#### DELAWARE CANCER CONSORTIUM RETREAT

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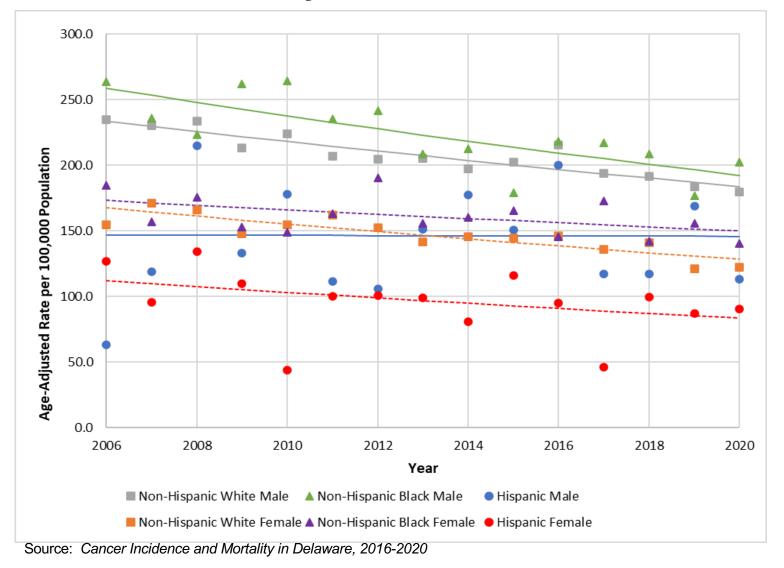
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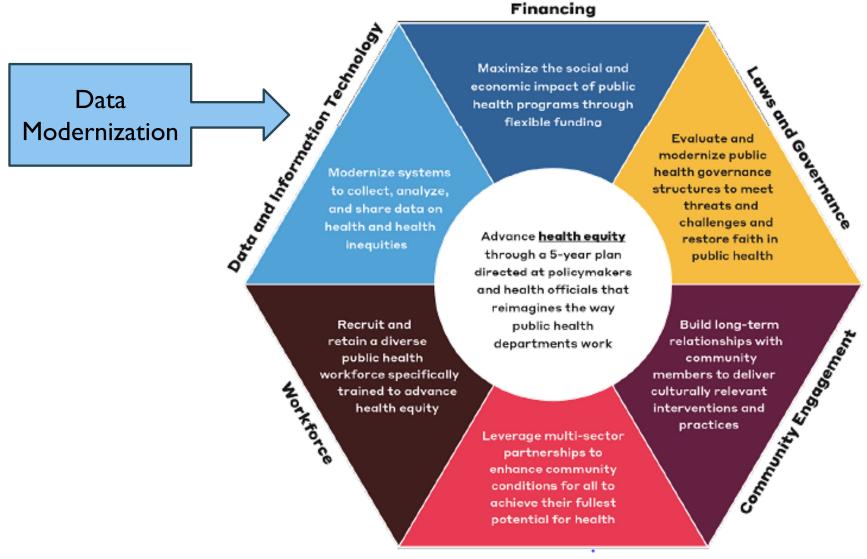


## Age-Adjusted Cancer Mortality Rates by Race/Ethnicity, Delaware, 2006-2020

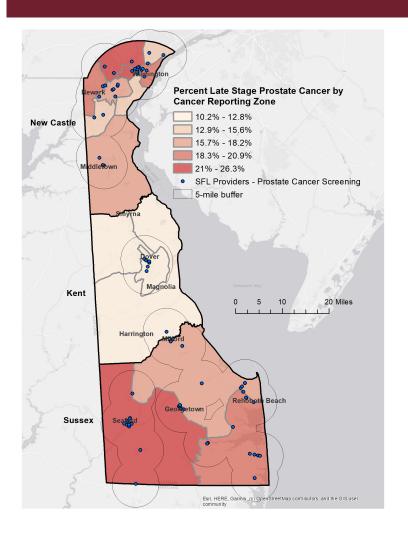




#### Framework for a 21st Century Public Health System, Bipartisan Policy Center Report, 2021



# WORKING TOWARDS HEALTH EQUITY – DATA MODERNIZATION



"Data is the oxygen that powers our ability to detect and respond to threats to health and we are at a pivotal moment in the modernization of the public health data infrastructure."

