

HEALTH EQUITY CHARTER

The Alliance for Healthier Communities and its members' collective commitments are embodied in the **Health Equity Charter** that outlines **bold, strategic and relentless actions** to challenge barriers to equitable health and address the needs of people and communities we serve.

The Health Equity Charter is based on understanding **health** as the highest attainable state of **wellbeing**. Today in Ontario, not all people have a fair opportunity to achieve their full health potential. Major gaps in population health outcomes have deep roots in **historical and current systems of power**. The goal of **health equity** is to eliminate these unjust and remediable differences among groups of people to ensure good health and wellbeing are attainable for all.

In **solidarity**, we stand together to serve people who face the biggest social, economic, environmental, linguistic, cultural and other barriers to health and wellbeing.

In **humility**, we are led by the people in our communities. We work in anti-oppressive and anti-racist ways, guided by the knowledge, strength and expertise of people with lived experience from populations who face barriers to health equity.

In **accountability**, we commit to hold ourselves responsible for advancing health equity through community governance and the regular, open evaluation of our progress in closing health equity gaps.

The Health Equity Charter is a living document. We invite you to commit to this Charter as well. Read the full Health Equity Charter here: <https://www.allianceon.org/Health-Equity-Charter>



Social justice
Wellbeing
Health equity
Solidarity
Partnership
ACCESS
Health
Allyship
Determined
of health
Anti-racism
Bold, strategic,
relentless
Determinants
of health
INCLUSION
Partnership
Digital equity
Indigenous Health in Indigenous Hands
TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE
Anti-oppression
COMMUNITY
Accountability
Health care
Systemic inequities
Anti-
oppression
Human rights
Intersectionality
ACTION