Why Align?

Public Health Knows No Boundaries

Why Align?

Public Health Knows No Boundaries

Strategies for Successful Alignment

CLICK ON THE ICONS BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

BUILD
RELATIONSHIPS

COMMUNICATE
REGULARLY

DEFINE A
COMMON PURPOSE

USE A NEUTRAL
CONVENER

ALLERGIES

Align Timelines
Timing can be a challenge to aligning this work. State, local, and Tribal health departments may not be on the same assessment and planning cycle. In addition, nonprofit hospitals and health departments who wish to partner within a community may differ in requirements for how frequently they must complete community health needs assessments. State and local health departments can shift to a three-year cycle to accommodate nonprofit hospital partners’ needs. Communicating and considering alignment from the beginning can help ensure both equal voice and participation.

State, Local, and Tribal Snapshots

CLICK ON THE STATES BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Washington State Department of Health conducted an extensive analysis of all community health assessments and improvement plans and consulted with all 35 local health jurisdictions before selecting statewide goals. Many local jurisdictions also agreed to work toward these goals.