Dr. Mandy Cohen, CDC Director

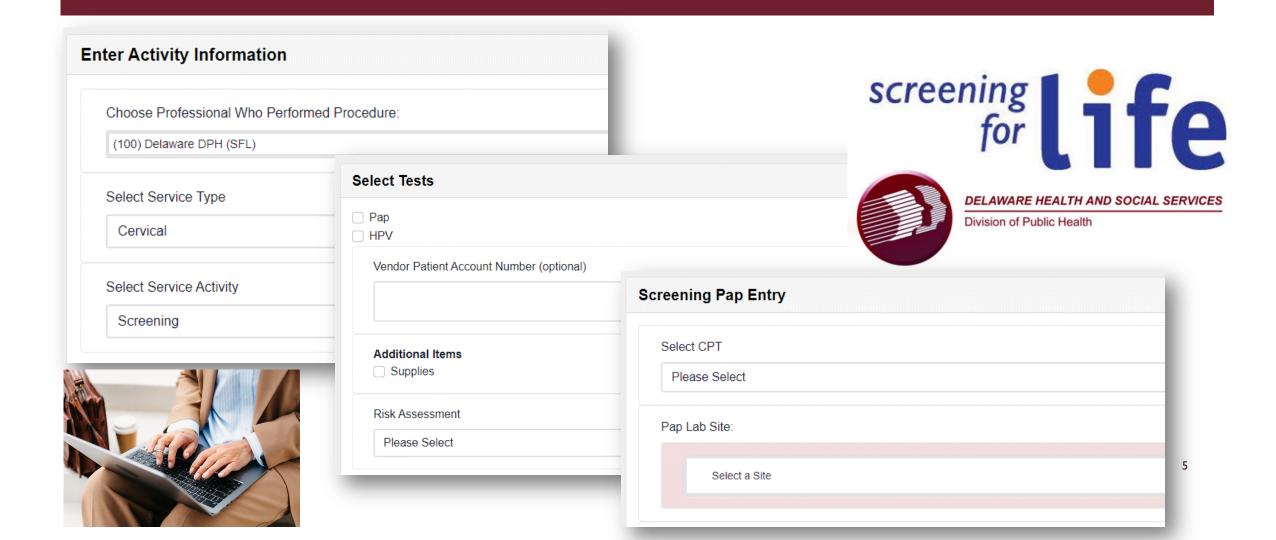
#### Screening for Life (SFL)

web-based application, can be accessed from anywhere

#### **Delaware Cancer Registry**

eliminating two-year data lag, moving towards real-time reporting

#### **ELECTRONIC CLAIMS ENTRY**



# HOW THE BUREAU OF CANCER CONTROL AND PREVENTION ASSISTS UNINSURED DELAWAREANS





Patient Navigator (PN) at hospitals and FQHCs



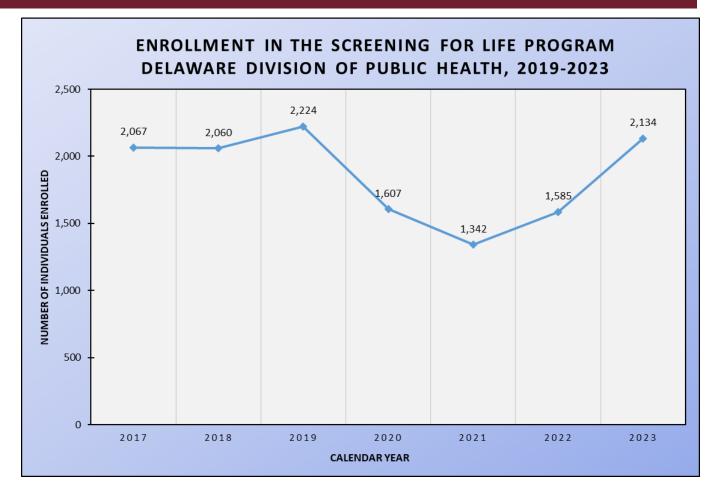
Assist with scheduling, appointments, eliminate transportation barriers, enroll in Screening for Life (SFL) program

