



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.



National Public Health Leadership Development Network

The National Public Health Leadership Development Network (NLN), which is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is a program of the Heartland Centers for Public Health and Community Capacity Development. The Network is a consortium of organizations and individuals from academic institutions, national and international organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies dedicated to advancing the practice of public health leadership. The mission of NLN is to build public health leadership capacity by sustaining a collaborative and vibrant learning community of leadership programs in order to improve health outcomes.

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Discovery

What is the health problem?

- ❖ The need for leadership in public health is well documented and many would agree that at no time in this nation's history has the need been greater.
- ❖ The continuing emergence of infectious diseases, as demonstrated by the strategic preparedness planning now underway related to pandemic influenza, as well as the continuing concerns related to threats of biological and chemical terrorism, have made effective leadership imperative at all levels of public health administration.

Translation

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

- ❖ The Network plays a key role in facilitating inter-state, inter-regional, and international collaboration efforts and in encouraging the recognition and support of the leadership institutes to further enhance their efforts of increasing access to systematic public health workforce education and training programs.
- ❖ The Network facilitates partnering among current and new funding agencies in order to expand their range of support for Institutes and enable them to increase integrated strategic development of, and expanded scope of service for, professional development programs through academic and practice partnerships across the country.

Dissemination

How did we disseminate project findings?

- ❖ The network of leadership institutes has expanded through academic and practice collaboration among schools of public health and state public health departments, resulting in the establishment of 12 state-based institutes, 10 regional institutes, 6 national institutes, and 3 international institutes.
- ❖ Forty-seven states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have access to a state, regional, or national public health leadership program. These programs have graduated over 6,000 public health practitioners across the world.

Change

What changes may occur because of the dissemination?

- ❖ Disseminate information regarding need and access to public health leadership development programs
- ❖ Provide technical assistance to emerging and existing public health leadership programs
- ❖ Contribute to the body of knowledge around public health leadership and leadership development and improve utilization of public health leadership resources, assets, and knowledge
- ❖ Expand advocacy and visibility of the Network and member institutes

