



NPHPSP
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Overview Presentation

Program Vision and Goals

To improve the quality of public health practice and performance of public health systems by:

1. Providing [performance standards](#) for public health systems and encouraging their widespread use;
2. Engaging and leveraging national, state, and local [partnerships](#) to build a stronger foundation for public health preparedness;
3. Promoting continuous [quality improvement](#) of public health systems; and
4. Strengthening the [science base](#) for public health practice improvement.

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Assessment Instruments

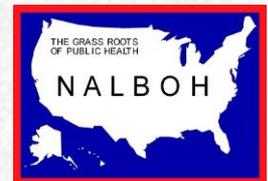
- ↻ State public health system
- ↻ Local public health system
- ↻ Local public health governance

Partners

- ↻ CDC
- ↻ APHA
- ↻ ASTHO
- ↻ NACCHO
- ↻ NALBOH
- ↻ NNPHI
- ↻ PHF

Partners

- 🔄 **CDC** – Overall lead for coordination
- 🔄 **ASTHO** – Develop and support state instrument
- 🔄 **NACCHO** – Develop and support local instrument; MAPP
- 🔄 **NALBOH** – Develop and support governance instrument
- 🔄 **APHA** –Marketing and communications
- 🔄 **PHF**- Performance improvement; data collection and reporting system
- 🔄 **NNPHI** – Support through institutes, training workshop and user calls



History of the NPHPSP

Key Dates

- ▲ Began in 1998
- ▲ Version 1 instruments released in 2002
- ▲ 2002-2007 – Version 1 instruments used in more than 30 states
- ▲ Development of Version 2 instruments – 2005-2007

Comprehensive Development of Instruments

- ▲ Practice-driven development by CDC and ASTHO, NACCHO and NALBOH Work Groups
- ▲ Field testing



Four Concepts Applied in NPHPSP



1. Based on the ten Essential Public Health Services
2. Focus on the overall public health system
3. Describe an optimal level of performance
4. Support a process of quality improvement

1 The Essential Services as a Framework

- Provides a foundation for any public health activity
- Describes public health at both the state and local levels
- Instruments include sections addressing each ES



