



Sharing Discoveries, Improving Lives

Translation & Dissemination at the Saint Louis University School of Public Health

Our Mission:

The Saint Louis University School of Public Health is dedicated to the discovery, translation, and dissemination of public health knowledge to improve the health and well being of all.



Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness

The Mission of the Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness (HCPHP) is to... "Link with state and local health agencies and other partners to train the public health workforce and other first responders and to improve their capacity to respond and provide essential services in bio-terrorist incidents, emerging infectious diseases and other public health threats and emergencies." HCPHP operations are designed to support national guidelines and standards, and related objectives identified in Missouri, Kansas, and Kentucky public health bioterrorism and preparedness planning documents. This program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through a cooperative agreement with the Association of Schools of Public Health.

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Discovery

What is the health problem?

- ❖ Biological, chemical, and radiological weapons of mass destruction pose an escalating threat and danger to the United States.
- ❖ National preparedness strategy requires a systemic approach to workforce and community capacity development based on competency skill sets and performance measures.
- ❖ The Centers for Public Health Preparedness program was initiated in 2000 to strengthen terrorism and emergency preparedness by linking academic expertise to state and local health agency needs.

Translation

How do we take what we know and apply it to improve public health preparedness?

- ❖ Strengthen public health workforce readiness through implementation of programs for life long learning.
- ❖ Strengthen capacity at state and local levels for terrorism preparedness and emergency public health response.
- ❖ Develop a network of academic-based programs contributing to national terrorism preparedness and emergency response by sharing expertise and resources across state and local jurisdictions.

Dissemination

How did we disseminate project findings and achieve our goals?

- ❖ Develop, strengthen and sustain public health workforce readiness through implementation of programs for life-long learning.
- ❖ Develop and implement certification and competency-based education, training and exercise programs and products to strengthen local and state capacity for terrorism preparedness and emergency public health response.
- ❖ Continue to utilize workforce development needs, assets and capacity assessment data to prioritize education and training objectives, methods and strategies.
- ❖ Evaluate and conduct research to demonstrate the impact of education and training programs.
- ❖ Share expertise and resources across local, state, regional and national jurisdictions to contribute to CPHP Network and development of national emergency preparedness and response capacity.
- ❖ Use technology mediated instruction and communications, including the Heartland Centers Learning Management System, to increase access to training opportunities.

Change

What change may occur because of the dissemination?

- ❖ By reaching and teaching the public health workforce, the Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness helps to ensure a strong public health system and prepares the public health workforce to meet health threats and emergencies.

