



# Health in All Policies

Advancing Health, Equity, and Sustainability Across State Government



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Established in 2010, The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force convenes 22 state government departments and agencies to advance health, equity, and environmental sustainability. As the first state-level initiative of its kind in the United States, it has become a national and international model for promoting policies that improve health outcomes. The HiAP Task Force assists departments as they integrate health and equity into programs and policies that advance State priorities, including active transportation, urban forestry, access to parks, violence prevention, access to healthy food, education, land use planning, and economic opportunities.

*“The HiAP Task Force has mastered a model of collective impact... In a complex world with complex problems, I see multi-disciplinary collaboration as the necessary strategy for change. HiAP delivers on this promise.”*

*—Kate White, Deputy Secretary,  
California State Transportation Agency*



## WHAT WE DO

- » Promote a government culture that prioritizes healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities
- » Infuse state agency and department practices with health and equity approaches, tools, and data
- » Provide a forum for departments and agencies to identify shared goals and enhance performance and efficiency through collaboration

## HIAP IN ACTION

Since 2010 the HiAP Task force has:

- » Coordinated the formation of the California Farm-to-Fork Office, which connects thousands of local farmers to buyers and helps provide local, healthy food to over 2,900 schools and 1.8 million children
- » Increased the ability to walk, bike, or use public transit in hundreds of communities by incorporating health and equity goals into Caltrans planning, and promoting a financial benefit program for state employees who commute by bicycle
- » Developed guidelines with the Department of General Services and Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation that improved the nutritional value of meals served in facilities across the state
- » Published a *Guide for State and Local Governments*, which has been used as text in university courses, and has served as a model for several county, state, and national governments
- » Increased park access, recreation opportunities, tree canopy, and open space in underserved communities through innovative, collaborative policies and programs such as the Active Parks, Healthy People Pilot Program

HIAP HAS PROVIDED HEALTH AND EQUITY GUIDANCE TO

**\$2.9 BILLION**  
OF STATE FUNDED GRANTS

IMPACTING OVER  
**350 COMMUNITIES**  
IN  
**49 COUNTIES**

### SPOTLIGHT: RACIAL EQUITY

In 2018 HiAP, in partnership with Race Forward and the Public Health Institute launched the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) Capitol Cohort – the first state-level initiative of its kind. Over 170 employees from 19 departments and agencies convened throughout the year to identify priority policies and develop actions plans to advance racial equity through their work.

In 2018, cohort participants received training in racial equity analysis, results based accountability, communication, and workforce development strategies. Participating departments also developed individualized organizational racial equity action plans. In 2019, cohort participants will put this training into practice by focusing on action plan implementation.

For more information visit:  
[sgc.ca.gov/programs/hiap/gare](http://sgc.ca.gov/programs/hiap/gare)

The Task Force is staffed through a collaboration between the Strategic Growth Council, Public Health Institute, and the California Department of Public Health, with support from several foundation partners.

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