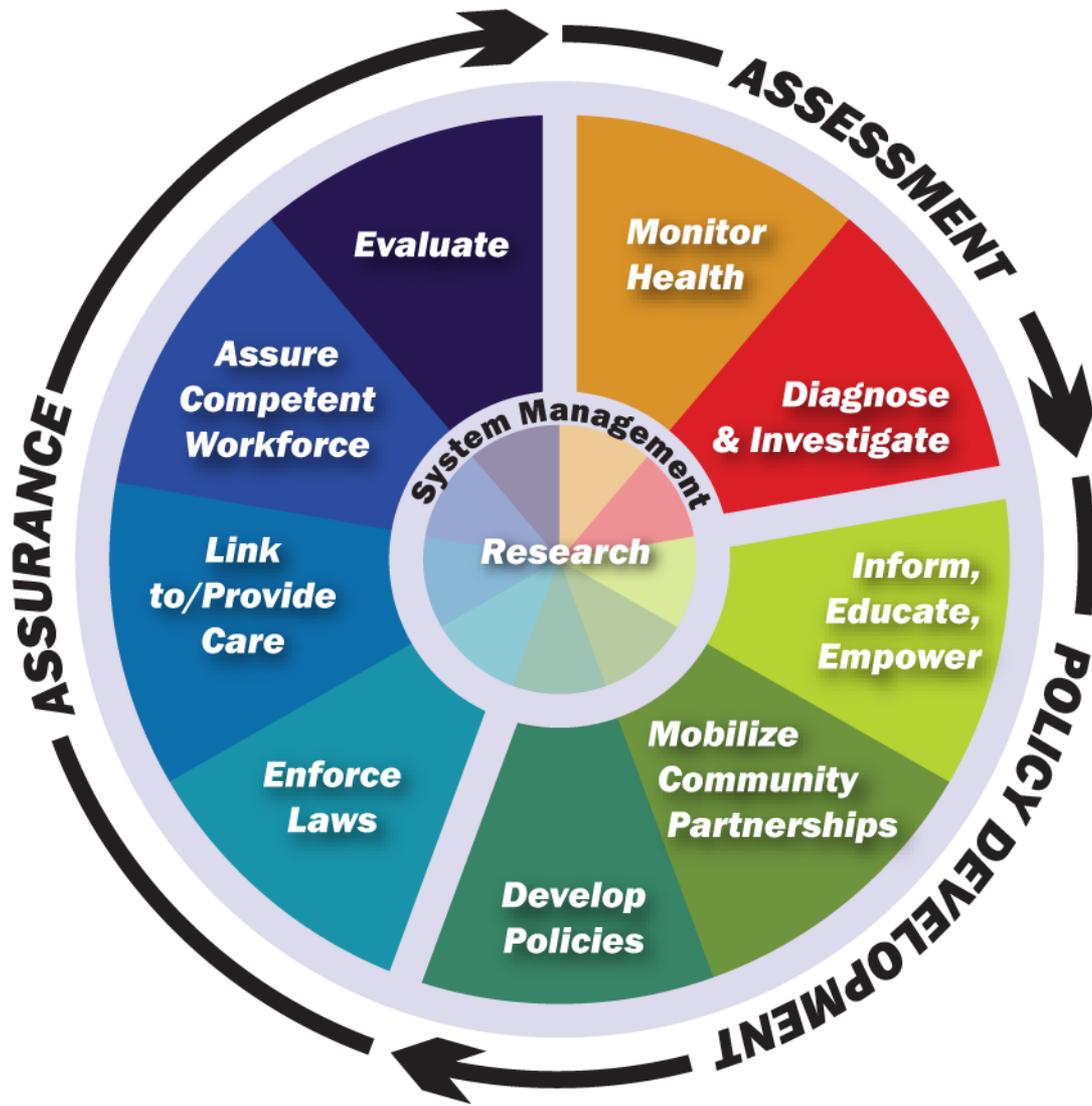
Essential Public Health Services

- 🌀 Developed by the Core Public Health Functions Steering Committee (1994)
 - ▲ Included reps from national organizations and federal agencies
 - ▲ Charge: To provide a description and definition of public health
 - ▲ Developed the “Public Health in America” statement



The Essential Public Health Services

1. Monitor health status
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems
3. Inform, educate and empower people
4. Mobilize communities to address health problems
5. Develop policies and plans
6. Enforce laws and regulations
7. Link people to needed health services
8. Assure a competent workforce - public health and personal care
9. Evaluate health services
10. Conduct research for new innovations



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Focus on the “System”

More than just the public health agency

“Public health system”