Referrals to State assistance programs for uninsured, establish health home/primary care, refer to HPDP programs such as tobacco cessation and healthy lifestyles

Referrals to diagnostic tests, Delaware Cancer Treatment Program (DCTP)

### SCREENING FOR LIFE (SFL) ENROLLMENT



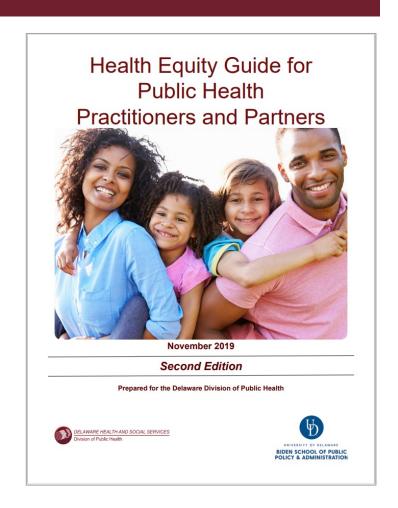


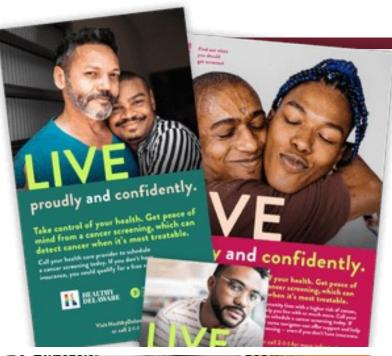
Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, 2024

#### DELAWARE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (DPH) PRIORITIES

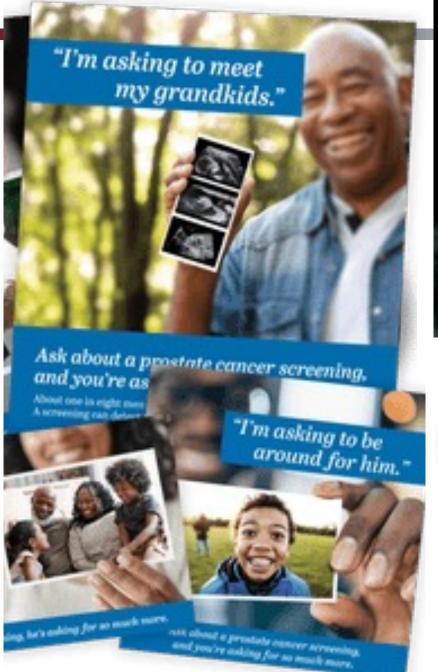
Health equity means that every person has an opportunity to achieve optimal health regardless of:

- The color of their skin
- Level of education
- Gender identity
- Sexual orientation
- The job they have
- Neighborhood they live in
- Whether or not they have a disability.













#### **VALUED PARTNERSHIPS**

- Collaboration among chronic disease and health promotion programs
- Delaware health care facilities
- Non-governmental organizations
- Community advocates









## WORKING TOWARDS HEALTH EQUITY – COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, ENGAGEMENT

- Seaford Haitian Community Health Fair
- Wilmington Police Department Community Resource Fair
- Latin American Community Center
- Delaware Prostate Cancer Coalition
- A Multi-Unit Housing Toolkit resources for landlords and tenants on why it's important to go smoke-free
- Advancing Healthy Lifestyles Coalition 45 active members representing public and private, multi-sector organizations to lead healthy lifestyles.





#### CALL TO ACTION

#### Delaware Cancer Consortium Goals 2022-2026

- Incorporate health equity principles into preventative cancer screening initiatives
- Promote breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer screening
- Provide human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines to girls, young women, boys, and young men ages 9-26
- Analyze data in state databases related to cancer screening.
- Inform and educate health care providers and the general public on available resources.
- Increase patient engagement and health literacy



### Delaware Division of Public Health Goals

- Increase health literacy among employees and partners
- Secure funding for health equity initiatives
- Expand data modernization to facilitate information sharing across DPH
- Increase community-level engagement, assess for additional manpower needs
- Explore other state agency partnership opportunities to help reach Delaware's cancer reduction goals

### Thank you

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