

Your Invitation to the State Health Improvement Plan Policy Planning Convenings!

The State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) is a long-term state-wide plan to focus efforts on critical health issues facing Washingtonians. The SHIP brings together cross-sector partners, Tribes and community to collectively identify and address top health issues in Washington state. The goal of the SHIP is to provide goals and priority policies for improving access to care as well as mental & behavioral health.

Please join us for two policy convenings to collaborate on the development of statewide policy recommendations!

Who Can Participate in the SHIP Policy Planning Convenings:

- State, tribal, and local public health representatives
- Subject matter experts
- Other state and local agency leaders and policy experts
- Cross-sector and community partners (such as community-based organizations and nonprofits, hospital and provider groups, academia and school system leaders, business leaders, foundations, advocates, and more)



Key Responsibilities of Attendees:

- Reviewing provided background information ahead of the convening
- Sharing ideas and perspectives on key policies for access to care and mental and behavioral health using their expertise and lived experience
- Actively participating by voicing their unique perspective and listening to those of other participants as well

Attendees will participate in small group discussion.

Each convening will be 2.5 hours long.



Key Dates:

March 24, 2026, 1:30pm-4pm

Policy Planning Convening: Access to Care

- To be held virtually
- Open to anyone who is interested in attending
- Registration link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/access-to-care-policy-planning-state-health-improvement-plan-convening-tickets-1983464520775>

March 31, 2026, 12:30pm-3pm

Policy Planning Convening: Mental & Behavioral Health

- To be held virtually
- Open to anyone who is interested in attending
- Registration link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/behavioral-health-policy-planning-state-health-improvement-plan-convening-tickets-1983466944023>



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