

## Using an Evidence-based Public Health Framework to Improve Outcomes

### Training Description

Colorado was one of two states awarded funding from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) in 2011 to provide an Evidence-based Public Health Training. The CO-PHTC is partnering with NACDD, the St Louis Prevention Research Center, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on the dissemination of this training statewide over the next several years.



This course is designed to increase the use of scientific approaches in “real world” public health programs and policies. Highlighting the linkages between data systems and program/policy initiatives, participants learn how to access and interpret existing data systems and methods of using data to affect specific policies or decision-makers. The course assists participants in integrating new and existing skills to make evidence-based program and policy decisions.

The first Evidence-based Public Health Training was held July 11-14, 2011. Faculty from the St Louis Prevention Center trained 33 Colorado participants. In addition to practitioners being trained, nine experts in epidemiology, behavioral science, public health statistics, and health economics were identified to participate in a “train-the-trainer” capacity. These experts are now serving as a cadre of faculty trainers to make the EBPH training sustainable. Two EBPH trainings for staff from state and local public health agencies will be conducted in 2012.

A video taped introduction (50 minutes) of the EBPH framework is also available on our Center for Public Health Practice website.

**Intended Audience:** Individuals who are new to the field of public health or those who want to strengthen their ability to make evidence-based program and policy decisions.

**Length of Training:** 3 days

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