

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE HEALTH EQUITY COMMITTEE**

- Health policies must promote the elimination of health disparities among populations that are disproportionately affected.
- Prevention is a required strategy for eliminating health disparities.
- The overall strategies to reduce disparities require collaboration with a wide variety of partners (i.e. faith and community based organizations, educators, public agencies, families and community members) who share responsibilities for the health and well-being of Riverside County communities.
- Community engagement and empowerment are critical factors in building healthy communities with disproportionately affected populations.
- Healthy nutrition, physical activity strategies, prevention and intervention programs, and policies specifically designed for disproportionately affected populations are essential.
- Strategies, programs, and policies that target the general population must be culturally competent and reflect the diversity of Riverside County communities.