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NACCHO'S 2024-2025 VIRTUAL LEARNING COLLABORATIVE FOR THE INCLUSION OF

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH POPULATIONS IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

NACCHO developed a Virtual Learning Collaborative (VLC) consisting of 20 Maternal-Child Health (MCH) and Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) staff members from ten (10) local health departments (LHDs) to provide cross-training on integrating MCH considerations into EPR planning for emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities.

FEB

TIMELINE 2025

JUL



GOAL

To cross-train **MCH** and **Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR)** professionals at local health departments (LHDs) to integrate **MCH considerations** into emergency planning.



OUTCOMES



Skills and Knowledge:

- Root Cause & Gap Analysis (5 Whys, SWOT, PPPs)
- Strategic planning for emergency preparedness
- Trauma-informed care and behavioral health strategies
- Communication with community collaborators and partners.
- Use of frameworks: CMIST, Life-Course Model, People-Products-Processes



Participant Confidence:

- Reported increased ability to integrate MCH into emergency plans
- Gained confidence in identifying roles, gaps, and action steps.



Partnerships Strengthen:

- Improved collaborations with emergency managers, fire departments, WIC and domestic violence shelter partners.
- New or strengthen MOUs and interdepartmental planning efforts.



IMPACT

Planning enhancement:

MCH-specific considerations added to existing plans.



Actionable Steps:

- Development of post VLC action plans
- Teams initiated changes in staff training, community engagement, shelter logistics, resource lists and protocols

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Participant FEEDBACK

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The VLC gave me the foundation to build stronger emergency plans for MCH populations. ”

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I appreciated hearing what other counties are doing and adapting their ideas. ”

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The resources were overwhelming— but in a good way! ”

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