

Increasing National Capacity for HIA: The Role of Public Health Institutes

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Public Health Institutes

Public Health Institutes (PHIs) are nonprofit organizations that improve the public's health by:

- fostering innovation
- leveraging resources
- building partnerships across sectors
 - government agencies, communities, the health care delivery system, media, and academia





Public Health Institutes

PHIs address current and emerging health issues by providing expertise in areas like:

- Health policy development, implementation, and evaluation
- Training and technical assistance
- Research and evaluation
- Convening/partnering





Attributes of PHIs

- Convene multi-sector partners
- Nimble able to leverage new resources
- Source of reliable health information
- Complement governmental public health system
- Support systems change and improvement
- Rework boundaries and form creative alliances





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- Promote and support the growth of the field of HIA nationwide
- Increase the capacity of PHIs to conduct HIAs in their respective regions
- Utilizes PHIs' geographic diversity, scientific credibility, policy expertise, multi-sectoral partnerships, and emerging leadership in the field of HIA





Increasing National Capacity for HIAs: Utilizing the Nation's Public Health Institutes

- Webinars
- Train staff at ten PHIs from around the country
- Pilot HIAs
- Technical assistance





HIA work with PHIs

Oregon Public Health Institute

- Portland to Lake Oswego Transit Project (Transportation)
- SE 122nd Ave Pilot Project/East Portland (Built Environment)
- Transportation Policy Recommendations in the Eugene Climate and Energy Action Plan (Climate Change)
- Georgia Health Policy Center
 - Fort McPherson Interim Zoning (Built Environment)

• South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health

- Daniel Morgan Avenue Road Re-Striping (Built Environment)
- Public Health Institute (CA)
 - California Cap and Trade Rulemaking (Climate Change)





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