CDC’s Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS) plays a vital role in helping health agencies work to enhance their capacity and improve their performance to strengthen the public health system on all levels. CSTLTS is CDC’s primary connection to health officials and leaders of state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health agencies, as well as other government leaders who work with health departments.

What We Do

Improve health department capacity and performance

- Administer and oversee the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant, which provides all 50 states, 2 American Indian tribes, 8 US territories, and the District of Columbia with funding to address their unique public health needs in innovative and locally defined ways

- Enhance performance management capacity of public health departments and support STLT health agencies in meeting national standards and attaining accreditation
  - National Voluntary Accreditation for Public Health Departments
  - Community Health Assessment and Improvement Planning

- Advance the professional development and capability of the public health workforce
  - Public Health Associate Program
  - National Leadership Academy for the Public’s Health

- Consult on policy and legal options that affect CDC health priorities
  - The Public Health Law Program advances the use of law as a public health tool by providing services and resources such as technical assistance, publications, legal epidemiology, and workforce development to CDC programs and STLT communities

- Coordinate support for CDC programs and policies that focus on American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities
  - The CSTLTS tribal support mission involves working closely with AI/AN communities to coordinate activities, including implementing the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Consultation Policy and Charter and coordinating the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee

- Provide leadership for public health strategies, policies, programs, and systems improvements in the US Insular Areas
  - The CSTLTS insular areas support mission involves engaging with public health officials in the insular areas (five US territories and three freely associated states) to address public health issues in the region
Develop assessment and capacity-building tools, resources, standards, and practices

- Offer searchable grant and cooperative agreement information through the CDC Grant Funding Profiles tool
- Strengthen and enhance the infrastructure and capabilities of public health agencies and public health systems through coordinating various funding opportunities and through the National Partnership Capacity Building Program

Engage STLT health officials with CDC

- Host an annual orientation for new health officials to help newly appointed health officials learn about CDC and how it works and provide them an opportunity to collaborate with CDC leaders to support their work in public health
- Collaborate with health officers to identify CDC and partner resources and technical assistance to help address public health issues in their agencies and jurisdictions and to improve population health in their communities
- Promote timely news from across CDC with the weekly Did You Know? feature, informing public health programs and moving data and recommendations into action
- Offer the Public Health Professionals Gateway, a website developed specifically for health department staff that provides a central place to find many CDC resources

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