NACCHO

Get to Know Your Climate Ambassador

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Welcome

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50 Coalition Partners

~ 3,500 hospitals + clinics

> 2 Million Professionals

> 60 Million Americans
Who We Are

The mission of NACCHO is to improve the health of communities by strengthening and advocating for local health departments.

Advocacy
Partnerships
Funding
Training and education
Networking
Resources, tools, and technical assistance

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Climate Change Success Stories from Local Health Departments

- Visit our climate change webpage to view success stories of climate change adaptations occurring in a local health department near you!
- Highlight local efforts to prepare for and build resiliency to the health impacts of climate change
- Real-world case studies
- Support new and ongoing initiatives in other LHDs
- Missing representation from your state? Submit your own success story today!
NACCHO urges public health departments to promote and participate in climate change resilience efforts, which may include:

1. the incorporation of adaptation planning into land use, housing, and transportation design;
2. preparing communities for extreme and unusual environmental events;
3. coordinating with local governments on all-hazards disaster planning.

NACCHO’s Policy Statement on Climate Change was last updated in 2021 to include:

- health equity considerations throughout climate change resilience efforts;
- support for clean energy initiatives which reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
NACCHO & Climate for Health Ambassadors

- Invitation to apply to join NACCHO’s Global Climate Change Workgroup.
- Share success stories in special editions of NACCHO’s environmental health newsletter, The Greener Side.
- Opportunities to engage with like-minded environmental health professionals through NACCHO’s virtual communities platform.
Meet the NACCHO Government Affairs Team

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Government Affairs—Goals

Be the Voice of Local Public Health at the Federal Level
- Educate policymakers about the role of local health departments
- Obtain federal funding to support local programs
- Influence the design and implementation of federal public health programs to best support LHDs
- Include LHD voices in decision-making process

Develop Policy Skills of Local Health Departments
- Mobilize membership through Congressional Action Network
- Facilitate connections between local health departments and elected officials
- Educate members through weekly News from Washington e-newsletter, videos, and podcasts
- Receive feedback from LHDs on federal programs to continually inform advocacy efforts and communications with federal officials
- Lead NACCHO’s policy statement process
NACCHO 2023 Legislative Agenda

Strengthen and support the **public health workforce**

Bolster and improve access to **federal public health funding**, including resources to support public health infrastructure and data modernization at the local health department level

Address wide range of **public health concerns** through work in coalition with partners

Ensure **federal public health funding flows** from the federal level to local health departments quickly and equitably

- Access to healthcare
- Behavioral and mental health
- Chronic disease (incl. active living, nutrition, food security)
- Informatics
- Emergency preparedness
- Environmental health (incl. climate, food and water safety, vector)
- HIV, STI, and viral hepatitis prevention
- Infectious disease prevention (incl. immunizations, AMR)
- Injury and violence prevention (incl. gun violence)
- Maternal and child health
- Reproductive health
- Substance use disorder
- Tobacco control
Purpose of Policy Development

Identify evidence-based policy best practices to improve public health and then communicate with and urge action by:

- Federal agencies
- State public health officials
- Elected officials at all levels
- Local health departments
- Partner organizations
- The media
- The public
Role of Workgroups

• Identify new issues
  ✓ Environmental scan
  ✓ Develop new policy statements
  ✓ Amend existing statements
  ✓ Archive those no longer needed

• Ensure timeliness of policy statements in your issue area
  ✓ Policy statements updated every 3 years
  ✓ Substantial edits go to the Board of Directors; minor edits approved by staff with notification to Board.
NACCHO Policy Statements

100+ policy statements developed by Subject Matter Expert (SME) Workgroups

http://www.naccho.org/advocacy/activities
Stay Connected with NACCHO Government Affairs

➢ Subscribe to News from Washington
  • NACCHO Government Affairs weekly eNewsletter
  • https://www.naccho.org/advocacy/news

➢ NACCHO Podcast series
  • Monthly podcast that features interviews with high profile public health officials
  • Started in 2013
  • Over 250 episodes
  • Search “NACCHO Podcast” wherever you get your podcasts

➢ Follow us on Social Media
  • @NACCHOalerts
Congressional Action Network

✓ Make your voice heard!

