

Creating Effective Health Systems Resources

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About CDC and the US Public Health System

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Information on how the US public health system functions and operates
- [About the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support \(OSTLTS\)](#)
OSTLTS was formed to support and improve public health at all levels; its mission is to advance US public health agency and system performance, capacity, agility, and resilience
- [National Partners](#)
Examples of partnerships between CDC's Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial support and national organizations to support the public health community
- [Health Agency Profiles](#)
Profiles with information on national, state, tribal, local, and territorial health agencies; many of these reports are funded in whole or in part by CDC
- [National Health Initiatives, Strategies, and Action Plans](#)
A list of select national health initiatives, strategies, action plans, and guidelines

Accountable/Coordinated Care

- [Accountable Care Strategies: Lessons from the Premier Health Care Alliance's Accountable Care Collaborative](#)
Perspectives of hospitals and health systems taking part in the Premier Health Care Alliance's accountable care implementation collaborative, along with lessons emerging from the collaborative
- [Community Health Teams: Outcomes and Costs](#)
Explains the growing need and proliferation of chronic disease management programs, as well as opportunities for prevention, better care, and long-run cost savings

Budget/Other Resources

- [CDC Budget](#)
CDC's budget submissions (the Congressional Justification), appropriations and budget hearing information, performance materials, and background materials on budget and legislative processes
- [CDC Grant Funding Profiles](#)
State- and territory-specific grant funding profiles, starting with fiscal year 2010, and summaries of overall funding by category and jurisdiction; includes grants made to all entities within states and territories (with some exceptions)
- [Institute of Medicine \(IOM\) Report—For the Public's Health: Investing in a Healthier Future](#)
IOM assesses the sources and adequacy of government public health funding and identifies approaches for building a sustainable and sufficient public health presence going forward
- [Investing in America's Health: A State-by-State Look at Public Health Funding and Key Health Facts](#)
Examines public health funding across jurisdictions and the impact of underfunding public health, and makes recommendations for ensuring core, ongoing funds

Community Benefit/Community Health Needs Assessments

- [Community Benefit](#)
Resources from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to help local health departments and nonprofit hospitals conduct collaborative community health assessments and improvement processes
- [Resource Center for Community Health Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans](#)
NACCHO resource center to help health departments and their partners complete community health improvement processes, including community health assessments and community health improvement plans
- [Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships \(MAPP\)](#)
Community-driven strategic planning process for improving community health that helps communities apply strategic thinking to prioritize public health issues and identify resources to address them

Evidence-Based Practices

- [CDC Stacks: Guidelines and Recommendations](#)
One-stop shop for public health guidelines or recommendations developed by CDC or CDC federal advisory committees
- [The Guide to Community Preventive Services \(The Community Guide\)](#)
Collection of the findings of the Community Prevention Services Task Force and the systematic reviews on which they are based; helps communities choose evidence-based programs and policies to improve health and prevent disease
- [US Preventive Services Task Force \(USPSTF\)](#)
An independent panel of nonfederal experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine that conducts scientific evidence reviews of a broad range of clinical preventive health care services (such as screening,

counseling, and preventive medications) and develops recommendations for primary care clinicians and health systems

Performance/Quality Improvement

- [**Association of State and Territorial Health Officials \(ASTHO\)**](#)
ASTHO supports states' quality improvement efforts through resources and technical assistance, such as
 - [**State Health Improvement Planning \(SHIP\) Guidance and Resources**](#)
SHIP guidance and resources identified and/or developed by ASTHO and CDC to help states
 - [**Quality Improvement**](#)
 - [**National Quality and Performance Initiatives**](#)
- [**CDC's Performance Management and Quality Improvement**](#)
Definitions and concepts, resources, stories from the field, data and benchmarks, key initiatives, and information on CDC-supported performance improvement managers in health departments
- [**For the Public's Health: The Role of Measurement in Action and Accountability**](#)
IOM report that reviews current approaches for measuring the health of individuals and communities and suggests changes in the tools and approaches used to gather information about health outcomes and their determinants
- [**Health System Measurement Project**](#)
Department of Health and Human Services web-based tool that allows policymakers, providers, and the public to develop consistent, data-driven views of changes in critical US health system indicators
- [**National Public Health Improvement Initiative \(NPHII\)**](#)
Through NPHII, CDC supports state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments to change and enhance their organizations and use practices that improve the delivery and impact of public health services
- [**National Voluntary Accreditation for Public Health Departments**](#)
The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards and measures are the framework for evaluating health department processes and services, outcomes, and progress toward goals and objectives. The accreditation assessment process provides valuable, measurable feedback to health departments on their strengths and areas for improvement. Related site: [CDC's accreditation site](#)

Public Health and Clinical Care

- [**CDC's Primary Care and Public Health Initiative**](#)
Through this initiative, CDC collaborates with clinical educators to develop public health-focused educational resources for delivery in residency training programs
- [**Community Transformation Grants \(CTG\)**](#)
CDC's CTG program supports community-level efforts to reduce chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes