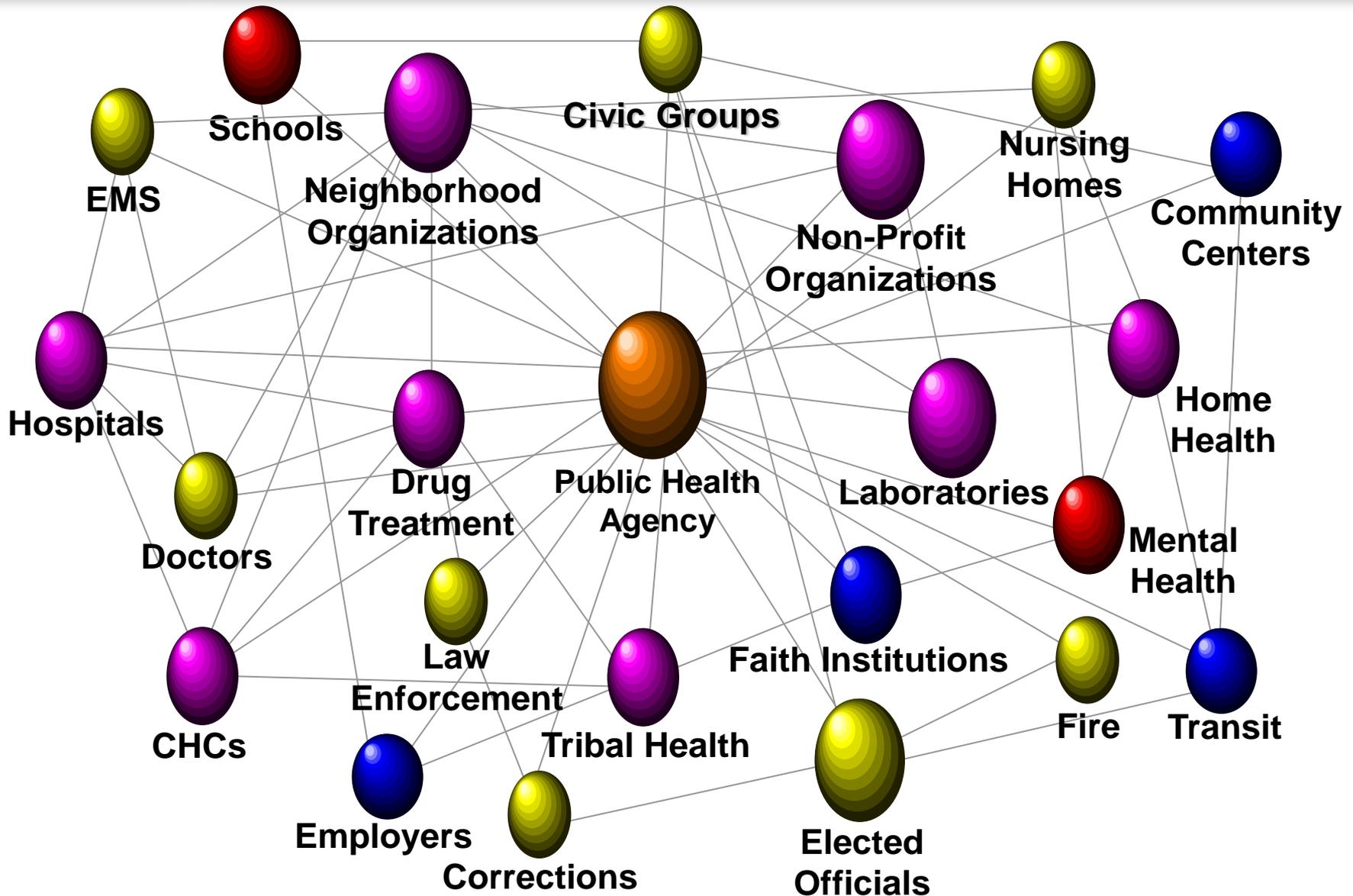
- ▲ All public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to public health in a given area.

- ▲ A network of entities with