

ORANGE COUNTY WOMEN'S HEALTH PROJECT

The Orange County Women's Health Project launched in 2011 to address the lack of coordination around women's health in Orange County, California.

MISSION To advance women's health in Orange County through education, collaboration, and advocacy.

VISION An Orange County where all women achieve optimal health and wellness.

PROGRAMS **HEALTH SUMMIT:** The OCWHP's signature event is the Orange County Women's Health Summit, the premiere gathering of women's health stakeholders to discuss the state of women's health in Orange County, health disparities and systems gaps affecting local women, and the impact of the Affordable Care Act and health care reform on women's health. Participants include health care and social service providers, nonprofit organizations, foundations, government agencies, elected officials, researchers, educators, students, and advocates.

TASK FORCES: The OCWHP co-leads three Task Forces that have developed policy recommendations addressing health disparities and system gaps affecting local women.

Breast & Cervical Cancer Task Force

Co-lead agencies: Susan G. Komen and YWCA of North Orange County

Health & Domestic Violence Task Force

Co-lead agencies: Human Options, Interval House, Laura's House, WTLC

Teen Reproductive Health Task Force

Co-lead agency: Planned Parenthood of Orange & San Bernardino Counties

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES: The OCWHP is an active participant in regional and statewide community health initiatives, research, educational programs, and advocacy efforts.

SYSTEMS CHANGE: Thanks to a generous four-year grant from the Blue Shield of California Foundation, the OCWHP is overseeing the Domestic Violence and Health Collective – OC, a four year initiative to strengthen the local healthcare sector's response to domestic violence and improve linkages between the healthcare sector and the shelter, social, legal and other services that support domestic violence survivors and their families in Orange County.

WOMEN'S HEALTH DASHBOARD: The OCWHP has partnered with the Orange County Health Care Agency and California State University, Fullerton to establish a Women's Health Dashboard on the county's community health data platform, www.OCH healthierTogether.org.

POLICY BRIEFS The OCWHP has released five Policy Briefs that highlight current health disparities and systems gaps affecting local women and set forth policy recommendations to address these needs. The Policy Briefs may be accessed on the OCWHP website at www.ocwomenshealth.org under "Publications".



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**BREAST
CANCER**

1. Promote regular early detection for breast cancer among medically underserved women in Orange County
2. Address the gap in diagnostic services for low-income or uninsured women under 40 in Orange County

**CERVICAL
CANCER**

1. Promote cervical cancer screening among medically underserved women in Orange County
2. Promote HPV vaccination for girls (11-26) and boys (11-21) in Orange County

**HEALTH &
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

1. Develop and deliver on-site cross-disciplinary training programs about health and domestic violence for healthcare and social service providers
2. Establish a comprehensive, up-to-date, and user-friendly central clearinghouse that can be accessed online or by telephone and that facilitates smooth referrals
3. Develop and launch a public health campaign with the message that domestic violence affects your health, you are not alone, and help is available from your healthcare provider
4. Assess the local need and the county's capacity to deliver mental health and substance abuse services for domestic violence survivors
 - a. Cross-train domestic violence and behavioral health providers
 - b. Co-locate domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse services in a family-friendly fashion
 - c. Develop materials for First Responders

**TEEN
REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH**

1. Ensure teen pregnancy prevention and sexual health programs for youth in Orange County are culturally competent and use a gender lens
2. Integrate pregnancy prevention and sexual health education into delivery of basic needs and services for high-risk youth in Orange County
3. Promote sexual health literacy among parents and adults that work with youth in Orange County
4. Understand sexual risk behaviors among youth in Orange County

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