

# COMMISSION ON RACIAL EQUITY IN PUBLIC HEALTH: STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS



## Cross Cutting Recommendation:

Create an execution and monitoring plan for every policy to ensure equitable implementation.

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

### Make Healthcare More Affordable and Reduce Medical Debt



- Mandate hospitals to strengthen financial assistance policies in the following ways:
  - Create a common application for financial assistance,
  - Allow automatic qualification for patients enrolled in SNAP and WIC.
  - Notify patients in their preferred language of their right to receive care even when they are unable to pay.
- Establish a system for monitoring hospital financial assistance implementation and address patterns of inequity through corrective action plans.
- Increase Medicaid/HUSKY reimbursement rates for primary care, mental health, and oral health to rates that consider the actual cost of care.

## HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, & COMMUNITIES

### Increase the Availability and Accessibility of Healthy and Affordable Housing



- Expand community land bank initiatives to preserve affordability, maintain community control, and reduce displacement.
- Support expansion of the state rental assistance program by increasing state funding and exempting the income earned by a child from eligibility determinations.

## EDUCATION & ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Improve Childcare Accessibility and Affordability



- Expand the childcare subsidy program (Care4Kids) by increasing funding to reduce the waitlist and eligibility thresholds to improve affordability.
- Provide funding and guidance for the expansion and creation of small business and nonprofit childcare centers in childcare deserts.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Ensure People in Re-entry or Involved in the Criminal Legal System Have Access to Healthy, Affordable Housing



- Form a taskforce to hold landlords and entities that manage affordable housing, particularly transitional housing, accountable for property safety and health conditions standards that includes a repair subsidy for low-income landlords.