The Cross-Cultural Collaborative of Pierce County (CCC) was formed to innovate and implement effective, collaborative approaches to reducing health disparities across racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic lines. Since our inception, we have sought to institutionalize a culture of collaboration.

**Our Vision**

“Optimal individual, family and community health in body, mind and spirit.”

**History**

In 2001, a number of Pierce County community-based organizations associated with priority populations came together with the Health Department, set the foundation and formed a coalition that is now called “The Cross-Cultural Collaborative of Pierce County” (the Collaborative). Initially the Collaborative primary purpose was to improve tobacco prevention and cessation services for the ethnically diverse, cultural and low-income and LGBTQ communities. Over the years, we have established a model that works in our communities to improve health, and values our community’s voices and strengths. We have many trained health navigators who are experts in a variety of health topics and trusted within their communities.

**Structure**

The Collaborative is made up of diverse community leaders representing six (6) priority populations: Latino/Hispanic; Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender (LGBT); African American; Native American and Alaska Native; Asian and Pacific Islander; and Low-Income. We focus on increasing health equity; reducing health disparities, promoting chronic disease prevention and education among priority populations. Our mission is to serve, protect and celebrate diverse populations. The Collaborative’s goal is to capitalize on the assets and strengths of the community through leadership and collaboration for the promotion of systematic change that will increase access, availability, and culturally appropriate health care for all.

**Our Work Today**

Today, the Collaborative consists of over 20 multicultural community based organizations. Our past funding support came from the American Legacy Foundation, the Washington State Department of Health, the Education Network to Advance Cancer Clinical Trials and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department. In 2012 we are working on two grants supporting health equity in our community:

1) the Community Transformation Grant received by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department from the CDC; and

2) a transit equity grant received through HUD funding for equitable transit planning in the South Sound corridor.

**Our Mission**

“Collaboratively promote community health and systematic change in formal and informal healthcare systems to be accessible, available, and culturally appropriate for all.”

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The CCC meets the second Monday of each month at Centro Latino, 1208 s. 10th St., Tacoma, 12-2 pm. We welcome new members and are inclusive of all who work towards health equity.
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How We Work
We have created a unique approach to keep community in the leadership role and maximize community autonomy over both process and services. The three organizational layers of the Collaborative include:

Community Planning Groups (CPGs) representing six individual populations, as shown below. The groups are responsible for determining the scope of work and allocation of resources in a noncompetitive environment.

The Cross Cultural Steering Committee (CCSC) is composed of representatives from all the members of the Collaborative. The committee shares information and resources, become more conscious of shared ‘common ground’, learn ways to advocate for key health concerns, and uncover and better understand diverse community differences.

The Leadership Forum brings together staff from each community-based organization and/or member of the Collaborative to determine future direction, discuss funding possibilities, advocate for the Collaborative, and strategize about needed services.

Each organization or independent community member has input into decisions made. All resource allocation decisions are made at the CPG Level. Consensus is always our first goal!

Members

- A Sound Coalition
- Centro Latino/SER
- City of Tacoma, Human Rights
- Colored Women’s Club of Tacoma
- Community Health Care
- Comprehensive Health Education Foundation-Health Navigator Program
- Foundation for Multicultural Solutions/El Camino
- Franciscan Health System
- Heart and Soil
- Korean Women’s Association of Washington
- MultiCare Health System
- My Service Mind of Northwest
- People of Color Against AIDS Network
- Pierce County AIDS Foundation/Oasis
- Puyallup Tribal Health Authority
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Rainbow Center
- Samoan National Nurses Association
- Samoan Nurses’ Of Washington
- Sea Mar Community Health Center
- Seattle Indian Health Board
- Sisters of Hope
- Solutions for Humanity, Community and the Environment
- South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency
- Tacoma Community House
- Tacoma Housing Authority
- Tacoma Urban League
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- Tahoma Indian Center
- Washington Association of Community & Migrant Health Centers