

### Strategic Policy Initiatives

For this performance evaluation, the Department has updated progress on the initiatives identified in the FY2016 Performance Plan that capture the Department's strategic and operational priorities, and reflect the overall direction as identified by Department leadership. The updates reflect data as of October 1, 2016. Additional detail for these, and other, strategic policy initiatives is available in the Department's Performance Plan, which may be accessed [here](#).

#### SPI 1 - Healthy Eating Active Living and Obesity Prevention

Status of activities (18 total) as of 06/30/16: 11% achieved, 78% on track, 11% on track with challenges

**Goal 1:** Reverse the upward obesity trend by aligning and intensifying efforts to develop a culture of health and creating conditions for Coloradans to achieve healthy weight across the lifespan.

#### Strategies:

- 1.1 Develop policies and programs that protect, promote and support breastfeeding-friendly environments.
- 1.2 Improve nutrition and physical activity environments for children younger than 18 years via early childhood education centers and schools, especially those that serve low-income populations.
- 1.3 Increase access to healthy foods and beverages in worksite and government settings.
- 1.4 Increase access to worksite wellness programs through a statewide network to assess, implement, communicate, and deliver national best practices in worksite wellness.
- 1.5 Increase the number of Coloradans with pre-diabetes or at high risk for type 2 diabetes who enroll in the CDC-recognized Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) by increasing referrals to, use of, and reimbursement for the program.
- 1.6 Advance 'health in all policies' as a widespread philosophy for actively engaging in state and local land use, transportation, agriculture and community development initiatives and develop policy and environmental strategies that focus on increasing access to physical activity and promoting health equity.

**Goal 2:** Increase statewide capacity for coordinated obesity surveillance and for creating conditions to achieve healthy weight across the lifespan.

#### Strategies:

- 2.1 Develop tools, resources and support for increasing statewide governmental public health system coordination and capacity in reducing the upward obesity trend.
- 2.2 Standardize statewide student health and school health policy and practice data collection related to nutrition and other health indicators by (1) continuing to implement a unified approach to provide quality youth health data, including obesity and nutrition measures, via the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey and (2) implementing a unified approach to measure school health policies and practices, including prioritized school nutrition indicators, via the Colorado Healthy Schools Smart Source.

#### SPI 2 - Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Status of activities (22 total) as of 06/30/16: 5% achieved 82% on track 14% on track with challenges

**Goal 3 -** Advance policy and community approaches to improve the social and emotional health of mothers, fathers, caregivers and children.

#### Strategies:

- 3.1 Support efforts designed to increase access to high quality mental and behavioral health care and develop and expand the behavioral health workforce to support healthy parenting.
- 3.2 Expand comprehensive social and emotional health screening of caregivers by increasing adoption of depression screening codes for caregivers at the child's visit.
- 3.3 Promote best practice mental health integration in all publicly funded primary care, and change the reimbursement structure for mental health services by increasing incentives.