

# CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS)

## Accessing Key CSTLTS Resources, Services, and Programs

The Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CSTLTS) has many programs, mechanisms, and relationships that we use to communicate, educate, and work with state, tribal, local, and territorial health professionals, national public health organizations, and others about public health issues and CDC programs. We invite public health agencies and other partner organizations to work with us to use these channels.

The main CSTLTS phone line is 404-498-0300; the email address is [CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov).

## Resources and Services

- **CDC STLT Connection Facebook Page:** This page aims to engage STLT health professionals and other audiences by sharing public health information regularly.
  - [Visit us on Facebook](#) to like the page, post a comment, and share information.
- **CSTLTS Speakers**
  - To request the CSTLTS Director's participation as a speaker at an event or meeting, please visit the [Director's Speaker Request page](#).
  - To request other CSTLTS speakers, email [CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov).
- ***Did You Know?*** This feature promotes timely news from across CDC to inform public health programs and move data and recommendations into action.
  - [Sign up](#) to get *Did You Know?* emails.
  - [Syndicate](#) *Did You Know?* on your website.
  - Browse the archives by [topic](#) or [date](#).
- **[Field Notes](#):** This feature spotlights success and innovation in state, tribal, local, and territorial health agencies.
- **[Health Official Orientation](#):** CSTLTS coordinates CDC's annual Orientation for New Health Officials, which provides new STLT health officials with a comprehensive perspective of CDC priorities, operations, and leadership. The meeting gives health officials an opportunity to collaborate with CDC leaders and other health officials to help advance their public health goals.
  - Access [Resources for New Health Officials](#).
- **[National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health \(NLAPH\)](#):** This applied leadership training program enables multi-sector jurisdictional teams to address public health problems within their communities through team-identified community health improvement projects. Each community-based team receives leadership training and coaching from national experts through collaboration with other teams via webinars, retreats, and networking.
- **Phone and Email Assistance:** CSTLTS staff answer or triage requests/issues from health department staff to relevant CDC centers, institutes, or offices (CIOs) for response.
  - Health departments may contact the CSTLTS Support Line at 404-698-9246 or email [CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov) with requests for assistance.



- **[Public Health Practice Stories from the Field](#)**: This collection of public health success stories from STLT agencies and national organizations describe practices that have helped improve public health.
- **[Public Health Professionals Gateway](#)**: The CSTLTS website was designed specifically for health department staff and is a portal to many CDC resources, tools, and information.
  - Subscribe to the [“What’s New” RSS feed](#) to receive updates from the Public Health Professionals Gateway.
- **[STLT Collaboration Space](#)**: This SharePoint site provides tools and resources created specifically for STLT professionals.
  - [Register](#) to join.
- **US Public Health System Information**: CSTLTS supports, produces, and has compiled a number of resources to help stakeholders understand how the public health system operates, such as [Public Health Systems & Best Practices](#), [Federal Programs & Funding](#), and [Health Agency Profiles](#).
  - Use these resources and others on the [Public Health Professionals Gateway](#) to learn more about the public health system and to inform decision-making.
  - When presented with the opportunity, participate in CDC or national organization surveys of the functions, operations, and status of the public health system.
  - Email [CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov) with any questions or requests about these materials, or to inform CSTLTS about related materials.
- **[News & Alerts](#)**: CSTLTS connects public health professionals with the latest CDC news, research, and releases.

## Programs

- **Division of Performance Improvement and Field Services (DPIFS)**: CSTLTS/DPIFS conducts planning, assessment, and evaluation activities that identify improvement opportunities in public health agency and systems structure, operations, and performance; advance the professional development and capability of the public health workforce; and develop and disseminate evidence of successful agency and system improvement strategies. The division leads and manages the Public Health Associate Program and coordinates across CDC and STLT health agencies to support temporary and ongoing placement of CDC field staff within STLT public health agencies.
  - **Accreditation and Performance Improvement**
    - **National Public Health Accreditation**: CSTLTS coordinates CDC’s support for national voluntary accreditation for STLT health departments. The goal of this program is to improve and protect the public’s health by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments. The Public Health Accreditation Board’s (PHAB’s) standards and measures are the framework for evaluating a health department’s processes and services, outcomes, and progress toward specific goals and objectives. The accreditation assessment process provides valuable, measurable feedback to health departments about their strengths and areas for improvement.
      - Visit [PHAB’s website](#) to view the nationally established standards and measures, review guidance for the national accreditation program, and a list of nationally accredited health departments.
      - Visit the [CSTLTS accreditation web pages](#) to identify resources and tools to support readiness efforts and learn about CDC’s work to advance accreditation.
      - Consider sending your experiences with accreditation readiness and quality improvement to [phaccreditation@cdc.gov](mailto:phaccreditation@cdc.gov).
    - **Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Planning**
      - Use [community health assessment information and tools](#) to develop and implement community health assessments and health improvement plans, whether for accreditation preparation, nonprofit hospital collaboration, or other reasons.

