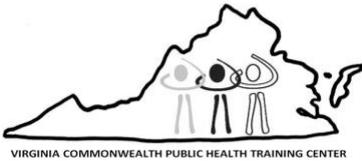


# Commonwealth Public Health Training Center

## Eastern Virginia Medical School, Old Dominion University



### Overview

The Commonwealth PHTC's mission is to train both the current and future Virginia public health workforce in the competencies of the profession through cutting-edge and collaborative educational initiatives across the Commonwealth.

### Key Activities

- Implementing an innovative primary care/department of public health partnerships that focus upon skills development in community-based assessments, community-level interventions and collaborative research projects
- Developing public health knowledge, skills and attitudes of the public-health workforce, primary care trainees and pipeline trainees
- Designing training initiatives across the educational pipeline to build the future public-health workforce
- Integrating the concept of "health equity" across all of the training components of the center
- Working actively with the Virginia Department of Health to identify and respond to the public health training needs of the public health workforce in the Commonwealth
- Engaging the other Public Health Training Centers as effective partners
- Participants earn a Certificate in Public Health Leadership

### Public Health in Action



Trainees working with their Community Health Improvement Research Project Teams (CHIRP) at the first joint Commonwealth PHTC/VAPHA Conference; April 29, 2011.

### Impact on Public Health Workforce

Creating a PH Leadership Certificate Program that is distance learning-based and delivered in an asynchronous format. Each yearly cohort will enroll 20 trainees: ten Primary Care Family Medicine residents and ten Virginia Department of Health employees. Trainees complete eight hours of course work and a two credit hour, team-based community project. Each project team is led by a Public Health District Director, and includes Family Medicine Residents and VDH employees working on a research topic to address the needs of the health district and/or region.

## **Key Partners**

- Eastern Virginia Medical School
- Old Dominion University
- Virginia Department of Health
- Virginia Family Medicine Residency Programs
- George Mason University
- Virginia Tech University
- University of Virginia
- Norfolk State University
- Catapult-Inc.

## **Leadership**

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