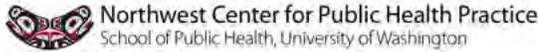


# Northwest Public Health Training Center

## University of Washington School of Public Health



### **Overview**

Northwest Public Health Training Center (Northwest PHTC) promotes excellence in public health by linking academia and the practice community. As part of the University of Washington School of Public Health, Northwest PHTC provides training and evaluation for state, local, and tribal public health in six Pacific Northwest states—Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

Northwest PHTC strengthens the performance of public health workers and agencies in six states extending across two U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service regions. Much of the states served are classified as rural or frontier. This low population density poses unique challenges to public health practice and training delivery.

### **Key Activities**

We offer in-person, distance based, and mixed format trainings. In FY2010/11 we added four new trainings to our growing library of popular and highly regarded online-modules. These new trainings are: Mass Gatherings: Are You Prepared? Inclusive Just-in-Time Training, Business Plans for Public Health Programs, and Practical Law of Public Health Officials.

The Northwest PHTC has funded key workforce activities in six states, training local and state public health workers in core public health competencies. With over 200 tribal nations calling the Northwest region home, the Northwest PHTC is strongly committed to involving tribal stakeholders from across our six-state region in assessing and training tribal public health workforce.

### **Public Health in Action**



Students at the 2010 Summer Institute for Public Health Practice.

## **Impact on Public Health Workforce**

In 2010 the Northwest PHTC conducted a web-based assessment to identify the training interests and needs of public health practitioners in the region. Participants indicated a need for training in leadership, management, and program evaluation.

We are committed to responding to the needs of our regional workforce and use these results to guide our training and program development. For example, the two most recent online modules were developed in direct response to the expressed need for law and management training. Additionally, we recently launched the Public Health Management Certificate, a year long distance based program designed for public health professionals who are in a management position or preparing to make a transition into management. This program helps develop the skills to manage people and teams, money, and information. The Northwest PHTC also responds to and conducts several partner requested training activities each year.

In FY 2010/11 we have trained nearly 8,000 people with our course offerings directly through the Northwest PHTC. Trainings supported by Northwest PHTC are also offered through our partner organizations learning management systems and have reached a similar number, making the total number of professionals trained by our Center in FY 2010/11 over 15,000.

## **Key Partners**

- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Kitsap County Health District
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Multnomah County Health Department
- Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- NW Tribal Emergency Management Council
- Washington State Department of Health
- Wyoming Department of Health
- Oregon Health Authority
- Public Health-Seattle & King County

## **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.

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