

Health equity is an essential component in creating healthy people and communities that thrive. Wheeler County Public Health seeks to create health equity for all residents of Wheeler County. Wheeler County Public Health understands health equity to be defined as, all people having the resources needed to achieve optimal health. Wheeler County Public Health recognizes that citizens experience inequities every day and strives to eliminate such inequities. Wheeler County Public Health desires to understand the environmental, social, and economic conditions that affect health in the community. Understanding these conditions and how they create inequities is integral to moving forward and eliminating the barriers to health equity.

Wheeler County Public Health is dedicated to implementing policies, programs, practices and measures that are intentional in the function of closing equity gaps and improving health outcomes. Wheeler County Public Health acknowledges that equity does not live in a silo and intentional implementation must be interwoven into all areas. By fostering a community that listens, respects, and mindfully reacts to the experiences of others, progress can be made for the betterment of the lives of community members and the larger population.

Wheeler County Public Health released a County wide survey in an attempt to collect community feedback about health equity work that is being done by Wheeler County Public Health. Unfortunately, the survey lacked community feedback. In lieu of this, an internal assessment was completed. Based on internal assessment, an action plan was created. The purpose of this plan is to build relationships between Wheeler County Public Health and community partners. Successful implementation of this plan may elicit more active participation in future surveys, providing Wheeler County Public Health with feedback that is more representative of the whole community.

Wheeler County Public Health's goal is to establish relationships with community partners and gain an understanding of health equity issues and how to address them.