

# Health Initiative

The Philanthropy Ohio Health Initiative is a member-driven coalition focused on health policy reform that improves the health of all Ohioans. Membership in the initiative is open to all Philanthropy Ohio members. Beginning in 2010, the initiative focuses on:

**BUILDING** relationships with policymakers, including Governor DeWine, the General Assembly, members of Congress and key state agencies;

**EDUCATING** funders on current health issues and policies at the state and federal levels; and

**ADVOCATING** for policies to address the social determinants of health, increase equity and improve the health of all Ohioans.

The Health Initiative envisions a future where the health system and Ohio communities, supported by philanthropy, promote health and disease prevention and work to achieve health equity. Such a future is built upon these principles:

- Ohio's health system, communities and philanthropy promote health and wellness with a specific focus on prevention.
- Ohioans make informed choices about coverage and care that lead to healthy behaviors.
- Social, economic and physical environments support improved health of all Ohioans.
- Ohioans have full and equal access to opportunities enabling them to lead healthy lives.

Quarterly meetings of the Health Initiative focus on educating funders on critical policy topics, connecting them to peers engaged in similar work and to government officials who develop and implement policy. Current priority topics for education and advocacy focus are:

- Advancing Medicaid transformation while preserving current Medicaid eligibility levels and comprehensive benefits;
- Enhancing access to care;

- Reducing infant mortality;
- Addressing social determinants of health/health equity; and
- Preventing and treating mental illness and addiction.

For more information about the coalition and its work, please contact Philanthropy Ohio at 614.224.1344.

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