

About the Connecticut Cancer Partnership

What is the Connecticut Cancer Partnership?

- The Connecticut Cancer Partnership is a broad, diverse coalition of nearly 300 key stakeholder groups and individuals representing cancer prevention and control in Connecticut.
- Prompted by a grant award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it was formed in 2002.
- A Board of Directors, elected by the membership, provides leadership.
- Committees address the continuum of cancer care—Prevention, Early Detection, Treatment, Survivorship, Palliation and Hospice Care.

What is the purpose of the Partnership?

- The Partnership is responsible for coordinating a statewide comprehensive approach to cancer prevention and control through the development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive cancer control plan for Connecticut.
- With support from the CDC, similar coalitions have been formed in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, tribal organizations, and U.S.-associated Pacific Islands and territories.

Who belongs to the Partnership?

- Nearly 300 members, representing Connecticut's public and private sectors statewide, including state and local health agencies; academic and clinical institutions; professional, community, and faith-based organizations; businesses; insurers; health care providers; and cancer survivors.
- There also are five founding partners: the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the American Cancer Society (New England Division), Yale Cancer Center, University of Connecticut Health Center, and the Connecticut State Medical Society.

What is Comprehensive Cancer Control?

- Comprehensive cancer control is an emerging model for integrating and coordinating a range of activities to reduce the burden of cancer and assist individuals throughout the course of the disease.
- By establishing partnerships among public and private sector stakeholders, this comprehensive approach can maximize the impact of limited resources and achieve desired cancer prevention and control outcomes.

What has the Partnership accomplished so far?

- Brought together a diverse group from all reaches of Connecticut's cancer community, to coordinate their efforts to fight cancer in Connecticut.
- Assessed the burden of cancer among Connecticut residents; identified areas needing improvement; set goals and priorities; and developed strategies for achieving agreed upon objectives.
- Produced the *Connecticut Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, 2005-2008*, which presents the Partnership's blueprint for action.
- Developed a web site, ctcancerpartnership.org, to function as a clearinghouse of information and resources for Connecticut's community of cancer prevention and control stakeholders.
- Developed *You've Got the Power*, a guide to educate Connecticut's underserved and minority populations about lowering the risks associated with certain types of cancer and where to find information and help.
- Received \$7.145 million from the Conn. State Legislature to begin implementing the *Connecticut Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan* with programs in tobacco cessation, nutrition, breast and cervical cancer screening, clinical trials, colon cancer, survivorship, and end of life care. Accessed funds through the Department of Public Health for programs on prostate and skin cancers.
- Conducted a series of regional forums throughout the state to showcase the Partnership and Plan and to recruit new members, especially groups and individuals from underserved and minority populations.
- Acknowledged contributions of materials, expertise and thousands of hours of in-kind services from Partnership organizations and individual members.

What's next?

- Continue Partnership collaborations to implement the strategies and action steps described in the Plan.
- Broaden membership diversity to assure inclusion of organizations and individuals who represent or work with communities experiencing cancer-related disparities.
- Continue to identify and obtain resources to fund programs and to build infrastructure to achieve the objectives of the *Connecticut Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, 2005-2008*.
- Complete a new *Connecticut Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan*, covering the period 2009-2013.

Additional Information:

- *Connecticut Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, 2005-2008*
www.ctcancerpartnership.org/docs/CTCancerPlanJan2006.pdf
- Connecticut Cancer Partnership web site
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