



Enhance Health and Wellness

- **West Virginia continuously ranks at or near the bottom of health and well-being statistics nationwide. The health, well-being and safety of West Virginia's citizens and visitors must be of the utmost importance. To accomplish positive change, we must:**
- **Measure and support better health outcomes**
- **Continue to monitor changes involved in restructuring of West Virginia's Department of Health, Department of Health Facilities and the Department of Health Services.**
- **Provide more resources and ensure quality of care in our foster care system.**
- **Increase access to medical, dental, prenatal and mental health services.**
- **Create school-based health centers to meet the physical, mental and emotional needs of students.**
- **Develop additional means to provide nutrition for students in need during off-school times.**
- **Continue regulations that have a proven record of improving the health and safety of West Virginia's most vulnerable citizens.**
- **Increase the costs of unhealthy tobacco products – this saves lives and reduces health costs.**
- **Encourage school courses on healthy lifestyle choices.**