



Putting the *Plan* into Action

By becoming familiar with the *Texas Cancer Plan*, you'll learn about the cancer issues facing communities throughout Texas — and how **you** can take action.

Your community can use the *Texas Cancer Plan* to:

- Identify goals tailored to your community's cancer needs.
- Establish local coalitions to address community issues.
- Guide your actions using the *Plan's* Goals, Objectives, Strategies and Action Steps.

Examples of the *Plan* in action:

- The Big Country “Healthier Kids” initiative (Abilene) provides tobacco and sun exposure education programs for children and their parents to reduce cancer risk.
- The Nurse Oncology Education Program (NOEP) is increasing nurses' skills in cancer prevention and control by providing education resources and programs and technical assistance.
- County Extension Agents at the Texas Cooperative Extension provide cancer prevention education to rural residents.

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A statewide
blueprint for
cancer prevention
and control
in Texas

Texas Cancer Plan, 4th Edition

A statewide blueprint for cancer prevention and control, the *Texas Cancer Plan* is a consensus-based, strategic document for public and private sector cancer control initiatives. This comprehensive approach can help you reduce the cancer burden in your community — and, with the help of others like you, throughout Texas.

Background

- In 1985, the Texas Legislature established the Texas Cancer Council as the state agency charged with developing and implementing the *Texas Cancer Plan*.
- Cancer experts in various fields — data, planning, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship — came together to develop the *Texas Cancer Plan*.
- The *Texas Cancer Plan* guides Texas Cancer Council actions and initiatives.
- The *Texas Cancer Plan* is nationally recognized as a model comprehensive cancer plan.

Want to help control
cancer in your community?

The *Texas Cancer Plan* is
here to guide you.

What's in the *Texas Cancer Plan*?

The *Texas Cancer Plan* identifies the challenges, discusses the important issues and presents a set of Goals, Objectives, Strategies and Action Steps to help guide local communities in their fight against cancer. Here's a brief summary of the *Plan's* goals:

Goal I: Prevention Information & Services

Texans will have the most current information and the opportunities necessary to reduce their risks for developing cancer.

Goal II: Early Detection & Treatment

Texans will have prompt access to information and services that enable the early detection, diagnosis, treatment and support of cancer.

Goal III: Professional Education & Practice

Texas health care professionals will have up-to-date knowledge and skills about cancer prevention and control and will use them to provide quality prevention, education, screening, diagnostic, treatment and support services.

Goal IV: Cancer Data Acquisition & Utilization

Texans will have comprehensive and responsive cancer data and information systems for planning, implementing and evaluating programs, policies and cancer research.

Goal V: Survivorship

The end of cancer treatment is not the end of the cancer experience. A diagnosis of cancer is the beginning of the survivorship journey. All Texans will have an awareness and understanding of the issues and impacts of survivorship in our state.



Texas Cancer Council

The mission of the Texas Cancer Council is to reduce the human and economic impact of cancer on Texans through the promotion and support of collaborative, innovative and effective programs and policies for cancer prevention and control.

The Council is statutorily charged with:

- Developing and implementing the *Texas Cancer Plan*.
- Promoting the development and coordination of effective statewide public and private policies, programs and services related to cancer.
- Encouraging cooperative, comprehensive and complementary planning among public, private and volunteer sectors involved in cancer prevention, detection, treatment and research.

(Chapter 102, Health and Safety Code)

The Texas Cancer Plan is available online, in print and on CD-ROM

Online (downloadable):

www.tcc.state.tx.us

For print or CD-ROM, write, call or e-mail your request to:

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Companion Resources:

Texas Cancer Facts & Figures

Provides statistical data about cancer in the state. Visit www.cancer.org/texasfacts for a copy or call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Texas Cancer Control Toolkit

Provides practical how-to instructions and resource information for communities ready to take action. For a copy, visit www.tcc.state.tx.us or call the Texas Cancer Council at (512) 463-3190.

