

National Center for Environmental Health

Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services

Environmental Health Services Branch



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- Improve the practice of environmental health and ensure the quality and accessibility of environmental health services in the U.S.
- Develop and enhance the knowledge and skills of environmental health professionals who deliver these services.



The Goals

SUMMARY OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Success in implementing the goals and objectives described in this plan will result in CDC reaching its vision for the 21st century: healthy people in a healthy world – through prevention. Achieving these goals and objectives will necessitate long-term, strategic partnerships, and a sustained commitment by all stakeholders.

Goal I: Build Capacity

Strengthen and support environmental health services at the state, tribal, territorial, and local levels

Objectives:

- A. Expand the nation's capacity to anticipate, recognize, and respond to environmental health threats and improve access to technology.
- B. Support, evaluate, and disseminate the results of new demonstration programs, best practices, and CDC-supported projects designed to improve livability and prevent and control environmentally related illness.
- C. Identify the range of activities, interventions, and resources available for delivering environmental health programs in the United States, and maintain a continuous assessment process.

Goal II: Support Research

Support research to define effective approaches to enhance environmental health services

Objectives:

- A. Identify environmental antecedents to disease outbreaks.
- B. Elicit community support for community-based environmental health research.
- C. Collate and disseminate relevant environmental health services research findings.
- D. Implement environmental health service demonstrations and evaluations in the built and natural environments that lead to healthier communities.

Goal III: Foster Leadership

Foster strong leadership to enhance environmental health services

Objective:

- A. Provide guidance, training, and assistance to state, territorial, and local health departments; tribal governments; and other stakeholders to specifically build leadership capabilities.

Goal IV: Communicate and Market

Improve communication and information sharing among environmental health agencies, communities, strategic partners, and other stakeholders and better market environmental health services to policymakers and the public

Objectives:

- A. Identify and promote community-based strategies to elevate the image, importance, and need to improve environmental health services.
- B. Support educational approaches and models of best practices to gain community support and participation in addressing environmental health service issues, concerns, and best models to organize, deliver and market them.

Goal V: Develop the Work Force

Promote the development of a competent and effective environmental health services work force

Objective:

- A. Provide support to develop the environmental health service work force through enumeration, performance standards, training, recruitment and retention activities.

Goal VI: Create Strategic Partnerships

Foster interactions among agencies, organizations, and interests that influence environmental health services.

Objective:

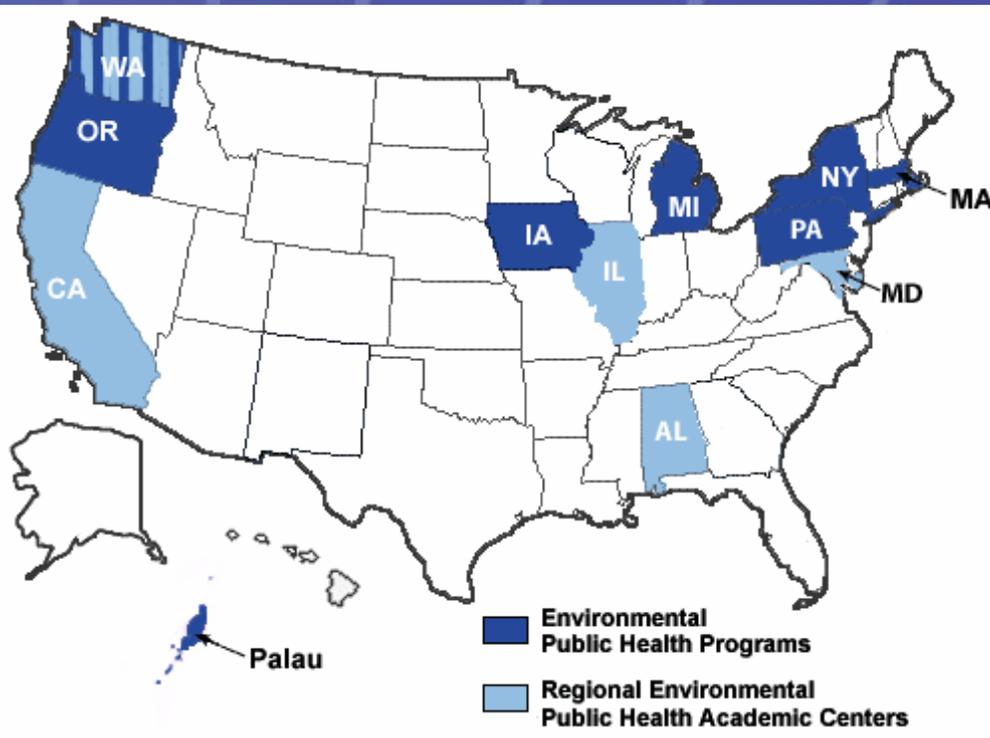
- A. Coordinate and promote activities that identify critical stakeholders and foster communications and interactions among agencies, organizations, and interests that influence environmental health services.

1. Build Capacity
 2. Support Research
 3. Foster Leadership
 4. Communicate and Market
 5. Develop the Workforce
 6. Create Strategic Partnerships
- For each goal:
- 1-4 objectives
 - Concrete and measurable activities



EH Capacity Building Cooperative Agreement Program

Round II 2004-2007
14 Grantees



States and Locals

- Allegheny County, PA
- Boston, MA
- Bucks County, PA
- Detroit, MI
- State of Iowa
- Island County, WA
- Multnomah County, OR
- New York City, NY
- Republic of Palau

Regional Academic Centers

- Johns Hopkins University (NE)
- Loma Linda University (SW)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham (SE)
- University of Illinois at Chicago (MW)
- University of Washington (NW)



EH Capacity Building Program Goals

- **Develop effective, state-of-the-art environmental public health programs.**
- **Design models and/or toolkits that other environmental health programs can use to**
 - ◆ **deliver EH services**
 - ◆ **improve EH capacity to respond to current and emerging health threats and**
 - ◆ **expand the science-base in EH to improve public health practice.**



Regional Academic Centers

The five universities provide technical resources to any environmental health program within their regions. Resources include:

- ◆ Training
- ◆ Environmental Hazards Evaluations
- ◆ Regional and State Environmental Health Profiles
- ◆ Information and expertise not readily available in programs



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