

# Colorado Public Health Training Center

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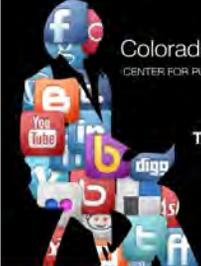
### Overview

- Mission statement: To create and foster practitioner excellence to improve public health practice at the system, community, and organizational levels.
- Geographic coverage of the Colorado Public Health Training Center (CO-PHTC): The state of Colorado as well as the Southern Ute, Mountain Ute and the Pine Ridge Reservations.
- CO-PHTC intended audiences: Staff of state and local health departments, community-based organizations, foundations, health care organizations, and others working towards improving the health of the public in the areas we serve.

### Key Activities

- The Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH) is a consortium school, joining the strengths of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado. The CSPH has approximately 200 faculty and 500 students. The CO-PHTC draws from the vast resources across the three campuses to strengthen workforce development throughout the state.
- The CO-PHTC uses a highly collaborative model to approach public health training allowing for a comprehensive system of training and project development with key partners to meet the needs of our constituents.
- Training highlights for this year include: Evidence-based Public Health, Shaping Policy for Health, Chronic Disease Management in Communities, Cultural Competency, Public Health Leadership Development, Community Health Assessment, Public Health 101, Project Management, Community Collaborations, and Using Social Media Approaches in Public Health.
- The CO-PHTC, in partnership with the Southwestern Colorado AHEC, is also developing a systematic approach to rural practicum placements utilizing the results of an assessment of current practices by PHTCs across the country.

### Public Health in Action



Colorado Public Health Training Center  
CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE | COLORADO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Training Colorado's public health workforce in:  
Chronic Disease Case Management | Community Health Assessments | Cultural Competency | Evaluation | Evidence-Based Public Health | Grant Writing | Health Policy | Leadership & Management | Project Management | Public Health 101 and more

**New Summer 2011**  
Introduction to social media planning in public health

## **Impact on Public Health Workforce**

- The CO-PHTC provides trainings and facilitates community conversations to build collaborations between public health and health care providers in order to more effectively manage chronic diseases under health care reform.
- The CO-PHTC provides in-person and online trainings reaching those working to serve the health of the public in urban, rural, frontier and reservation settings. Trainings are tailored to meet current and emerging needs and delivered using a variety of methods, including in-person, facilitated community discussions, self-paced online learning modules, and web-based distance learning courses.
- The CO-PHTC assesses public health workforce development needs in partnership with the: 1) Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 2) Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials, 3) Area Health Education Centers and 4) local public health staff serving the Ute and Pine Ridge Reservations.
- Over 20 different kinds of public health-related trainings were developed and delivered reaching over 700 participants in the first year of the CO-PHTC.

## **Key Partners**

- Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment
- Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials
- Regional Institute for Health and Environmental Leadership
- Area Health Education Centers
- Centers for American Indian and Alaskan Native Health
- Project TEACH (Teaching Equity to Assure Community Health)
- Rocky Mountain Evidence-based Public Health Workshop

## **Leadership**

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# HRSA Public Health Training Centers



The Health Resources and Services Administration funded Public Health Training Centers (PHTC) are partnerships between accredited schools of public health, related academic institutions, and public health agencies and organizations. The PHTC Network improves the Nation's public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial, and leadership competence of current and future public health professionals. Public Health Training Centers assess the learning needs of the public health workforce, provide accessible training, and work with organizations to meet other strategic planning, education, and resource needs.

<http://www.publichealthtrainingcenters.org>



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