

# New York State Department of Health Community Cancer Prevention in Action Summary Report | Year 1 | 2018-2019



The New York State (NYS) Department of Health (Department) Community Cancer Prevention in Action (CPiA) is a five-year grant-funded initiative that uses a policy, system, and environmental (PSE) change approach to prevent and lower the risk of cancer in New York communities.

The Department provides funding to local organizations and health departments that collectively serve twelve NYS counties. These grantees include Broome County Health Department, Oneida County Health Department, St. Lawrence County Health Initiative, and St. Mary's Healthcare.

Grantees use a coordinated set of activities—educating and engaging communities, mobilizing and empowering communities, engaging organizational decisionmakers, and educating government decisionmakers—to build awareness of and support for the adoption of worksite policies that provide employees paid time off to obtain cancer screenings.

## Why PSE Change Matters

New Yorkers can practice cancer prevention on their own, but making changes to community spaces, workplaces, schools, and outdoor parks can make a lasting impact for all. By adopting new policies, systems, and environmental changes, communities can make sure the healthy choice is the default choice when it comes to cancer prevention.



## CPiA Grantees Work with Community Partners to Take Action Against Cancer by... Supporting partners to adopt lasting organizational policies that promote paid time off for cancer screening among staff.

- ✓ Educate staff on evidence-based, life-saving cancer screenings
- ✓ Promote cancer screenings through worksite wellness
- ✓ Identify key leaders in the community to promote paid time off for cancer screenings

## CPiA is seeing results! And making an impact across the state...



As a result of grantees and partners working together, on an annual basis, policies passed in Year 1 have the potential to **collectively reach 137** employees