

MidAtlantic Public Health Training Center

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Overview

The MidAtlantic Public Health Training Center (MAPHTC) is a collaborative project of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. The mission of the MAPHTC is to develop the existing public health workforce as a foundation for improving the infrastructure of the public health system and helping to achieve the objectives of Healthy People 2020 in Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C. Our training participants, who come from a variety of health disciplines, include nurses, sanitarians, doctors, managers, biostatisticians, health officers, health educators, and clerical workers, among others. Representatives from a diverse group of agencies and staff levels are included in center marketing and outreach efforts. The Needs Assessment efforts also survey people from multiple disciplines who work at all agency staff levels to ensure that we are meeting the diverse training needs of our target audience.

Key Activities

Accomplishments this year include the development of new curricula, and a conference focusing on the effective use of new social media such as text messaging, Facebook, and interactive web programs to help public health practitioners reach targeted populations to improve public health outcomes. New curricula this year were developed to meet training needs, and included Writing Skills for Environmental Health Professionals, Working with Interpreters, and Developing Health Education Materials.

We have continued offering our in-person core competency series both in Maryland and Delaware, as well as our monthly webinars, the Public Health Practice Grand Rounds. These webcasts have provided the latest up-to-date information from state and national experts on a wide variety of public health issues, from HIV/AIDS to bed bugs, to Community-Associated MRSA.

Public Health in Action



Our face-to-face trainings provide public health professionals with skills they need to meet the goals of Healthy People 2020.

Impact on Public Health Workforce

To date, the MAPHTC has trained over 23,000 public health professionals in the Mid-Atlantic region, with a total of 42 unique trainings reaching over 5,500 participants during this year alone. The MidAtlantic Public Health Training Center provides trainings that focus on strengthening core competencies necessary for today's public health practitioner. Training outcomes include increased confidence among training participants to perform tasks necessary for their public health departments or agencies, improved working relationships with public health professionals in partnering agencies as well as within their own agency, and improved performance by the organizations themselves, from improved funding due to writing a successful grant application, to more efficient functioning to meet the needs of the community, and a better trained workforce to protect the public from food borne outbreaks, environmental health hazards, infectious disease, and other threats to public health.

Key Partners

- Delaware Department of Health and Social Services
- Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
- Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing
- Maryland Association of County Health Officers
- Maryland Department of the Environment
- Center for Surveillance, Infection Prevention, and Outbreak Response
- The Region III STD/HIV Prevention Training Center
- Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health
- Montgomery County Office of Human Resources
- MidAtlantic Health Leadership Institute
- The National Capital Area Chapter of SOPHE

Leadership

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