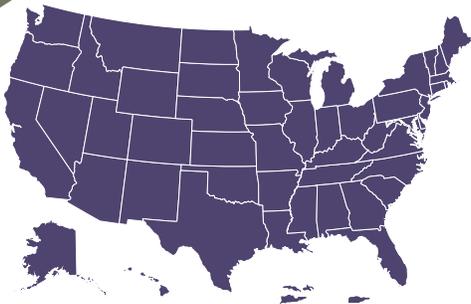


# Public Health Practice Stories from the Field



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## 22

Twenty-two state and regional sites received training to improve foodborne disease outbreak response in their jurisdictions.

## 3-step toolkit

All sites used the CIFOR toolkit's three-step process to assess gaps and create action plans to improve their foodborne disease outbreak response.

## 1,068

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## CSTE Trains Public Health Staff to Improve Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response

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The Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) published the *Guidelines for Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response* in 2009 and its accompanying [toolkit](#) in 2011 to describe outbreak response practices and functions. The guidelines aim to improve state and local public health response to foodborne disease outbreaks and, ultimately, reduce disease.

Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Food Safety Office allowed the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) to host multidisciplinary trainings in 22 state and regional sites from spring 2011 through spring 2012. The trainings made use of the CIFOR toolkit to identify recommendations from the guidelines that would improve outbreak response in their jurisdictions. To date, 1,068 public health professionals have participated in the trainings.

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