

# A Framework for Aligning State Systems to Improve Health and Well-Being Outcomes

State leaders across health, human services, and other agencies are uniquely positioned to develop programs and services that support the health and well-being of people in their state. Despite this, agencies often operate in misaligned ways that create challenges for the people they serve.

This framework can serve as a practical guide for state leaders looking to better align state systems and improve health and well-being outcomes. To learn more about the framework, visit [www.chcs.org/aligning-state-systems](http://www.chcs.org/aligning-state-systems).



## SET THE FOUNDATION



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Establish the key elements of effective collaboration across stakeholders, which can include cross-agency partners, community-based organizations, community members, and providers.



## LEARN



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Identify the Challenge or Opportunity for Alignment



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Engage Partners, Community Members, and Stakeholders



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Map the Current Systems



## DECIDE



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Identify Desired Change and Co-Create Solutions



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Determine the Most Impactful Levers



## ACT



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Implement and Support the Change



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Monitor the Impact



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Create Feedback Loop to Share Outcomes and Improve

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