differing roles, relationships, and interactions.

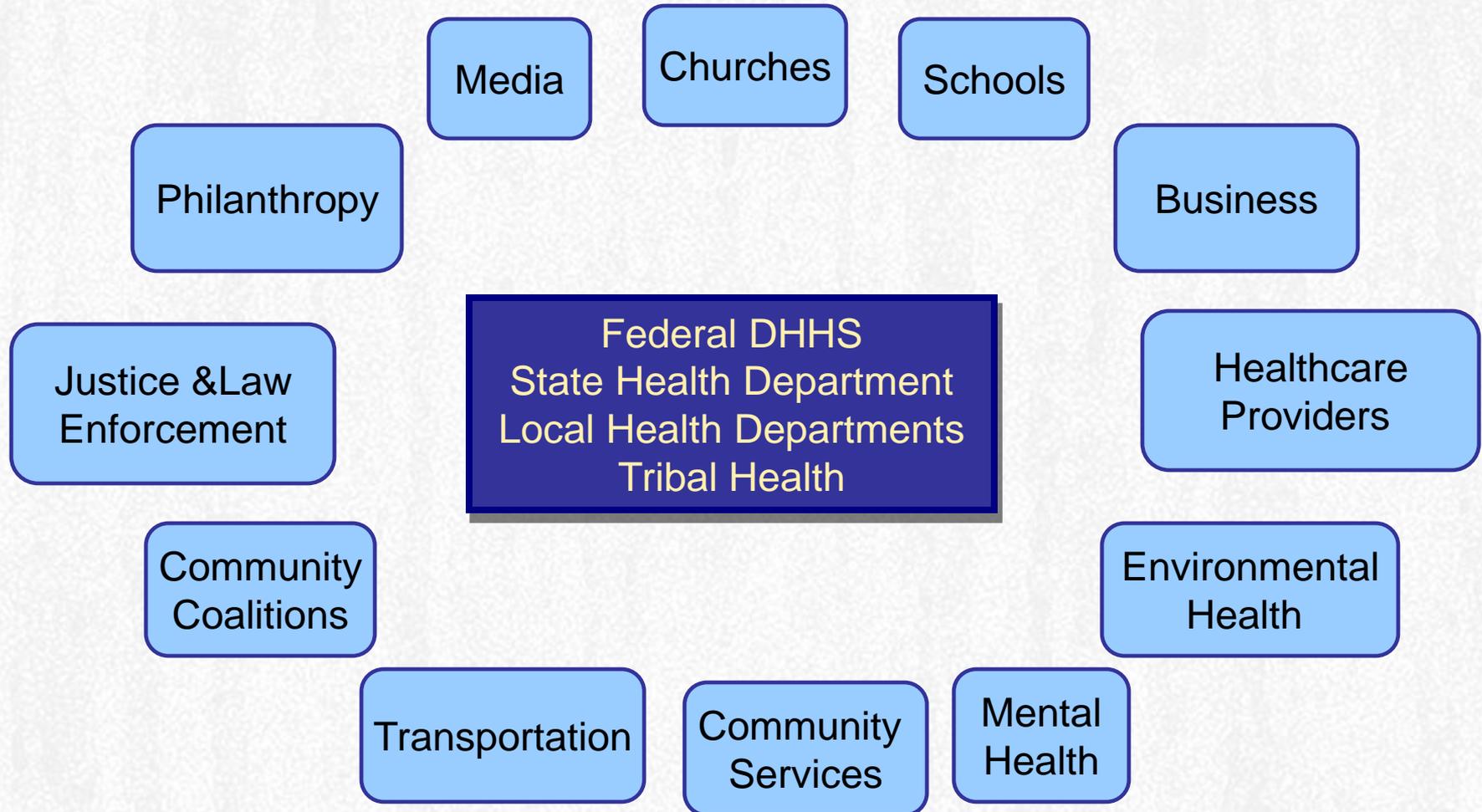
- ▲ All entities contribute to the health and well-being of the community.



