

More about the Pillars

Implement *policy, systems, and environmental changes*.



Our health is impacted by the policies, systems and environments in which we live and function from day to day. Our communities, schools and worksites all have an impact on the access we have to a healthy lifestyle. Policy, systems, and environmental changes have the most widespread impact because they make healthy choices become more accessible, easier, and the default choice for people. The Michigan Cancer Consortium has focused mostly on system changes. These are interventions that impact areas of an organization or community.

Promote *health equity*.



Health equity is the achievement of the highest level of health for all people. This can only be achieved by eliminating health disparities, which are inequalities in health that exist among socially, economically, and/or environmentally disadvantaged populations. The Michigan Cancer Consortium is working to decrease cancer health disparities and promote health equity. This is done by addressing social issues affecting health and promoting access to high quality services for cancer.

Develop and maintain active *partnerships* in cancer prevention and control efforts.



The Michigan Cancer Consortium priorities will be accomplished through partnerships around our state. The partnerships are among our members, other community organizations, and other chronic disease programs. The Cancer Section at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that staffs the MCC, has partnerships with many other health programs in state government.

Demonstrate outcomes through *evaluation*.



Evaluation allows us to monitor progress toward achieving Michigan's Cancer Plan. The Michigan Cancer Consortium has a display of progress toward achieving its priorities and other objectives in the plan, called a dashboard. You can find the dashboard on the MCC website. Evaluation will help us identify ways to improve and help us know when we have succeeded so accomplishments can be celebrated.