

Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support



CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) plays a vital role in helping health agencies work to enhance their capacity and improve their performance to strengthen the public health system on all levels. OSTLTS is CDC's primary connection to health officials and leaders of state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health agencies, as well as other government leaders who work with health departments.

What We Do

Improve health department capacity and performance

- Administer the **Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant**, which provides all 50 states, 2 American Indian tribes, 8 US territories, and the District of Columbia with funding to address their unique public health needs in innovative and locally defined ways
- Enhance performance management capacity of public health departments and support STLT health agencies in meeting national standards and attaining accreditation
 - **National Public Health Performance Standards Program**
 - **National Voluntary Accreditation for Public Health Departments**
 - **Community Health Assessment and Improvement Planning**
- Increase support to improve training and workforce programs for public health professionals
 - **Public Health Associate Program**
 - **National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health**
- Consult on policy and legal options that affect CDC health priorities
 - **Public Health Law Program** works to advance the use of law as a public health tool by providing services and resources such as technical assistance, publications, legal epidemiology, and workforce development to CDC programs and STLT communities
- Coordinate **Tribal Support** for CDC programs and policies that focus on American Indian/Alaska Native communities, including implementation of the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Consultation Policy and Charter and coordination of the CDC/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee



Develop assessment and capacity building tools

- **Prevention Status Reports** highlight—for all 50 states and the District of Columbia—the status of policies and practices designed to address important public health problems
- **CDC Grant Funding Profiles** tool offers searchable grant and cooperative agreement information
- Strengthen and enhance the infrastructure and capabilities of public health agencies and public health systems through the **National Partnership Capacity Building Program**

Engage STLT health officials with CDC

- **Annual Orientations for New Health Officials** help newly appointed health officials learn more about CDC and how it works, as well as provide them an opportunity to collaborate with CDC leaders to support their public health efforts
- Provide **Customized Support for Health Officers**, collaborating to identify CDC and partner resources and technical assistance to help address public health issues in their agencies and jurisdictions and to improve population health in their communities
- **Vital Signs Town Hall Teleconferences** are held a week after the release of CDC's monthly Vital Signs report and provide a venue for STLT health officials and professionals to discuss strategies, lessons learned, success stories, and challenges, as well as provide a chance to build public health networks
- Weekly **Did You Know?** emails promote timely news from across CDC to inform public health programs and move data and recommendations into action
- **Have You Heard? Facts from the Field** emails share stories of success and innovation from STLT health agencies
- **STLT Gateway** is a website developed specifically for health department staff that provides a central place to find many CDC resources, including the STLT Collaboration Space
- STLT public health agency staff can register for access to the **STLT Collaboration Space**, which offers helpful CDC tools and resources designed specifically for STLT professionals, including the Communication Resource Center and the CDC Online Resource Directory

More information about these resources is available on the **STLT Gateway** at www.cdc.gov/stltpublichealth.

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