

OPHA Vision, Mission, Values

Our **vision** defines the overall outcome that we are working towards. Our **mission** describes our purpose and unique contribution. Our **core functions** are how we fulfill our mission. Our **values** are the key beliefs and principles that underlie our thinking and actions.

Vision: Outcome we seek

A healthy Ohio, where all communities are thriving, and all people have access to the care, information, and resources they need to be healthy.

Mission: Our Purpose

To be the inclusive voice for Public Health, to proactively advocate for policies that reduce health disparities and empower all people to achieve their optimal health, and to advance the practice of public health in Ohio. (Rev: 10/18/18)

Core Functions: We will fulfill our Mission by:

- Advocating for policies that *promote health equity by reducing or eliminating disparities in health and in its determinants, including social determinants, making it possible for all Ohioans to live the healthiest lives they can.*
- Strengthening the capacity of our public health professionals, organizations, policy makers, and partners to address Ohio's unmet health needs through education, communication, and collaboration.
- Promoting the value of investing in public health infrastructure and building a strong public health workforce as keys to driving improvements in health outcomes and reducing health care costs.

Values: Key beliefs and principles

- Listening to our members to inform our positions
- Working collaboratively
- Influencing the social determinants of health
- Focusing on health equity, ensuring access to affordable high-quality health care and the elimination of barriers to achieving optimal health, for Ohioans of all ages, races, sexes, incomes, places, and cultural groups
- Using evidence and science to inform our actions
- Being honest, trustworthy, transparent and accountable

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