



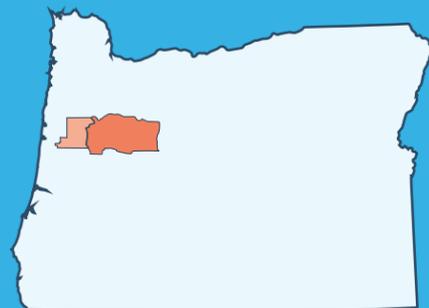
Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance  
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LINN BENTON Health Equity Alliance




Your involvement will help everyone in our communities have an opportunity to be healthy and make healthy choices. Please join Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance to address important policy issues in our area that affect everyone's health and the vibrancy of our communities.



Serving Linn and Benton Counties

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## WHO WE ARE

Everyone in our region should be able to be healthy. Healthy communities begin where we live, learn, work, and play. Together we are working to ensure a future in which healthy opportunities are possible for everyone in Linn and Benton Counties. We gather people from a variety of backgrounds to build on strengths and create policy, systems, and environmental change so that everyone in every community has the opportunity to be healthy.

Our Guiding Principles:

- We promote opportunity, equity, and access
- We demonstrate respect and dignity for all people
- We model inclusivity
- We achieve common goals through collaboration
- We work to empower individuals, organizations, and communities to advocate for change
- We use relevant data to inform our decisions

## WHO WE SERVE

Our work focuses on key underserved populations across Linn and Benton counties, including Latinos, African Americans, Arabic speakers, refugees, underrepresented ethnic groups, rural communities, historically disadvantaged people, low income families and individuals, LGBTQ people, and anyone experiencing health disparities.



## SUCCESSSES

- The Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance (LBHEA) creates trusted relationships and community partnerships. LBHEA's close connections mean that our coalition members have each other on speed dial. Members easily reach out to each other to collaborate when opportunities and challenges arise.
- LBHEA has strengthened leadership capacity in our region by working with diverse populations to create new leaders.
- The coalition co-hosted regional summits on health, transportation, and housing and is leading next steps in those areas.
- LBHEA has worked to forge collaborative relationships with our Early Learning Hub and Coordinated Care Organization.
- The coalition helped to ensure passage of the City of Corvallis Property Maintenance Code that created healthier living conditions and leads the way in health and housing policy planning initiatives.
- LBHEA is changing the dialogue and focus around health and health equity in the region.

The Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance includes:

- Community members
- Local health departments
- Coordinated Care Organizations
- Early Learning Hub
- Schools, colleges, and universities
- Community organizations

...and any individual or organization who works toward health equity in our region, join us!

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance focuses on policy, systems, and environmental changes related to capacity building, housing, access to health and wellness, and education.

### CAPACITY BUILDING

*Build community and individual level capacity*

- Increase and diversify community engagement
- Build equity and inclusion within systems
- Invest in people, organizations, and systems that support our vision and goals for better community health.

### HOUSING

*Ensure that everyone in our community has a safe, affordable place to call home*

- Create and rehabilitate safe, healthy, and affordable housing
- Connect housing services and resources
- Support education, empowerment, and advocacy
- Influence local, regional, and state housing policy

### ACCESS TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS

*Create a system in which health and wellness are possible for everyone*

- Focus on prevention and health promotion
- Understand and meet the needs of medically vulnerable populations
- Improve and simplify the health system
- Focus on social determinants of health

### EDUCATION

*Prioritize equity and inclusion in education*

- Promote health, wellness, and prevention
- Strengthen partnerships, relationships, and collaboration
- Address gaps related to systemic inequities
- Support development of a strong, diverse workforce
- Address language challenges