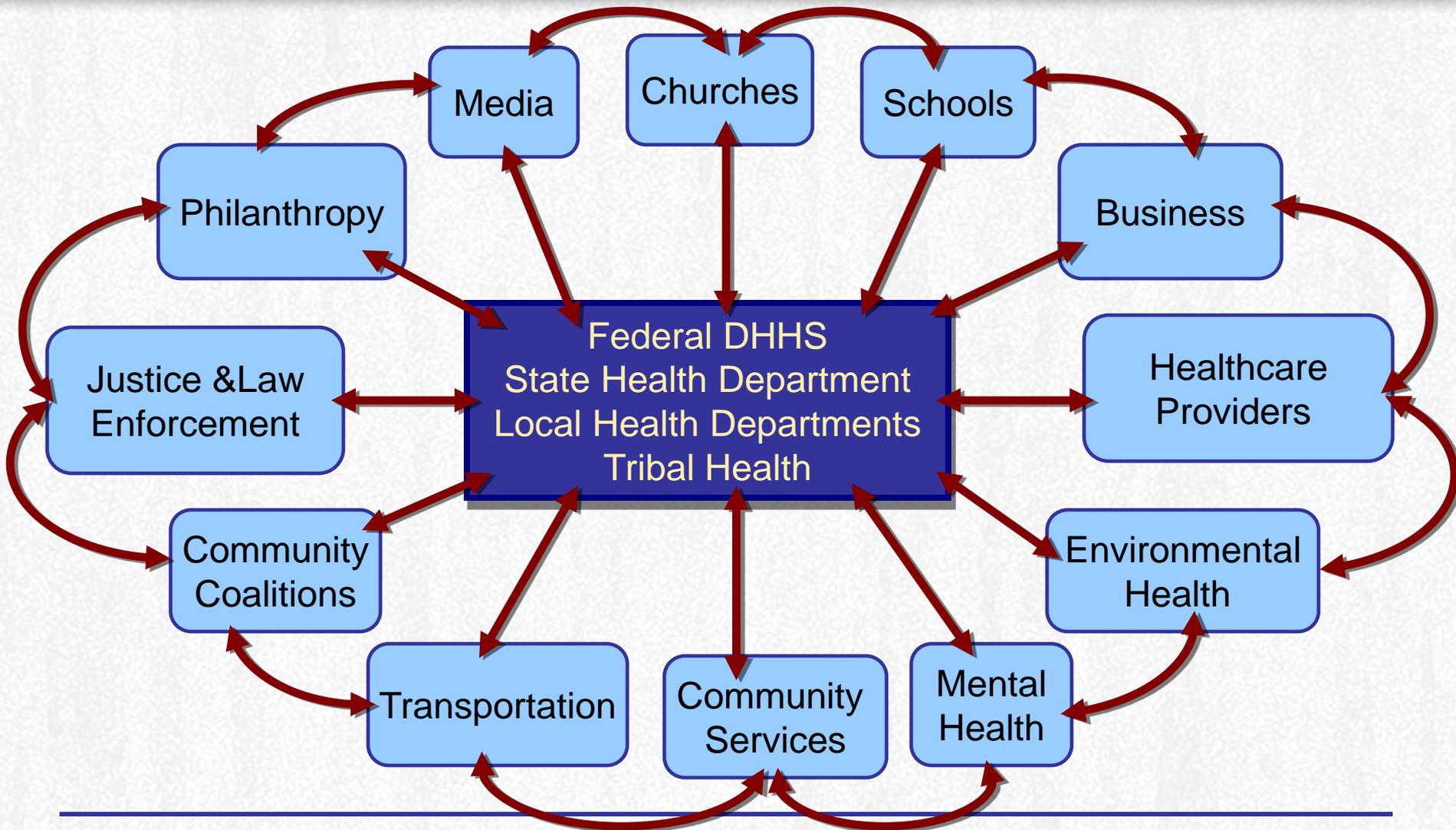
Public Health System



A system of partnerships that includes, but is not limited to . . .



Our goal is an integrated system of partnerships



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Optimal Level of Performance

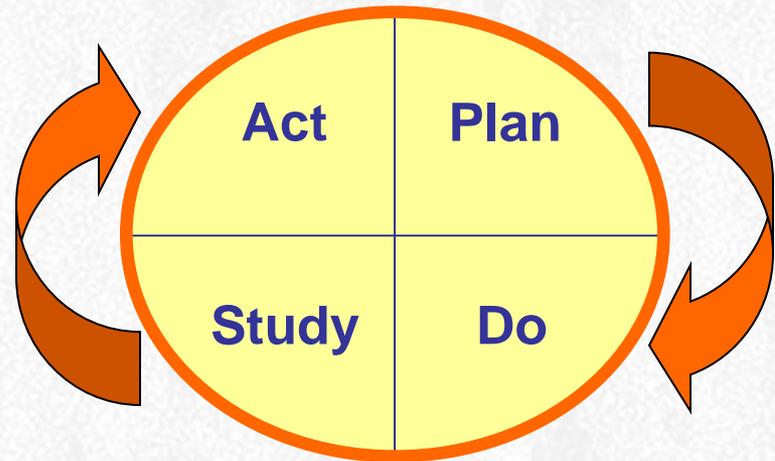
- Each performance standard represents the “gold standard”
- Provide benchmarks to which state and local systems can strive to achieve
- Stimulate higher achievement



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Stimulate Quality Improvement

- Standards should result in identification of areas for improvement
- Link results to an improvement process
- NPHPSP Local Instrument - used within the MAPP planning process



