

Public Health 
Seattle & King County

Key Issues facing Public Health in 2023

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Agenda

Introduce myself – your new Public Health Director

Review of key public health issues in 2023

- Climate justice and health
- Opioid overdose prevention
- Homelessness, housing and health
- Gun violence prevention
- Racism is a public health crisis
- Strategic planning and organizational development
- Workforce
- Public health kudos!



Top Public Health Issues to Watch in 2023

The Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

-  **Public Health Agency Workforce and Authority**
-  **Immunization**
-  **Reproductive Health**
-  **Overdose Prevention**

-  **Mental Health**
-  **Data Privacy and Modernization**
-  **Health Equity**
-  **HIV**
-  **Environmental Health**
-  **Tobacco and Nicotine Products**





Climate Change Impacts Health



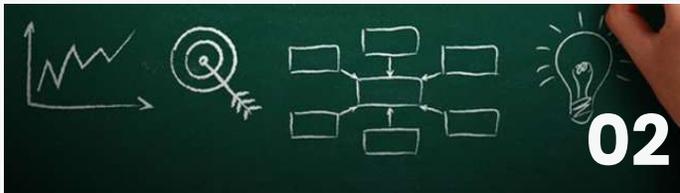
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Overdose Response Team

How we are addressing the challenge



Improve access
to evidence based care



Advance innovative health strategies
that reduce harm PWUD



Promote the dignity of PWUD
through compassionate, non-
judgmental practices

Healthcare

For the Homeless Network

Upstream

Inform policy and systems change

Midstream

collect, analyze and interpret data

Promote behavioral health

Support hygiene and sanitation

Prevent the spread of communicable diseases

Prepare for emergencies

Downstream

provide healthcare



Eliminating gun violence:

A Public Health Approach



We take a public health approach to preventing and eliminating gun violence



The Regional Approach to gun violence provides Intervention, Prevention and Restoration services



Services include incident and hospital based response, engagement and wrap-around care to those most impacted by gun violence and unjust systems

The Lock It Up program promotes safe storage of firearms

Partnerships with firearm and safe storage device
retailers and shooting sports facilities

Partnerships with law enforcement

Public education

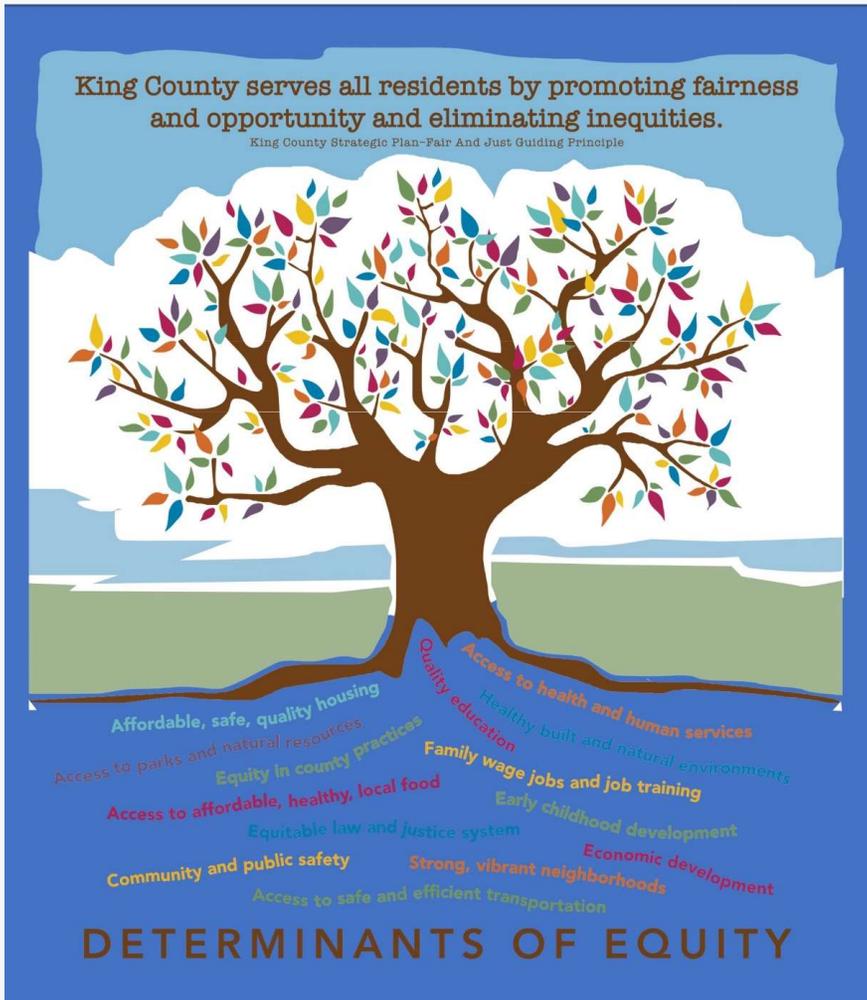
Community partnerships

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LOCK
IT UP

SIMPLE. SECURE.
READY.



