Action plan Focus area: Everyone housed

Olympic COMMUNITY of HEALTH

Overview of focus area

Olympic Community of Health (OCH) partners believe that all people deserve to live with dignity. Access to long-term, affordable, quality housing is one of the most important determinants of health. Housing is a complex issue that no single sector or Tribe can tackle alone. Regional partners can strengthen their approach by collaborating on solutions catered to the unique housing needs of each community, county, and Tribe, while leaning on each other's expertise, perspective, and skills. Together, we can create positive outcomes with collaborative, innovative, upstream, place-based solutions.

Overview of the Olympic Action Collaboratives to date

Partners came together several times in 2022 under the OCH Action Collaborative initiative to create a four-year (2023-2026) regional action that reflects the needs and context of the Olympic region.



- primary care behavioral health
- hospitals
- public health community-based
- community-bas organizations
- educational settings Tribes

Result statement

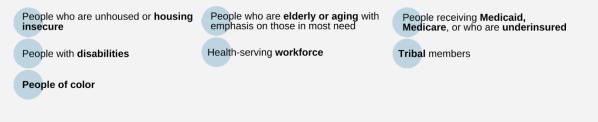
"Everyone has access to safe, decent, affordable housing that meets their needs."

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Indicators: OCH will measure regional progress toward the result statement by tracking these indicators. As needed, OCH will update the list of indicators as more reliable data become available. Funded partners will track performance measures related to their specific projects.

- <u>All-cause Emergency Department visits</u>: The rate of *Medicaid* beneficiaries with visits to an emergency department, including visits related to mental health and substance use disorder.
- <u>Total housing units</u>: The number of housing units for each year since the most recent decennial census.
- Vacant housing units: The number of housing units that are vacant at the time of the census.
- Housing Affordability Index: The ability of a middle-income family to carry the mortgage payments on a median price home.
- <u>Renter Households below 30% AMI</u>: The number and percentage of households with income below 30% American Median Income.
- <u>Point-In-Time Homelessness</u>: An annual count of all persons staying in temporary housing programs and places not meant for human habitation.

Populations of emphasis: While the work of OCH impacts the general population, specific action items may include further refinement and detail of specific populations of emphasis.



What's next? OCH partners will come together in 2023 to begin implementation. There is room for everyone in this important work. Contact <u>OCH@olympicch.org</u> to learn how you can get connected.