NPHPSP Use in the Field

Coordinated statewide approach

- ▲ Benefits in technical assistance and coordinated improvement planning

Individual System / Board Use

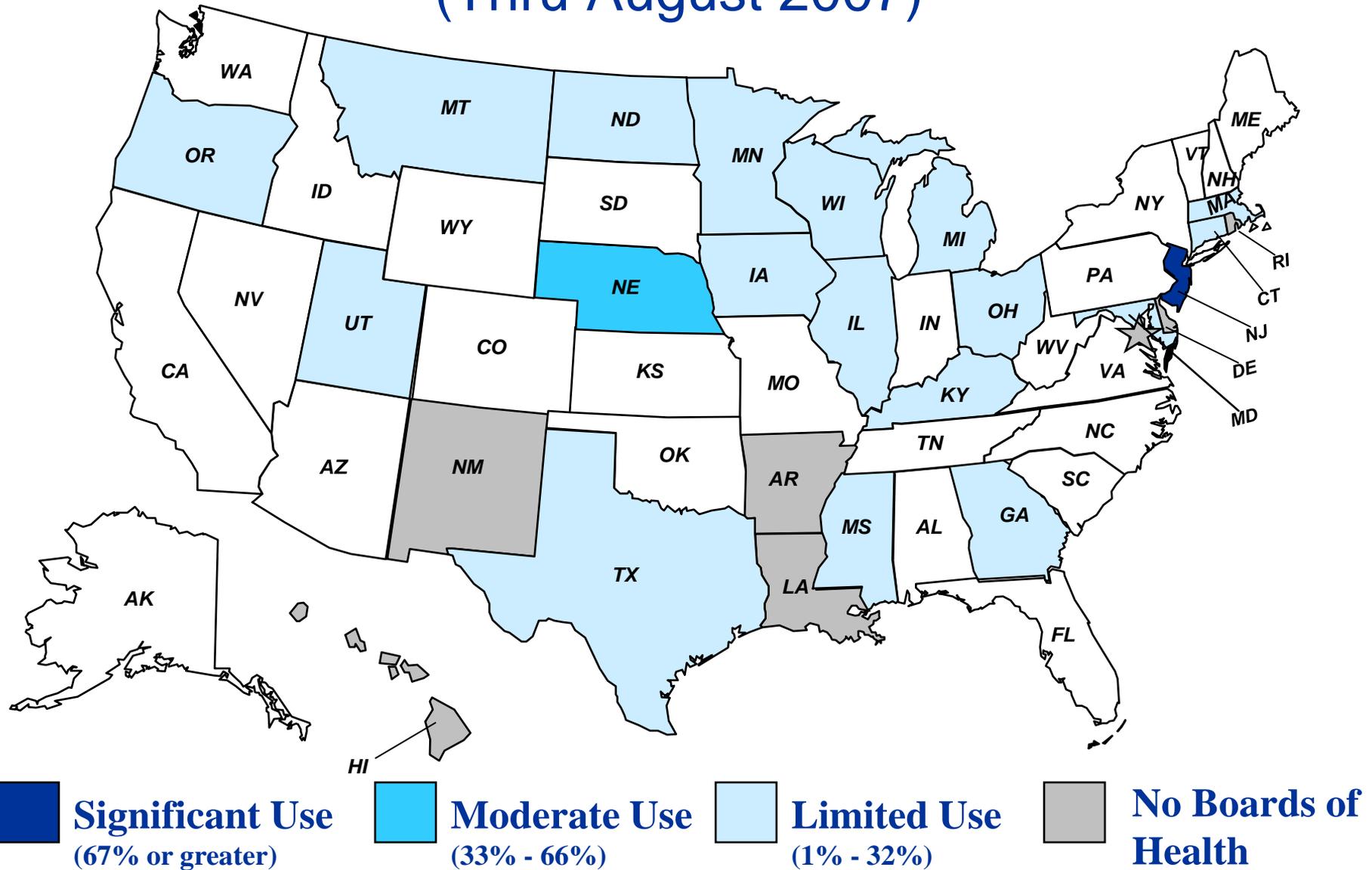
Common Catalysts for Use

- ▲ Statewide interest in improvement planning
- ▲ Interest in performance improvement
- ▲ Bioterrorism and emergency response planning
- ▲ Use within the MAPP process
- ▲ Interest in accountability



NPHPSP Governance Instrument Use

(Thru August 2007)



*Also includes sites using field test versions of the NPHPSP Local Public Health Governance Performance Assessment.

NPHPSP Use in the Field

(What the evaluation data* tell us)

