The Healthy Living Collaborative (HLC) is a coalition of 60+ partnering organizations working to advance health and equity in Southwest Washington’s Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties. HLC is a program of Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health (SWACH).

Focus Areas:

- **Shaping Policy:** Our region faces complex issues that increase inequity and drive up the cost of healthcare and housing. We support community health and equity by helping shape public and organizational policies.

- **Improving Health:** Complex and constantly changing systems create barriers to good health. HLC brings together community members and organizations to identify and remove barriers to health and equity.

- **Amplifying Community Voice:** When it comes to systems and policy, diverse communities are often left out of decision-making. We work to amplify community voices in support of healthy policies across systems and organizations, and at the local and state levels.

- **Shared Learning:** HLC convenes organizations, advocates and other stakeholders to share and learn from our region’s many opportunities and challenges.

Accomplishments:

- **Supporting Healthy Communities:** Since 2014, we’ve supported the development of a network of Community Health Workers (CHWs) recruited from the neighborhoods in which they live and serve. These CHWs champion community needs, raise up community voices and promote policies and practices that enhance health and equity.

- **Advancing Health Equity:** Our equity training series has helped hundreds of local leaders establish a common language around equity issues, apply an equity lens to organizational policies and practices, and identify opportunities to achieve greater equity.

- **Promoting Healthy Policies:** In collaboration with our partners, we’ve helped advance affordable housing policies, increase Medicaid reimbursement for the pediatric population, create a navigation center that serves our homeless community, pass a breakfast after the bell policy ensuring all students receive a good breakfast, advocate for safe and affordable transportation, and more!
Get Involved:
We offer a variety of opportunities for organizations and individuals to get involved with our community-led movement.

- **HLC Committee**: This committee governs HLC strategy and direction. Participants meet four times each year and applications for the committee are accepted year-round.

- **HLC Policy Committee**: A position on the policy committee is an opportunity to identify regional policy priorities and advocate for change. Applications are accepted year-round.

- **HLC Quarterly Meetings**: Join our 60+ organizational partners at HLC quarterly meetings, where we collaborate, learn and share!

- **SW CHAPS**: This growing grassroots network of community health advocates and certified peers meets monthly to network, learn and support development and growth among their professions.

- **Become a Funder**: Our funders come together to support HLC’s collective effort to improve health and equity in our region. Join us!

For information on these and other opportunities, please contact us at hlc.news@southwestach.org.

Funders:
Thank you to our valued funders!