- [Integrating Primary Care and Public Health, Supplement to the American Journal of Public Health](#)
Editorials, commentaries, and research and practice information on the integration of primary care and public health
- [Primary Care and Public Health Activities in Select US Health Centers](#)
Examination of primary care and public health activities among federally funded health centers to better understand successes, barriers, and lessons learned
- [Primary Care and Public Health: Promoting Integration to Improve Population Health](#)
Recommends ways that CDC and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) could foster integration through funding, policy levers, and other means
- [The Medicine and Public Health Initiative Ten Years Later](#)
History and current activities of the Medicine and Public Health Initiative's (MPHI) history and its growing significance in light of recent terrorism events and report on current MPHI activities

Public Health Law Resources

- [CDC's Public Health Law Program \(PHLP\)](#)
PHLP works to improve the health of the public by developing law-related tools and providing legal technical assistance to public health practitioners and policymakers in state, tribal, local, and territorial jurisdictions. Health agencies can access tools and resources on the website and [request assistance from PHLP](#).
- [For the Public's Health: Revitalizing Law and Policy to Meet New Challenges](#)
IOM review of how statutes and regulations prevent injury and disease, save lives, and improve the health of the population
- [Menu of Suggested Provisions for Public Health Mutual Aid Agreements](#)
Information on mutual aid-related issues and approaches for addressing those issues
- [National Conference of State Legislatures \(NCSL\)](#)
Bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staff members of the nation's states, commonwealths, and territories; provides research, technical assistance, and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on pressing state issues
- [National Governors Association \(NGA\)](#)
Bipartisan organization that promotes visionary state leadership, shares best practices, and speaks with a collective voice on national policy. Provides governors and their senior staff members with services on key federal issues and provides management and technical assistance to new and incumbent governors.
- [Network for Public Health Law](#)
A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-sponsored network that provides legal assistance, resources, and opportunities to build connections for local, tribal, state, and federal officials; public health practitioners; attorneys; policymakers; and advocates

Public Health Professional Development

- [CDC's Public Health Professional Development Website](#)

Information on public health professional competencies and training and employment. Includes link to [CDC TRAIN](#), the largest and most comprehensive learning resource for public health professionals

- [CDC's Public Health Training and Fellowships](#)
Training and fellowship opportunities throughout CDC

Return on Investment

- [An Integrated Framework for Assessing the Value of Community-Based Prevention](#)
IOM report that proposes a framework to assess the value of community-based, non-clinical prevention policies and wellness strategies
- [Prevention for a Healthier America: Investments in Disease Prevention Yield Significant Savings, Stronger Communities](#)
A Trust for America's Health brief that explores the return on investment of disease prevention

Shared Services

- [CDC Resources on Shared Laboratory Services](#)
Information and training and educational resources about public health laboratories. Includes [An Overview of Legal Considerations in Assessing Multijurisdictional Sharing of Public Health Laboratory Services](#), a resource for public health laboratory directors and their legal counsel as they explore potential legal issues related to sharing testing services with other jurisdictions
- [Center for Sharing Public Health Services—Rethinking Boundaries for Better Health](#)
A national initiative of the Kansas Health Institute, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, that helps teams of public health officials and policymakers test and refine ways that public health agencies can share resources and work together to improve performance
- [Shared Services Learning Community](#)
The Center for Sharing Public Health Services, supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, [announced grants](#) to health departments to explore how “cross-jurisdictional sharing” might better equip them to fulfill their mission of protecting and promoting the health of the communities they serve

Systems Change

- [A Healthier America 2013: Strategies to Move from Sick Care to Health Care in Four Years](#)
Trust for America's Health report that provides high-impact recommendations to prioritize prevention and improve the health of Americans
- [Health Department of the Future](#)
Report of the STLT Workgroup to the Advisory Committee to the CDC Director that recommends ways CDC can support the “health department of the future”
- [National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council](#)
The Council pursues a holistic approach to community health that addresses a number of factors that influence our health—housing, education, transportation, the availability of quality affordable food, and conditions in the workplace and the environment. It recently released the [National Prevention Council](#)

[Action Plan: Implementing the National Prevention Strategy](#), which outlines more than 200 prevention and wellness steps the federal government is taking to implement the National Prevention Strategy.

- [NewPublicHealth.org](#)

Digital meeting space by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to spark discussion about public health challenges, opportunities, evidence, solutions, and innovations

- [Transforming Public Health: Emerging Concepts for Decision-making in a Changing Public Health World](#)

White paper funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and convened by RESOLVE. Stresses the need for health departments to develop policy goals; use integrated data sets; communicate with the public and other audiences; mobilize the community and forge partnerships; cultivate leadership skills; and protect the public in the event of an emergency. [Join the conversation](#).