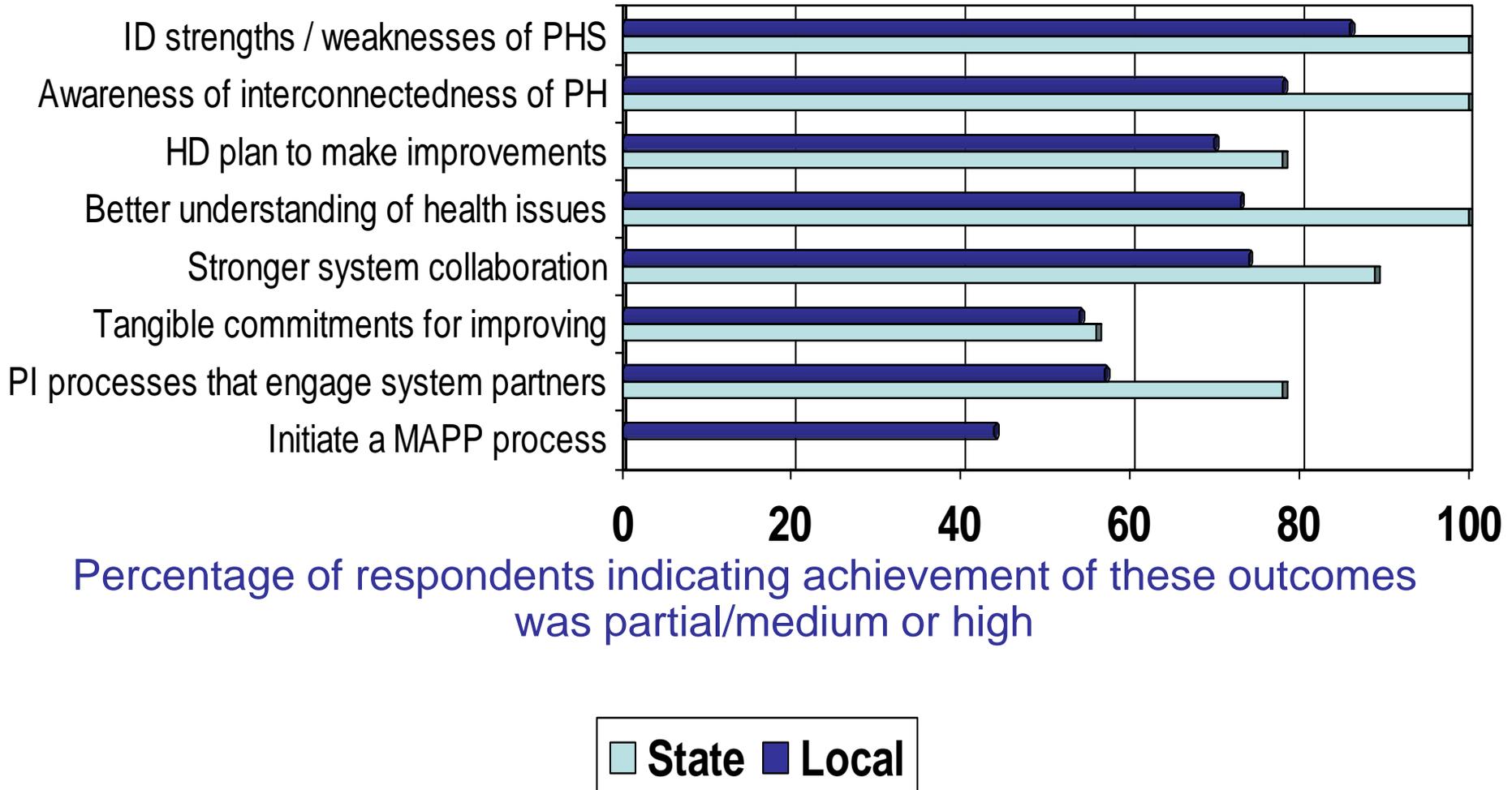
Reasons for Using NPHPSP – State and Local

- ▲ Establish a baseline measure of performance
- ▲ Wanted a national developed & recognized assessment tool to help improve performance
- ▲ NPHPSP the best tool available for improving public health system effectiveness
- ▲ Was part of the MAPP process (*local users only*)



