



The Benedum Foundation

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Mission: To encourage human development in West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania through strategically placed charitable resources.

Geographic Area: West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania (Allegheny, Washington, Greene, and Fayette Counties)

Health Agenda: The Benedum foundation believes that West Virginia will benefit when all families have access to high quality health care and human services. The best possible resources are required for families to raise their children to be productive members of their communities.

Emphasis in this program area is places on innovations in health care delivery systems, a strengthening of the public health infrastructure, and community based health promotion; especially with regard to chronic disease prevention and management. Collaborative efforts involving communities, businesses, and public agencies are encouraged through technical assistance, program development, research, and public policy. Specific areas of interest include:

Support for a healthier quality of life for West Virginians though access to affordable health care, preventative health services, state-level policy development, and quality care systems across the lifespan.

Ensuring a system of accessible and affordable health care for children, early intervention services that lead to school-success, and the promotion of child-focused public policy.

Delivery of oral health education for the public and the implementation of preventative strategies in the state oral health plan.