- **Performance Management and Quality Improvement**
  - Use [performance management information and tools](#) to increase the effectiveness of health agencies, systems, and services.
- **National Public Health Performance Standards (NPHPS):** NPHPS is an assessment tool that health departments and their governing bodies can use to assess their performance.
  - Visit the [NPHPS webpages](#) to view links to the current tools (hosted outside CDC) and archived information about NPHPS.
- **Public Health Associate Program (PHAP):** PHAP is a competitive, two-year paid CDC training program that provides opportunities for recent graduates with a bachelor’s or master’s degree to gain broad experience in the day-to-day operation of public health programs. Each PHAP associate is assigned to a STLT public health agency and works in the field alongside other public health professionals. After completing the program, PHAP graduates are qualified for jobs with government health agencies and uniquely prepared to pursue an advanced degree in public health.
  - Health departments: Learn more about [applying to be a host organization](#) during the next application period.
  - Recent graduates: Learn more about [applying to be an associate](#) during the next application period.
  - Email [PHAP@cdc.gov](mailto:PHAP@cdc.gov) with any questions.
- **Division of Program and Partnership Services (DPPS):** CSTLTS/DPPS builds and improves the capacity and performance of the public health system through national partnerships and national grant programs. The division also manages the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.
  - **Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHS Block Grant):** The PHHS Block Grant 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.
    - Access resources related to the PHHS Block Grant, including [funding information](#) and [grantee highlights](#).
  - **Cooperative Agreements, Grants & Partnerships**
    - The [Cooperative Agreements, Grants & Partnerships section](#) of the [Public Health Professionals Gateway](#) describes CDC’s partnerships, grants, and cooperative agreements with national public health organizations to support the public health community. These are just a few examples of CDC’s partnerships with national organizations, including those in sectors other than public health:
    - Email list: CSTLTS can email information to public health partners—if we are the cooperative agreement management lead—or we can make connections among external stakeholders and the national organizations.
    - Email [CSTLSPartnersCoAg@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLSPartnersCoAg@cdc.gov) with questions about the [Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services Through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation’s Health](#) cooperative agreement.
    - Email [OSTLTSPiHOAFOA@cdc.gov](mailto:OSTLTSPiHOAFOA@cdc.gov) with questions about the [Strengthening the Public Health System in the US-Affiliated Pacific Islands](#) cooperative agreement.
    - Email [CSTLTCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLTCrisisCoAg@cdc.gov) with questions about the [Technical Assistance for Response to Public Health or Healthcare Crises](#) cooperative agreement.
- **Office of Insular Affairs (OIA):** Provides leadership for public health strategies, policies, programs, and systems improvements in the US Insular Areas (five US territories and three freely associated states) and engages with public health officials in the region to address public health issues.
  - Email [CSTLTSFeedback@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLTSFeedback@cdc.gov) with questions.

- **[Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances \(OTASA\)](#)**: OTASA works closely with American Indian/Alaska Native communities, providing technical assistance to tribal nations and tribal organizations; coordinating agency-wide data calls; and advising and improving input about CDC’s response to tribal issues, needs, and challenges.
  - **Tribal Advisory Committee and Tribal Consultations**: Each year, CDC/ATSDR hosts two tribal consultation sessions to provide a forum for consultation between CDC leaders and elected or appointed tribal leaders (or their designated representatives). CSTLTS helps plan and conduct these sessions in cooperation with CDC and ATSDR. These meetings are advertised in the [Federal Register](#).
    - Attend the public portions of the [CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee](#) or [tribal consultation sessions](#).
    - Tribal leaders: Submit written testimony and/or present testimony for CDC/ATSDR tribal consultation sessions, according to instructions provided in the applicable Federal Register Notice.
    - If eligible, apply to be a member of the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee, when a call for applications is advertised.
  - **Technical assistance**: OTASA helps tribes connect to CDC resources and expertise and provides technical assistance to STLT health agencies about working with tribes or on tribal issues.
    - Email [TribalSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:TribalSupport@cdc.gov) with requests or questions.
  - Email [CSTLTSTribalCoAg@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLTSTribalCoAg@cdc.gov) with questions about the [Tribal Public Health Capacity Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement](#).
- **[Public Health Law Program](#)**: CDC’s Office of Public Health Law Services administers the Public Health Law Program (PHLP), which 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.
  - PHLP’s [website](#) provides resources, tools, and training on various public health law issues, including menus of public health laws, judicial bench books, issue briefs, 50-state assessments, and memoranda of understanding between governmental entities.
  - **[Public Health Law News](#)**: This monthly Internet newsletter is an important resource for public health law current events, publications, and resources.
    - [Subscribe](#) to the *News*.
  - **Technical assistance**: PHLP provides expert legal analysis on public health law issues and specializes in legal research and writing. PHLP can provide legal expertise to help CDC CIOs or health departments design and incorporate appropriate legal research projects tailored to their particular public health subject matter. PHLP can also help them identify and analyze STLT laws or actions on public health issues.
    - Request [technical assistance on public health law](#).
  - **Education and training**: PHLP provides training in public health law for CDC staff and external stakeholders. Public Health Law 101 training sessions give an overview of public health law and discuss its relevance and use in today’s public health analysis and practice.
    - [Subscribe](#) to the *News* to learn about upcoming training.
    - Email [phlawprogram@cdc.gov](mailto:phlawprogram@cdc.gov) to request training.
    - Access training and educational resources, including free, self-paced courses from the [Public Health Law Academy](#) and a training series on [Public Health Emergency Law](#).
  - **Public health law partners**: PHLP has relationships with national public health law networks and states and can connect stakeholders to those partners, as needed.
    - [View contact information](#) for state and selected local legal counsel, as well as for border countries to the US.
  - Email [phlawprogram@cdc.gov](mailto:phlawprogram@cdc.gov) with any questions.