

Arizona Public Health Training Center

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Overview

- To assess, develop and deliver responsive competency-based training to current and future public health professionals, community leaders and community partners through community engagement, education and training activities that strengthen the public health infrastructure.
- The Arizona Public Health Training Center (AzPHTC) addresses the training needs of the individuals and organizations providing health services in underserved metropolitan areas and rural/frontier communities within the 15 counties and the 22 federally recognized Native American Tribes in the State.
- The AzPHTC targets the public health workers in formal public health agencies and departments, as well as those in community-based organizations including Native American Tribal agencies providing health services.

Key Activities

Training opportunities currently available within Arizona are limited due to cost, distance, and a lack of resources. The AzPHTC addresses these gaps with a wide range of culturally, technically appropriate and sustainable training activities.

In the past year, the AzPHTC has worked extensively to 1) **engage** leaders of formal and informal public health agencies and organizations, as well as community organizations, and 2) **build** strong collaborative relationships with key partners to develop high priority trainings. Key Activities in support of these goals include:

- Convening the AzPHTC Leadership Council that is currently comprised of 40 members.
- Partnering with the Pima County Health Department to submit a Community Transformation Grant application to the CDC in which the AzPHTC will provide training and technical assistance to increase quality and accessibility of high impact clinical preventive services
- Membership in the Arizona Chronic Disease Alliance, a regional partnership which includes the two largest health care systems in Southern Arizona.
- Production of two trainings on QI/PI in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). These trainings will be disseminated to all Arizona county health departments.
- Partnering with ADHS to create a training room in ADHS-provided space, and possible co-creation of an AzPHTC web-portal that will become the portal of entry for all ADHS workforce-training needs.

Collaboration with UA College of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine to offer a community-based tobacco cessation-training program for the formal and informal public health workforce through AzPHTC.

Impact on Public Health Workforce

- The AzPHTC Learning Management System (LMS) went live on 3/1/2011 and all training registrants are required to complete a self-assessment. To date, the AzPHTC has 200 registered trainees.
- A public health workforce needs assessment survey have been developed on training preferences for agencies and individuals public workers. To date, nine agencies assessments and 82 individuals have completed this survey.

Program Evaluation, Immunization Lecture, Introduction to Quality Improvement, Advanced Quality Improvement, Basic Grant Writing for Tribal Communities, Basic Grant Writing (two modes of delivery), and an introductory Public Health 101 course for the Arizona public health workforce.

Public Health in Action



Arizona Public Health Leadership Council Meeting

The leadership council is providing input and guidance on current challenges to public health workforce training in Arizona, conducting a state-wide workforce training needs assessment, and identifying training opportunities that could be implemented in the very near future.

Key Partners

- Arizona Department of Health Services
- 5 County Departments of Public Health
- Arizona Public Health Association
- Arizona Association of Community Health Centers
- Arizona Local Health Officers' Association
- Community Partnership of Southern Arizona
- 5 Regional Arizona Area Health Education Centers
- Indian Health Services-Phoenix and Tucson area
- Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
- Pima County Health Department
- St. Luke's Health Initiative
- Navajo Nation Department of Health
- Arizona Nurses Association
- Arizona Community Health Outreach Workers
- Arizona Rural Health Association

Leadership

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HRSA Public Health Training Centers

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