

Alaska Cancer Partnership

The Alaska Cancer Partnership is a diverse coalition of organizations working together for a cancer free Alaska.

What We Do

Coalition partners convene and collaborate on common priorities to identify areas of collaboration, maximize resources, and learn best practices across the state. Committees take collective action through group consensus on emerging priorities. The [Alaska Cancer Plan](#) provides a framework for the Alaska Cancer Partnership (ACP) to take a health equity approach and focus on the Social Determinants of Health in our efforts.

There are many ways to participate in the coalition. Partners receive regular updates about cancer-related news, educational opportunities, funding, and community events. You can also amplify your offerings by sharing through our communications and resource website. Quarterly virtual Priority Group meetings are focused on Prevention, Detection, or Survivorship work. Once a year we all gather in-person to learn, celebrate successes, and make connections.

About Us

Founded in 2007, the ACP is managed by the State of Alaska Division of Public Health's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Coalition structure includes a Leadership Team, Priority Groups, Committees, and approximately 100 partners.

Join Us

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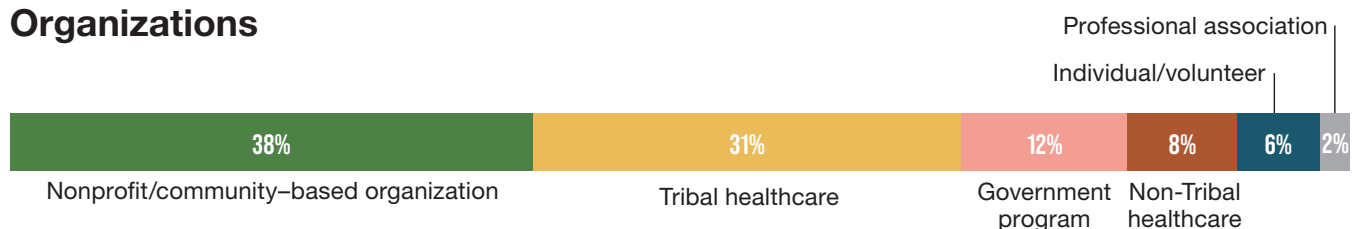
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Who We Are

The Alaska Cancer Partnership is a statewide coalition of nonprofit, government, healthcare, education, and individual partners that address the continuum of cancer from prevention through survivorship.

In a recent coalition survey, participants represented a diversity of organizations.

Organizations



2023 Annual Meeting attendee partner organizations



Check out the current [Alaska Cancer Plan](#)

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The Alaska Cancer Partnership members convene and collaborate on common priorities. There are many ways to participate in coalition activities depending on your capacity and interests.

Alaska Cancer Partnership (ACP) members guide the coalition work through regular feedback surveys and development of the [Alaska Cancer Plan](#). We encourage leadership from within the coalition through volunteer opportunities such as Priority Group Chairs, Committee leads, and representing the ACP at national meetings.

Quarterly virtual **Priority Group** meetings take place in January, April, July, and October and are focused on Prevention, Detection, or Survivorship work. **Committees** develop when partners align on key issues for collaborative action.

You can join an active Committee or start your own!

The **Prevention Group** is comprised of partners working in areas such as tobacco prevention and control, physical activity and nutrition, and HPV vaccination. The HPV Vaccination Committee organizes an annual statewide vaccination campaign to increase rates through health systems change.

The **Detection Group** includes partners working in factors that impact cancer screening. The Community Health Workers (CHW) Committee develops plain language resources for CHWs. The Lung Cancer Screening Committee organizes a network of screening facilities to identify common challenges and potential solutions.

The **Survivorship Group** consists of Oncology Patient Navigators, survivor support nonprofits, patient and palliative care advocates. The Alaska Cancer Survivors Day Committee collaborates with partners to highlight events across the state that commemorate National Cancer Survivors Day.



Each Spring we all gather in-person at our **Annual Meeting** to learn, celebrate successes, and make connections.

Communications across the coalition include:

[Weekly digest emails](#) | Events on our [Facebook page](#) | Resources on our [website](#)



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Funding

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funds the Alaska Cancer Partnership (ACP) through the State of Alaska Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (CCCP) within the Department of Health (DOH). There are 65 state, Tribal, and territorial programs participating in the CDC's National CCCP, including a program at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC).

