



How to maximize health department performance— **RELATIONSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS**

Build Partnerships with Other Organizations

Inter-organizational partnerships often improve performance of local health departments. Collaborative partnerships can also lead to community change. For example, certain changes in the environment can help support healthier lifestyles and behaviors such as physical activity. These kind of changes in turn often result in better health outcomes for communities.

- Build/enhance partnerships with schools, hospitals, community organizations, social services, private businesses, educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, and other organizations

Establish a Clear and United Vision

Identifying a mission, objectives, and potential strategies helps to create a shared community vision. It also helps create collective impact by developing a system of accountability and responsibility for everyone involved.

- Action planning to increase rates of community change, partnerships, sustainability, and activity adoption by other organizations
- Capacity building over time



Administrative Evidence-based Practices (A-EBPs) are agency-level structures and activities that a LHD can put into place that have been shown to improve performance.

SUCCESS STORIES

- ♦ Collaborative partnerships with a targeted mission led to 5–6 fold higher changes in rates of adolescent pregnancy than those without one.
- ♦ A 43% reduction in lead poisoning among children occurred within 4 years of beginning a partnership in New York City.

TOOLS & RESOURCES

1. Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). <http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/mapp/>
2. Engaging Partners, Stakeholders, and Community Members. <http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/CHAIP/partner-engagement.cfm>
3. Center for Sharing Public Health Services. <http://www.phsharing.org/>
4. LEAD Toolkits and Resources. http://prctl.wustl.edu/ResearchAndFindings/Documents/LEAD-PH_ToolkitsResources.pdf

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