ABOUT US

Health disparities among New Yorkers are large, persistent and increasing. Public Health Solutions (PHS) exists to change that trajectory, and support vulnerable New York City families in achieving optimal health and building pathways to reach their potential.

HOW WE HELP

Our services stretch deep into communities and across partnerships to support vulnerable families. Our three-pronged approach improves health outcomes by providing direct services within communities in need to improve health outcomes; delivering robust fiscal and administrative grant support for community-based organizations; and develop coordinated and accountable networks that bridge health and social care.

FAMILY HEALTH

In NYC alone, more than half of all children are living in poverty. PHS provides families with a variety of maternal-child health services. Many of our programs, like Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP), have been extensively researched and proven extraordinarily effective in improving the health of woman’s pregnancy and the health of the child through their early years.

FOOD AND NUTRITION

PHS’ Neighborhood WIC is the largest community WIC program in New York State, helping over 34,000 women, infants and children annually. We also tackle food insecurity – a national issue – through SNAP (food stamp) enrollment. Together, these services help lift families out of poverty, improve birth outcomes, and benefit childhood health and academic performance.

53% OF INFANTS BORN IN US BENEFIT FROM WIC

1.7M PEOPLE IN NYC ARE HELPED BY SNAP

UP TO 80% OF A CHILD’S BRAIN DEVELOPMENT OCCURS IN THEIR FIRST THREE YEARS OF LIFE, AND GAPS IN LEARNING DURING THIS CRITICAL TIME ARE VERY HARD TO REDUCE
**SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

Since 2010, the overall number of women who have gained access to publicly funded contraceptive services has more than doubled. In addition, there have been steep declines in unplanned births and unintended pregnancies in New York.

PHS has contributed to these trends, by providing patients and public health practitioners with tools and services to ensure the best possible care.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Every year, PHS enrolls over 22,000 individuals in health insurance. PHS’ Health Insurance Navigator and Facilitated Enrollment programs have contributed to a significant decline in the uninsured rate in New York. In addition to general enrollment, we also offer specialized enrollment for eligible individuals who are age 65 and older, or certified blind, or living with disabilities.

**BUCKING A NATIONAL TREND, THE RATE OF NEW YORKERS LACKING HEALTH INSURANCE DROPPED TO 5.4% IN 2018**

**TOBACCO CONTROL**

Tobacco use remains the #1 cause of preventable death in the United States. PHS’ NYC Smoke-Free program works to protect the health of New Yorkers through tobacco control policy, advocacy, and education. While employing a two-pronged approach through youth action and community engagement, we use a community-based strategy which includes community education, community mobilization, government policy-maker education, and advocacy with organizational decision makers.

**HIV/AIDS**

New York leads the nation in reducing the number of new HIV cases. PHS plays a critical role in preventing the spread of HIV and assuring that those living with HIV/AIDS are connected to high-quality care in their communities.

**RESEARCH, PRODUCE, AND DISSEMINATE INNOVATIVE HIV PREVENTION STRATEGIES THAT TARGET THOSE MOST AT RISK**

**INTEGRATE HIV PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS INTO OUR OWN HEALTH PROGRAMS**

**COLLABORATE WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SERVE AS A CONTRACT MANAGER TO NEARLY 200 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DELIVERY OF HIV PREVENTION AND CARE SERVICES**

Sources include wicstrong.com, health.ny.gov, and nyc.gov.