

FoodCORE Highlights

Spotlight on the 2014 Joint Vision Meeting

A Joint Vision Meeting was held between the FoodCORE Program and the [Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence \(CoE\)](#) on October 27-30, 2014. Nearly 50 people attended the meeting in Denver, Colorado. The programs met individually but also convened a joint session to discuss building collaborations across both programs.

The 2014 Vision Meeting also celebrated the recent FoodCORE expansion to include three additional centers: Colorado, Minnesota, and Oregon. FoodCORE-specific discussions focused on model practices, metrics reporting, and future projects. FoodCORE Centers were able to share accomplishments from the past year and network with each other and the CoEs.

Laboratory, epidemiology and environmental health staff from eleven state and local health departments attended the Joint Vision Meeting. Other attendees included CoE academic partners, staff from CDC's Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases, and liaisons with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.



To learn more about each FoodCORE Center, you can view the Organization Table here: <http://www.cdc.gov/foodcore/summary.html>

"FoodCORE and the Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence (CoE) are finding solutions to the challenges of foodborne disease outbreak response to shorten the time it takes to identify a source of infection, and also pinpoint how and why contamination occurred in order to limit additional illnesses as well as to help prevent future outbreaks. The 2014 FoodCORE and CoE Joint Vision Meeting brought together key players that are strengthening the way state and local health departments identify and respond to foodborne disease outbreaks. Finding areas of collaboration will not only increase the impact of the individual programs, but also ensure rapid, coordinated detection and response to multistate outbreaks."

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