



Purpose

The purpose of the Social Health Chapter is to:

- Highlight opportunities to protect and enhance the social health of all of the City's residents.
- Support arts, cultural enrichment, and public benefits.
- Provide for facilities and support for special needs populations.
- Celebrate and enhance diversity in the community.

What values guided the Social Health chapter?

The values that are important to Spokane's future, as identified by the Citizens during preparation of the original Comprehensive Plan remain. Those include:

- Providing recreational and educational opportunities for all youth.
- Assuring that Spokane remains a great place to raise a family.
- Treasuring the youth and elders alike.
- Maintaining quality education and avoiding overcrowding in the schools.
- Maintaining a diversity of opportunities for higher education.
- Eliminating and keeping out drug and gang-related criminal activities.
- Implementing neighborhood and community oriented policing.
- Expanding and diversifying cultural opportunities, such as arts, sports, entertainment, and ethnic opportunities.
- Continuing community events that contribute to Spokane's community identity, such as Hoopfest, Bloomsday, and Pig-Out in the Park.
- Assuring that access to recreational opportunities is not lost as growth occurs.

What's New?

- This chapter was reviewed and edited by a Policy Focus Group.
- A new goal and related policies were added to address the need for food security and choice in the City and to highlight the connection that food has to quality of life.
- Four policies were found redundant and removed. Others were combined or reorganized.

What are the goals of the Social Health chapter?

SH 1 Funding Mechanisms to Support Social Health

Utilize all funding mechanisms that will help to develop the infrastructure, support, and staffing necessary to provide affordable, accessible opportunities for arts, culture, recreation, education, and health and human services to all citizens, with particular attention to the needs of youth, the elderly and those with special needs.

SH 2 Facilities for Special Needs Populations

Enable and encourage development patterns and uses of public and private property that are responsive to the facility requirements of special needs populations.

SH 3 Arts and Cultural Enrichment

Support community image and identity through the arts and accessible art activities.

SH 4 Diversity

Develop and implement programs that attract and retain city residents from a diverse range of backgrounds and life circumstances so that all people feel welcome and accepted, regardless of their race, religion, color, sex, national origin, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation, economic status, disability, or other protected classes.

SH 5 Public Benefit Uses

Create policy framework, laws, and regulations that expand and develop wellness programs, affordable and accessible health and human services, child and adult day care, and other public benefit uses.

SH 6 Safety

Create and maintain a safe community through the cooperative efforts of citizens and city departments, such as Planning and Development, Police, Fire, Community, Housing and Human Services, Parks and Recreation, and Neighborhood Services.



New Goal and Policies:
SH 7 Food Access And Security
 Ensure that all citizens have convenient access to healthy food.

Policy Focus Group

The Social Health chapter was one of several chapters that was reviewed by a Policy Focus Group of local residents, agency representatives, and City representatives. Each Focus Group reviewed the entire chapter and provided suggested edits, additions, and deletions - giving overall guidance to the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Policy Focus Group for Chapter 10 included the following members:

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