

West Virginia Health Connection

[WV Health Connection](#) is a collaborative effort founded by the [West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease](#), and the West Virginia University School of Public Health, Office of Health Services Research. This effort addresses the long-standing challenge in best connecting health care providers with local-level chronic disease prevention and control support services. Powered by **Workshop Wizard**, [WV Health Connection](#) links community members and patients in need of lifestyle management support to those services, and ensures that the good work happening in the community is channeled-back to the referring providers.

The purpose of WV Health Connection is to **improve patient and population health outcomes** through technical assistance, training, information sharing and data transfer that better enable primary care/community linkages for chronic disease prevention and control -- **starting with pre-diabetes and diabetes.**



Chronic Disease Programming

- **National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP):** An evidence-based lifestyle intervention supporting a 58% reduction in the number of new cases of diabetes overall, and a 71% reduction in new cases for those over age 60.
- **Stanford University Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP):** Participants make weekly action plans, share experiences, and help each other solve problems they encounter in creating and carrying out their self-management program.
- **Diabetes Education Accreditation Program (DEAP) and the Education Recognition Program (ERP):** Focuses on increasing knowledge and skills to improve diabetes control.
- **Everyone with Diabetes Counts (EDC):** Incorporates the needs, goals and life experiences of the person with diabetes and is guided by evidenced-based standards.

More detail on each of these programs is available at [WV Diabetes Prevention and Management Programming 2017](#).



Workshop Wizard is a public health resource designed to securely track participant data on chronic disease prevention and control efforts, make those data accessible to partners, and allows for de-identified data sharing and reporting to funders and accreditors.