



NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH

2023 Policy Priorities

NCAH convenes, mobilizes, supports, and empowers partners to advance equitable policies that reduce health disparities, prevent chronic disease, and promote health

Commercial Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation

- Promote a policy that establishes a tobacco retailer permitting system and raises the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21
- Promote increased and recurring appropriations for robust and evidence-based tobacco prevention and cessation programs and services

Access to Healthy Food

- Promote policies that increase access to healthy food in schools and childcare centers, such as school meals for all and farm-to-school policies
- Support passage of federal legislation such as Child Nutrition Reauthorization and the Farm Bill

Active Living

- Promote recurring, permanent appropriations to establish the North Carolina Safe Routes to School program as a permanent program within NCDOT
- Support the restoration of Master's pay for teachers, including Physical Education and Health teachers
- Support funding mechanisms that allow local communities to promote access to routine physical activity, including safe bicycle and pedestrian access

Cross-Cutting

- Support policies and appropriations for increasing access to care, including closing the health insurance coverage gap and increasing access to mental health services
- Support policies that identify barriers to health and reduce health inequities, including policies related to housing, transportation, environmental toxins, access to personal hygiene products, and equitable pay and leave
- Support policies that maintain and restore local control

NCAH may also support other mission-related policies as they arise.

Promote - Lead efforts and actively advocate for

Support - Support efforts led by members and partners

Monitor - Track and react to as necessary