



Wisconsin Healthiest State Initiative

The [Wisconsin Healthiest State Initiative](#) represents a collective effort to advance health equity in Wisconsin. Spearheaded by the UW Population Health Institute's Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH), the initiative consists of convening statewide partners, setting shared priorities around health equity, leading workgroups to make progress on shared priorities, and hosting statewide convenings.

Convenings

During odd years, Agenda Setting Convenings are held to identify shared priorities. In even years, a statewide Summit is held to provide training and capacity building and to support coalition building and further alignment around priorities. The Healthiest State Convenings aim to:

- Convene and support diverse leaders in setting and taking action on a common agenda to align and catalyze efforts;
- Provide capacity building and support to address cross-cutting needs, challenges, and opportunities; and
- Advance a shared narrative that expands the understanding of what shapes health and equity.

[2017 Healthiest State Agenda Setting Convening Summary](#)

[2018 Healthiest State Summit Report](#)

Health Equity Priorities

Six health equity priorities were identified in the 2017 Healthiest State Agenda Setting Convening:

- Center leadership of those most impacted by inequity
- Build diverse alliances and partnerships
- Declare racism a public health emergency
- Develop a health equity narrative with strong frames
- Health equity legislative/policy agenda
- Identify and support public health champions

Health Equity Priority Workgroups

Workgroups were established to advance work on the health equity priorities and partners came together in September of 2018 at the inaugural Healthiest State Summit to build capacity and continue action around these priorities. To learn more about the health equity workgroups, please contact Kristi Anderson (klanderson23@wisc.edu).

Save the Date

2020 Healthiest State Summit
September 9-11, 2020
KI Convention Center, Green Bay