✓ Take action on NACCHO legislative priorities

✓ Educate Members of Congress on public health issues (easily and quickly)

✓ Make a difference and join an active peer-group who care about public health policy

Sign up at naccho.org/advocacy/take-action

Membership is FREE!!
Other Services from NACCHO Government Affairs

- Join Workgroup calls to provide legislative updates
- Provide advocacy training and guidance about communications with policymakers
- Schedule meetings with Members of Congress for you if you are in DC (or even if you aren’t!)

- NACCHO’s Advocacy Toolkit:
  - [https://www.naccho.org/advocacy](https://www.naccho.org/advocacy)
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Collectively, pages received 15,800+ pageviews last year.
Web Pages

200+ sign-ups for training since launch.
Cross-posts to NACCHO Voice

Blog posts received 370,000+ pageviews in last 12 months

Stories from the Field
Stories from the Field provides a means for local health departments to share their experiences and demonstrate the value of public health.

Recent Posts
- EHE Superstars: Using Art to Improve Youth HIV Awareness in Houston
  - Sep 25, 2023 | Julia Zigman, Anthony Green
- Community Engagement, Community Resilience, Climate Change, Success Story
  - Sep 18, 2023 | Jillian Wilson Martin, Town of Natick
- Progressing on Climate Adaptation for Archuleta and La Plata Counties, Colorado
  - Sep 18, 2023 | Brian Devin, San Juan Basin Public Health
- Developing Local Environmental Public Health Indicators for Climate and Health
  - Franklin County Public Health

The Essential Elements of Local Public Health
The Essential Elements of Local Public Health provides updates and information from NACCHO’s Environmental Health and Infectious Disease team.

Recent Posts
- Funding Opportunity
  - Five Reasons to Apply for Retail Food Safety Mentorship!
  - Oct 02, 2023 | Anu Varma
- Tools & Resources, Community Health, Healthy Living & Prevention
  - Pueblo County’s Model Aquatic Health Code Adoption Process: A Resource Library
  - Sep 26, 2023 | Rebecca Ranev
- Funding Opportunity
  - Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)
  - Request for Proposals: Suicide, Overdose, and Adverse Childhood Experiences Prevention Planning Pilot
  - Applications due Friday, October 27
  - Sep 26, 2023 | Camille Adams
- Webinar: Community Engagement, Climate Change
  - Get to Know Your NACCHO Climate Ambassador Community
  - Meet your peers from across the country who are committed
Collectively mails to 40,000+ subscribers
Dispatch

• Mails monthly to active members
• 3,000 recipients with an estimated pass-along readership rate of 5,000 to 10,000

Exchange

• NACCHO’s quarterly print magazine/journal that reaches every local health department in the nation.
• Presents successful and effective resources, programs, tools, and public policy initiatives to help local health departments.
Journal of Public Health Management and Practice (JPHMP)

• Bimonthly peer-reviewed journal focused on evidence-based public health practice and research.
• “News from NACCHO” column

40,000+ followers
Breakout Discussion

• Briefly introduce yourself

• What climate & health work or projects are you most interested in?

• What additional support do you need from NACCHO or Climate for Health to build on this work?
One Home One Future Campaign

• Campaign: Visibility, Vitality, Local, Generational
• Multi-faith Coalition
• Oct 4: Launch with leader videos, 1,000 congregations, PR/social

www.OneHomeOneFuture.org/join
Mental Health + Our Changing Climate: Children + Youth Report 2023

In partnership with the American Psychological Association

Publishes on October 11th

Join us for the launch webinar (scan the QR code to register)
• 5th year, $175,000 in awards
• NEW in ‘24! + $125,000 for High Schoolers
• Applications due December 15th

ecoAmerica.org/american-climate-leadership-awards-2024/
Thank You!