HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES

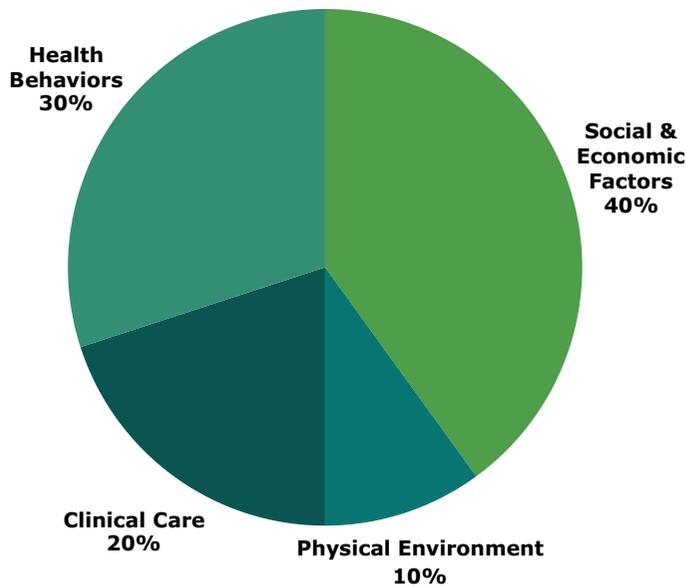**A FRAMEWORK FOR CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION IN CLAY COUNTY**

WHAT IS HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES?

Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a collaborative approach that integrates health considerations into policymaking across sectors to improve the health of all communities.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, 2025

HEALTH IS MORE THAN CLINICAL CARE

While clinical care and personal health behaviors play a role, approximately 50% of the factors that influence our health outcomes have to do with where we live, work, and play.

Pie chart:
- Health Behaviors 30%
- Social & Economic Factors 40%
- Physical Environment 10%
- Clinical Care 20%

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps. (2025). Our approach. University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. Retrieved from https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/our-approach

THE CASE FOR A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

- **Community Well-being**
  - Health outcomes are shaped by broad factors outside the healthcare sector—like education, income, and living conditions. Embedding health considerations in policies across all policy areas can enhance community health.
  - The American Public Health Association considers HiAP a "gold standard" for addressing root causes of community health concerns and improving health for all community members.
- **Unlocking Co-Benefits**
  - HiAP is built on the idea of "co-benefits" — achieving multiple goals such as economic growth, sustainability, job creation, mobility, and educational success while promoting health.
- **Strengthening the Local Economy**
  - Better health supports a more productive workforce, stable incomes, and community resilience—key ingredients for economic vitality. Implementation of HiAP addresses upstream social and economic determinants that ultimately bolster economic development.
- **Cross-Departmental Gains**
  - Integrating health considerations into transportation, housing, planning, and environmental policy can drive cost-savings, efficiency, and improved outcomes beyond the health sector.
- **Cost-Effectiveness & Efficiency**
  - Collaborative approaches reduce redundancy, cut costs, and streamline service delivery across departments.

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KEY STEPS FOR CLAY COUNTY

- **Health Policy Education**
  - CCPHC can provide educational resources to give local government, school districts, and employers the tools they need to create healthy environments.
- **Health Impact Assessments (HIA)**
  - Using Kansas Health Institute's Health Impact Checklist, CCPHC can help assess health impacts of both community and organizational projects and budget decisions.
  - The purpose of an HIA is not to add more red tape. Rather, HIAs serve as a tool for local decision makers to understand how different scenarios may impact the health of the community. By understanding these impacts, we can be prepared to mitigate potential negative outcomes and continue to build on strategies with positive effects on health.
- **Building a Taskforce**
  - As support for HiAP grows, building an official multi-sector taskforce can help ensure a streamlined approach to community decision making.
  - By encouraging Clay County to engage in shared goals and strategies, we can foster a culture of innovation where overlapping problems can be addressed by collaborative solutions.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

For more information on Health in All Policies, or to request a Health Impact Assessment consultation, contact our Health Policy Analyst at **community@clayhealth.com**