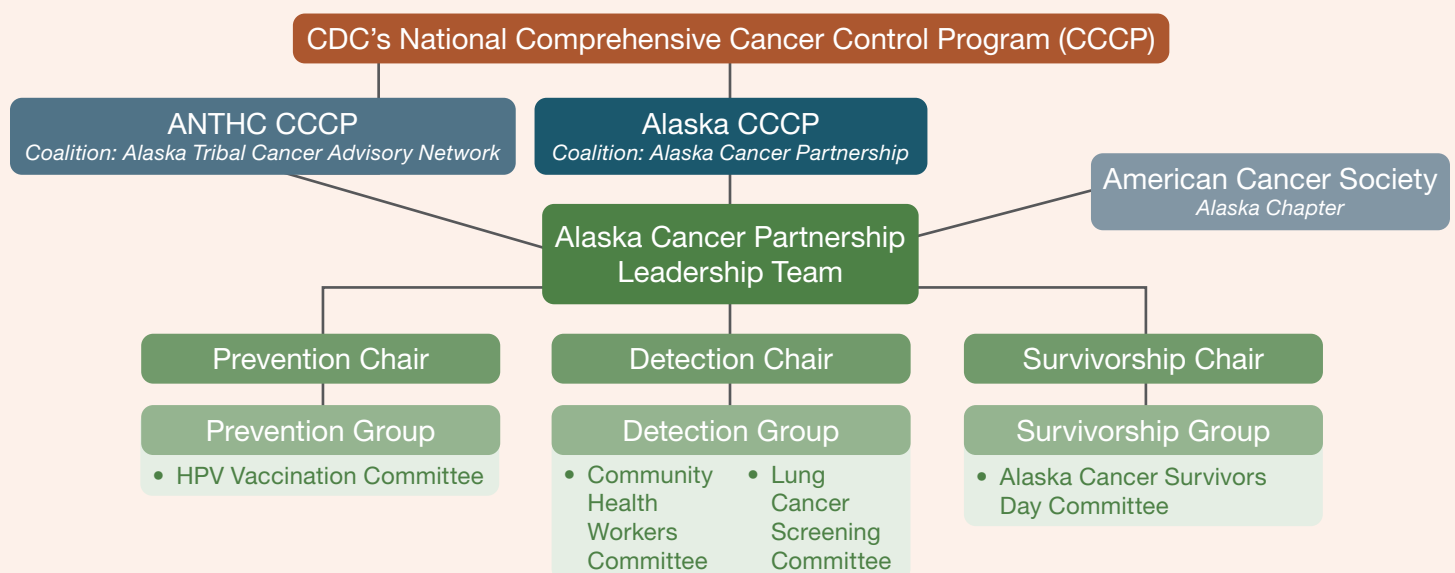
In 2003, Alaska DOH received funds from the CDC to develop the first statewide strategic plan to address cancer in Alaska, the [Alaska Cancer Plan](#). In 2007 a new grant was received to form a Cancer Control Program and Coalition – what is now the Alaska Cancer Partnership. CDC investment continues to support the work of the programs and coalition and to update the strategic plan. The Partnership leverages CDC funding to multiply the benefit to Alaskans across the State.

Structure

Coalition structure includes a Leadership Team, Priority Groups, Committees, and over 100 partners from every corner of Alaska. The **Leadership Team** is comprised of representatives from both CDC-funded CCCPs and the American Cancer Society (who is a vital partner in our cancer control work), and the Priority Group Chairs. Its mission is to advise on core coalition activities such as the development of the Alaska Cancer Plan, the annual survey, key publications, and meeting agendas.

The ACP is guided by the framework detailed in the Alaska Cancer Plan. The plan draws from research, surveillance data, and input from coalition members to develop goals and strategies to address cancer in our state. The current edition (2021-2025) focuses on ways coalition partners can impact the “upstream” factors that affect a persons’ ability to achieve optimal health.

Be part of developing the next Alaska Cancer Plan for 2026-2030!

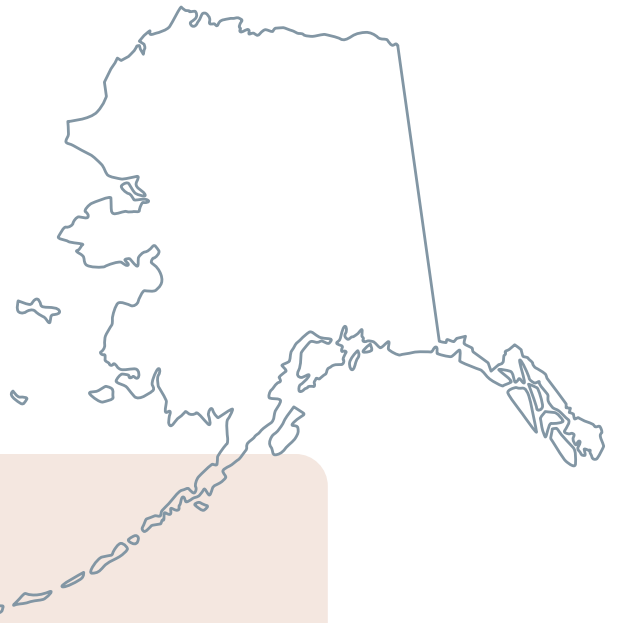


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Key Benefits

1. Elevate your leadership skills
2. Build your network
3. Connect with peers and people with lived experience from across Alaska
4. Strengthen your cancer prevention and control knowledge
5. Learn about resources, funding, data, and subject matter experts
6. Increase your reach or capacity through collaboration
7. Inform statewide work

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Weekly digest emails including the latest cancer-related news, learning opportunities, funding, and community activities.

