

Engaging Local Partners to Prevent and Control Diabetes across Washington State

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Abstract: The Washington State Diabetes Plan, based on the 10 Essential Services of Public Health, outlines ten goals that are specific to the prevention and control of diabetes in Washington State. Goal 4 of this plan is to “Mobilize partnerships to identify and solve health problems.” One of the strategies listed under this goal is to “Build statewide and regional coalitions to initiate and coordinate diabetes-related activities, including broad representation from stakeholders.”

The Washington State Diabetes Prevention & Control Program partners with five regional diabetes coalitions by providing funding, technical assistance, and training opportunities to support the continued development of local coalitions to implement the state plan through outreach activities that promote diabetes prevention and control strategies in their respective communities.

Panel presenters represent 3 of the 5 regional diabetes coalitions serving Washington State. These coalitions are made up of a broad array of organizations and people working in public, private, tribal, community and academic sectors to prevent and control diabetes among residents of Washington. While each coalition’s activities are tailored toward their individual communities needs, they do have some commonalities which provide opportunities for collaboration between the coalitions to learn from each other. Panel Presenters will reflect on successes, challenges and lessons learned in engaging local partners to implement strategies to prevent and control diabetes to their region.