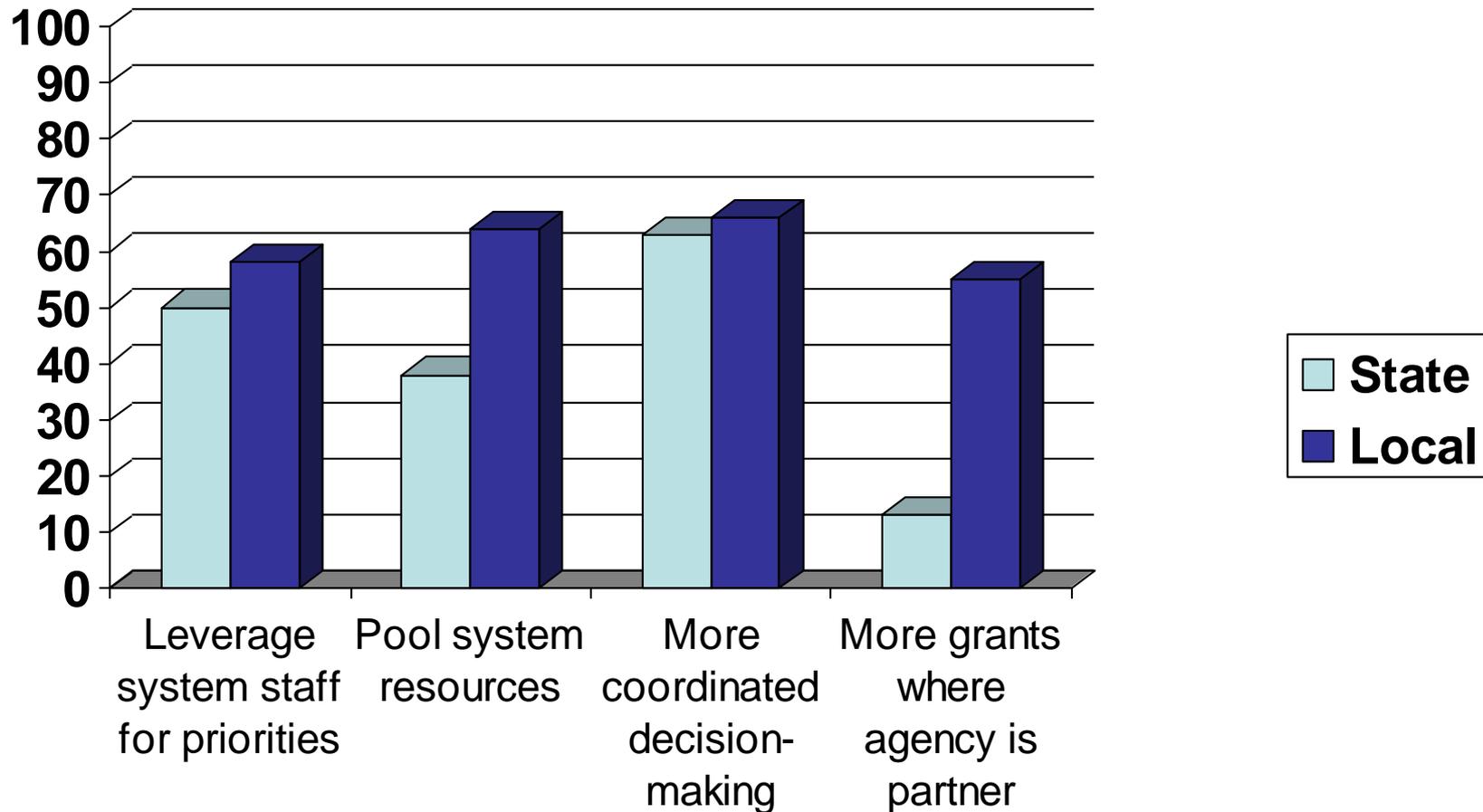
*State evaluation data gathered through ASTHO survey 10/05-1/06 – 80% response rate (9 respondents reporting completion of State NPHPSP). Local evaluation data gathered through NACCHO survey to known NPHPSP and MAPP users in 01/06 – 05/06; 212 total respondents (149 respondents reporting completion of Local NPHPSP).

NPHPSP Outcomes Achieved



Impact of NPHPSP Use on the State / Local Public Health System

Percentage of respondents indicating moderate to major effect



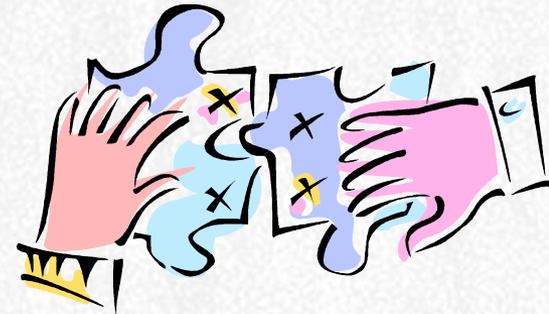
Strategic Linkages

Policy support

- ▲ Healthy People 2010 Objective 23-11
- ▲ Institute of Medicine reports
- ▲ State legislation that provide for or mention use of NPHPSP (e.g., IL, OH, NJ)

Related initiatives

- ▲ Turning Point Performance Management Collaborative
- ▲ MAPP
- ▲ Operational Definition of a Local Health Department
- ▲ Accreditation



For More Information

 Online Toolkit at:

www.cdc.gov/od/ocphp/nphpsp

- ▲ State, Local, and Governance Instruments
- ▲ User Guide
- ▲ Sample letters, agendas, and reports from users
- ▲ Performance improvement resources and links
- ▲ And much more!

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improving the public's health*

