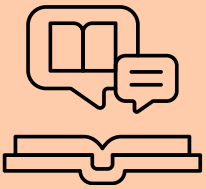


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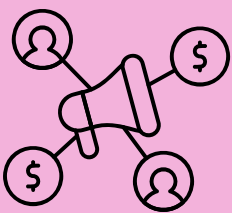
1. CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES (CLAS)

Promote culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS) through a people-centered approach that enhances cultural humility, language accessibility, health literacy, and community engagement to foster health equity and improve outcomes for all.



2. MENTAL HEALTH AND YOUTH

Prioritize mental health in youth by promoting access to trauma-informed, high-quality, affordable, and culturally responsive mental health care.



3. PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE (PHN) WORKFORCE

Strengthen the Public Health Nurse (PHN) workforce to address significant challenges, including PHN shortages, declining investment, educational gaps, and policy implementation barriers.



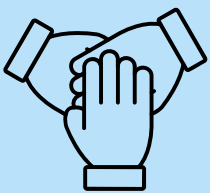
4. FOOD SECURITY

Promote collaborative action to ensure adequacy and availability of nutritious foods for individuals, families, and communities by improving access for vulnerable groups, engaging with locally grown food sources, and supporting food assistance programs.



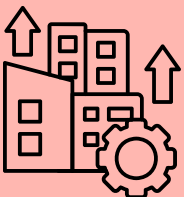
5. CLIMATE CHANGE & PLANETARY HEALTH

Promote collaborative solutions to climate change by advancing environmental stewardship, sustainable health practices, and climate resilience across health systems and sectors.



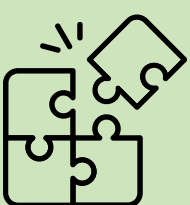
6. MATERNAL HEALTH

Advocate for equitable maternal health by ensuring access to comprehensive prenatal, postpartum, and family planning services, while addressing social determinants to improve outcomes for all birthing individuals and infants.



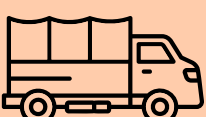
7. HOUSING INSECURITY & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Promote stable, affordable, and accessible housing by advancing fair and equitable policies and practices that support social justice and basic human rights.



8. ACCESS TO CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEMS/MACRO LEVEL SUPPORT)

Advance systems-level support for older adults to age in place by promoting age-friendly environments, communities, and health systems, ensuring equitable access to care.



9. RURAL HEALTH

Promote rural health initiatives that prioritize people-centered care by tailoring services to rural communities' unique needs and cultural contexts while empowering them to actively participate in their health and wellness.