

Well Being In the Nation (WIN) Network

The **Well Being In the Nation (WIN) Network** looks to the leadership of people in places across the country who confront challenges and enrich health and well-being in a way that is inclusive of everyone. We believe that together, we can secure intergenerational well-being for all.

WIN begins with a recognition that the legacies of the past have shaped our present and the decisions we make today—about who we are, how we are with one another, and how we support those in need throughout life—will shape the legacies inherited by generations in the future.

We have no say in how policies and systems were shaped by people who lived before us: the legacies of previous generations are the starting points for our lives. It is our obligation to assure the vital conditions of health and well-being for ourselves and for future generations, to assure a legacy that moves us toward a thriving, interconnected, equitable world.

Over the last year, several loosely connected streams of effort, led by organizations across the country who have been working for years to improve health, well-being, and equity, have begun to converge into a growing river of interest in securing intergenerational well-being for all.

The [July 2018 convening in Oakland](#), which brought policymakers and communities together around a shared dialogue about what would create intergenerational well-being, the [release](#) of the Well-being In the Nation measures, co-developed with 100+ organizations and communities, bright spots created by [pacesetter communities](#) committed to improving intergenerational well-being, and the early development of a policy agenda that could break the cycle of poverty and injustice, have sparked our collective imagination and motivation to come together to create the vital conditions that will create well-being for all our children and grandchildren.

Well Being Trust has been proud to be part of catalyzing and seed-funding this alignment together with 100 Million Healthier Lives, ReThink Health, Community Initiatives, PolicyLink, Community Commons, and many others, and is now putting its whole support behind the Well Being In the Nation Network that is emerging from these collective efforts. Designed as a set of interconnected cooperatives and led by some of the most trusted and credible organizations around the country in partnership with federal agencies and local communities, WIN offers a way for us to bring our assets together to secure intergenerational well-being for all.

We imagine several interconnected cooperative streams of work that members of the WIN Network will lead which are described below.

Well Being In the Nation distinguishes two related ways of viewing health and well-being:

Personal Health & Well-Being: Individual perspectives and experiences that affect how we think, feel, and function, as well as how we feel about our lives as a whole.

[Vital Conditions for Health & Well-being:](#) Properties of places and institutions that we all depend on to be healthy and well.

[Well-being In the Nation measures](#) are nationally endorsed measures that help measure well-being in an intergenerational way across sectors, with a focus on improving equity and the well-being of people and places.

- **Living Agendas** – A set of policy and system agendas at the community, state, and national level that advance intergenerational well-being and equity.
- **Dialogues, Storytelling, and Narrative Change** – A set of initiatives to build intergenerational dialogue and storytelling to help connect the nation and shift understanding about who we are, how we got here, and how we might create well-being and equity.
- **Measurement, Evaluation, and Learning** – A cooperative that helps measure, understand, and improve intergenerational well-being over time, assuring that data is equitably available to communities to generate the vital conditions for well-being.
- **Pacesetters** – Pacesetter initiatives, organizations, and communities that can demonstrate what intergenerational well-being looks like and can help others scale what works.
- **A Capacity Building system** – A system that can support communities on this journey, regardless of where they start, and helps them adopt/adapt what works for their community.
- **A Well Being Alliance** – A tighter network of leading organizations and communities that are committed to demonstrating these principles, adopting shared measures, and advancing a social movement for investment and policy changes that can achieve population-level outcomes.

A **WIN Support Team**, or Secretariat, will help to convene, coordinate, and support these efforts, led by Dr. Somava Saha (aka Soma Stout), Co-Executive Lead, 100 Million Healthier Lives, sshout@ihi.org.

We invite you to join us in creating a legacy of well-being for all!

Founding partners in the WIN Network to date:

100 Million Healthier Lives

Community Initiatives

Institute for People, Place, and Possibility

ReThink Health

PolicyLink

Well Being Trust