

# California-Nevada Public Health Training Center

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## Overview

The mission of the California-Nevada PHTC is to support the development of a skilled public health workforce to increase the health of individuals and their communities. The four academic partners work collaboratively with health organizations and other strategic practice partners in the community to provide training that is beneficial, adaptive in its approach, and accessible to the respective communities and stakeholders. The principle focus is to facilitate improved performance in achieving core public health functions and delivery of essential services in California and Nevada through greater understanding of public health issues and acquiring skills that improve the ability to perform job responsibilities.

## Key Activities

With input from community partners, the following topics have been identified as priority areas in the regions served by the California-Nevada PHTC:

- Health Care Reform
- Disparities and health equity
- Social media
- Evaluating health programs
- Tribal health
- Cultural competency in the workforce
- Building community capacity
- Urban planning
- Emergency preparedness

The California-Nevada PHTC has addressed many of these community needs by developing content-specific trainings and activities. Through face-to-face trainings, webinars, conferences, and distance learning opportunities, members of the public health workforce have an opportunity to engage in learning activities relevant to their community work.

## Public Health in Action



Workgroup shares insights on public health problems and improves team building skills.

## **Impact on Public Health Workforce**

Skill building is a primary focus of the California-Nevada PHTC. Enhancement of public health skills and competencies has been demonstrated in the success of the following activities:

### **Public Health Leadership Workgroup:**

Created and convened experts in public health leadership for the planning and implementation of regional activities focused on the development of leadership competencies.

### **Student Field Placements:**

Supported student internships in health departments and organizations working with underserved populations.

### **Collaborative Projects:**

Organized teams of graduate students, university faculty members, and agency staff to provide technical assistance and work on projects affecting public health.

### **Performance Improvement:**

Assisted local health departments in the identification and practice of performance improvement objectives.

### **Needs Assessment:**

Collaborated with regional and statewide agencies to identify needs and evaluate trainings.

### **Community Partnerships:**

Advanced communication among agencies to identify challenges and strengths in local public health communities.

## **Key Partners**

- California Dept. of Public Health
- California Public Health Alliance for Workforce Excellence
- California Tribal Nations Emergency Management Council
- Nevada State Health Division
- Southern Nevada Health District
- Indian Health Board of Nevada
- San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency
- San Diego Council of Community Clinics
- Imperial County Public Health Department
- Orange County Health Care Agency
- Orange County Office of Aging
- Riverside County Department of Environmental Health
- San Bernardino County Department of Public Health
- Inyo/Mono County Health and Human Services Agency
- Kern County Dept. of Public Health
- Latino Health Research Center

## **Leadership**

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