Addressing Racism as a public health crisis



Strategic Planning

Mission, goals, and functions of Public Health:

Identify and promote the conditions under which all people can live within healthy communities and can achieve optimum health.

Vision for our workforce

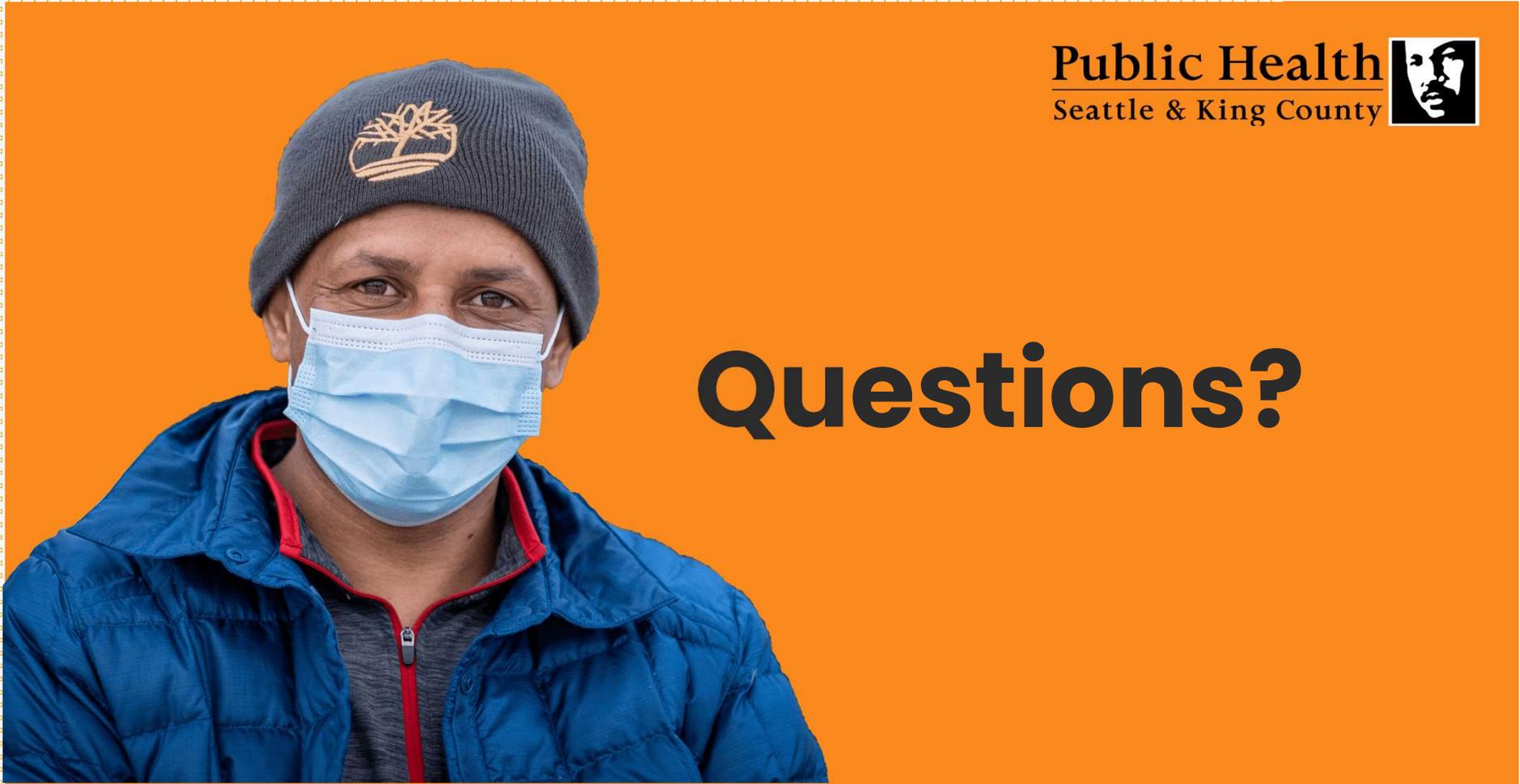
A happy, healthy, and connected Public Health workforce that is thriving in a workplace where culture and systems prioritize and support staff and their wellbeing.





KUDOS
to our
amazing
Public
Health
staff





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Questions?

