

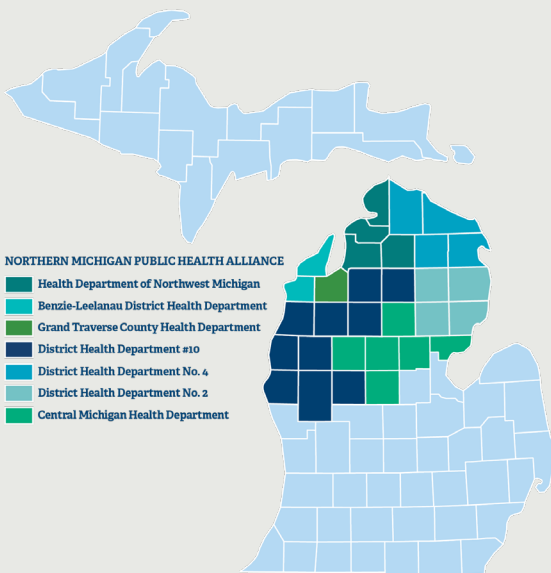
# PUBLIC HEALTH IN MOTION

*Gearing up for Prevention*



NORTHERN MICHIGAN  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
ALLIANCE

The Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMPHA) is a team of healthcare agencies and providers in 31 Northern Lower Peninsula counties that joined together to strengthen public health across the region.



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## 1 ASK 1: ADVOCATE FOR FEASIBLE UNIFIED MICHIGAN SANITARY CODE TO PROTECT OUR GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER RESOURCES.

- Collaborate with stakeholders to develop a statewide sanitary code (House Bills 4479 and 4480) that protects public health and the environment without overburdening local health departments and community partners.
- Current Situation: Each county and district health department has their own sanitary code, leading to varied groundwater and surface water protection throughout the state.
- Concerns: Workforce, enforcement, treatment, and cost for the residents.
- Recommendation: Uniform standards for septic systems and Time of Transfer Evaluation Program.



## 2 ASK 2: RECEIVE DEDICATED \$5 MILLION IN SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH HUB FUNDING TO MEET RESIDENTS' BASIC NEEDS.

- Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), such as socioeconomic status, education, and access to healthcare, play a crucial role in influencing an individual's health outcomes. Recognizing and addressing these determinants is essential for promoting health equity and improving overall population health.
- Community Connections is a certified Pathways Community HUB, an evidence-based model for community-based care coordination. Through its efforts, Community Connections has generated \$1.21 in medical cost savings for every \$1 invested in health navigation services.
- Scan QR code to view Community Connections Program data and success stories.



## 3 ASK 3: SUPPORT MICHIGAN'S YOUTH WITH DEDICATED FUNDING FOR STATE MANDATED HEARING AND VISION SCREENINGS PROVIDED BY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

- With vision and hearing funding excluded from the legislature's public health funding increase in 2023, we are left with a small, but critical, underfunded program for children.
- For every \$1 invested, we save \$112 on hearing and \$162 on vision.
- Number of Northern Lower Michigan Youth screened/referred (Oct 1st, 2022- September 30th, 2023):
  - Hearing: 41,231 screened and 2,787 referred
  - Vision: 27,866 screened and 1,548 referred
- Together, let's ensure that every child in Northern Michigan has access to the quality hearing and vision screenings they need to excel in their education.

