

What Does the Connecticut Cancer Partnership Do?

The Connecticut Cancer Partnership, through the volunteer efforts of its workgroups and members, the Connecticut Department of Public Health Cancer Control Program, staff, and community partners:

- Convenes cancer community partners
- Educates cancer control partners
- Mobilizes advocates for cancer control, including addressing policy, systems, and environmental changes
- Monitors data trends related to the burden of cancer
- Disseminates best practices to improve care across the continuum of cancer control
- Promotes implementation of evidence-based interventions

It supports the work of its members by providing a statewide context for cancer-related programming through each iteration of the Connecticut Cancer Plan. Members of the Partnership are drawn from the state's diverse cancer community—academic and clinical institutions; survivors and caregivers; state and local government; health care agencies, industry, and insurers; and advocacy and community groups representing populations of focus. Members work individually and in workgroups to support the Partnership's mission of reducing the burden of cancer for Connecticut residents, with a special focus on the elimination of cancer-related disparities.

Mission Statement

Members of the Connecticut Cancer Partnership met over a period of several months in 2019 to develop a mission statement to guide the Partnership and the development of the state cancer plan. This statement reflects the overall goal of the Connecticut Cancer Plan, 2021-2026.

To reduce the cancer burden and disparities across Connecticut by fostering statewide coordination and collaboration and by strategically leveraging information and resources across the cancer control continuum.

Partnership leaders described its vision of the role of the Partnership as:

- Enhancing inclusivity in membership, partners, and those being served;
- Informing cancer control activities and research through timely dissemination of relevant data and resources;
- Fostering networking and collaborations across all sectors; and
- Monitoring and responding to the evolving cancer control landscape.

The Connecticut Cancer Plan, 2021-2026 identifies steps to be taken to reduce the burden of cancer in Connecticut. Implementation of the strategies is undertaken by the organizational members of the Connecticut Cancer Partnership—the hospitals, local health departments, clinics, community health centers, physicians' offices, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, and educational and academic programs and the people who work or volunteer for them. These are the organizations that know their own communities and clients, can recognize local barriers to access to care, and know what resources may be available to overcome those barriers.