

West Virginia Health Connection

[WV Health Connection](#) is a collaborative effort supported by the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, 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. 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. Central to this goal are the implementation of referral systems between primary care and community-based organizations, allowing for real-time data analytics and evaluation.

Chronic Disease Prevention & Control 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 Chronic Disease/Diabetes Self-Management Program (CDSMP/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. This platform is available to interested health systems, clinics, providers, and community-based organizations.