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Current partner events and national awareness campaigns are shared on our coalition **Facebook page**.

<https://www.facebook.com/cancerpartnershipak>

Survivor support and provider education resources are collected and featured on our **website**.

www.AlaskaCancerPartnership.org



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What Partners Say

Two out of three Annual Partnership Assessment survey respondents indicated that they had increased reach due to collaborative work through the Alaska Cancer Partnership.

At every meeting, I learn something new.

~ Annual Partnership Assessment Respondent

The work being done is important and it is evident that the people involved care deeply. It is an honor to be connected.

~ Annual Partnership Assessment Respondent

The collaboration with fellow programs was helpful and some strong connections were made.

~ Annual Meeting Attendee

The peer sessions were super impactful and informative. It was great to hear from different programs and roles across the state.

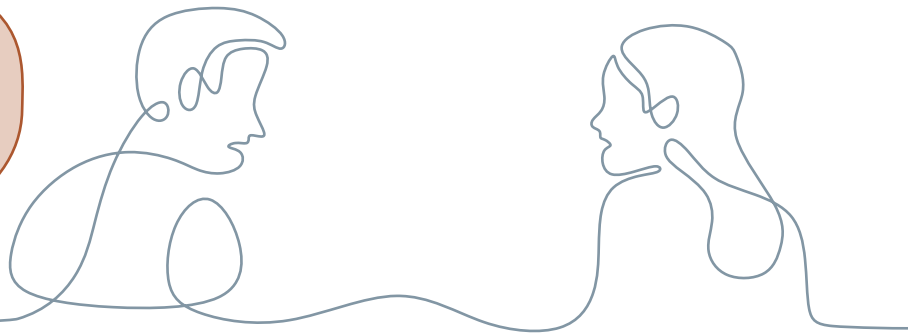
~ Lung Cancer Screening Committee Participant

We had 27 participants when we usually have only four attend the cancer support group. Everyone shared their story and it was heartfelt.

~ Alaska Cancer Survivors Day Community Partner

The HPV Vaccination Month campaign provided many useful tools, inspiring our program to focus on raising HPV vaccine awareness in our community.

~ HPV Vaccination Month Clinic Partner



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FY25 by the Numbers

A summary of our activities from July 2024 - June 2025

Resource Sharing and Learning with Peers

Quarterly virtual meetings featured **12** partner spotlights to learn about fellow programs. Members were sent to **6** National American Cancer Society Roundtable Meetings to represent the coalition and report back.

Cancer Prevention Group

82 attendees across the year

Cancer Detection Group

80 attendees across the year

Cancer Survivorship Group

56 attendees across the year

Collaborative Action Through Committees

HPV Vaccination Committee

4th Annual HPV Vaccination Month Campaign, August 2024

- **38** clinic partners committed to implement policy and systems changes to increase vaccination among the children they serve.

Community Health Worker (CHW) Committee

Co-developed tools for CHWs to conduct one-on-one and group education in the community setting.

- Developed a plain language teaching tool on accessing Primary Care for health fairs and community events.

Lung Cancer Screening Committee

Alaska Lung Cancer Screening Learning Collaborative Webinar, October 2024

- **39** attendees from screening programs across the state learned about improvement projects from Alaska peers.

Alaska Cancer Survivors Day Committee

3rd Annual Alaska National Cancer Survivor Day Campaign, June 2025

- **15** nonprofits hosted **18** events in **6** communities across Alaska.

Building Connections at the Annual Meeting

Seventy-seven attendees from **34** organizations convened in Anchorage in May 2025. The agenda included a peer panel of success stories, shared learning about data and policy work, and networking.

Funding Support

Sponsorships were granted to **10** nonprofits to support activities that align with the Alaska Cancer Plan. Supported activities included trainings and workshops, health fairs, and specific programs.

Communications and Feedback

52 weekly digest emails with **1,000+** of webinars, resources, articles, and funding opportunities.

60 followers on the new coalition Facebook page.

52 survivor support resources and provider trainings shared on the coalition website.

46 respondents on the annual Partnership Assessment survey.



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