the Partnership is to convene and educate partners, mobilize advocates for cancer control, monitor data trends, and disseminate best practices. This will take place from 2021 - 2026 through an annual action planning process, annual membership meetings and other events, and regular updates through emerging issue communications. It is anticipated that member organizations will work collaboratively to leverage support for this Plan and will be supported by the Partnership and its workgroups.

Annual Membership Meetings

The Partnership has the ability and responsibility to convene many diverse organizations and professionals on the far-reaching subjects of comprehensive cancer control. These meetings are evaluated, and participants always rank the opportunity to network and share with colleagues from around Connecticut as the greatest benefit.

Each meeting features educational sessions which often include speakers who are nationally known subject-matter experts, as well as programs that reflect the implementation activities based on priorities laid out in the Cancer Plan. Continuing education and medical credits may be offered in collaboration with member organizations.

In 2019, the Partnership held its sixteenth and most recent annual meeting focusing on the prevention of cancer. Presentations addressed breast cancer risk assessment, characteristics of preventable cancers, colorectal cancer, HPV and oral cancer, tobacco use, and dietary and environmental risk factors for cancer. Recommendations for upcoming annual meetings included covering survivorship, psychosocial, pain management issues, and support services. In-person meetings have not yet been resumed since the COVID-19 pandemic, but plans are being made for upcoming conferences.