



THE THREE CORE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS *And the Essential Public Health Services*



Assessment

- ☐ Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community.
- ☐ Protect people from health problems and health hazards.
- ☐ Evaluate and improve programs and interventions.

Policy Development

- ☐ Develop public health policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- ☐ Enforce public health laws and regulations.
- ☐ Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health.

Assurance

- ☐ Help people receive health services.
- ☐ Maintain a competent public health workforce.
- ☐ Give people information they need to make healthy choices.
- ☐ Engage the community to identify and solve health problems.

Examples of how Multnomah County Health Department Provides the 10 Essential Services of Public Health

#1 Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community.

- Mosquito surveillance
- Identification of water-quality problems
- STD/HIV/Hepatitis C testing and counseling
- Food-borne illness investigations
- Communicable Disease investigations
- Emergency preparation and coordination
- Child lead-poisoning surveillance
- Health impact assessment
- Vital records data assessment
- Global climate change

#2 Protect people from health problems and health hazards.

- Epidemiology
- Tuberculosis prevention and treatment
- STD/HIV prevention and treatment
- Communicable Disease investigation
- Smoke-free work place law complaint investigation
- Restaurant, child care, and pool licensing and inspections
- Tri-county office of the Health Officer

#3 Give people information they need to make healthy choices.

- Community health education and health promotion
- Public health education through the media and community dialogue
- HIV/AIDS risk reduction curriculum

- Child-abuse education
- Domestic violence education
- WIC educational programs
- Menu labeling policy
- Housing inspections and asthma prevention

#4 Engage the community to identify and solve health problems.

- Tobacco-free coalitions
- Emergency Preparedness regional collaboration
- Healthy Eating Active Living partnerships
- Referrals and collaboration with health-care providers
- Sexual Health coalitions and collaborations
- Food Safety Advisory Board
- Community Health Improvement Plan
- Health Equity Initiative
- Community Health Council

#5 Develop public health policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.

- Local board of health oversight and regulatory functions (Multnomah County Board of Commissioners)
- Menu labeling policy
- Schools engagement on obesity prevention
- City and county built environment planning to support physical activity
- Monitor contracts
- Community health and strategic planning
- Updating and reviewing health and nuisance ordinances

#6 Enforce public health laws and regulations.

- Enforcement of county health-related rules and ordinances
- Food establishment inspections
- Pool and Spa Operations and Maintenance
- Smoke-free workplace
- Disease reporting and investigation

#7 Help people receive health services.

- STD/HIV/TB programs
- Public health nursing services
- WIC
- Primary Care and Dental Clinics
- School-Based Health Centers
- Corrections Health
- Emergency Medical Services
- Language Services
- Pharmacy

#8 Maintain a competent public health workforce.

- Food Handler Certification
- Regional Emergency preparedness trainings
- Public health staff performance evaluations
- Succession planning and leadership mentoring

- Community Health Worker capacity building

#9 Evaluate and improve programs and interventions.

- Data and Information management
- Performance monitoring and quality improvement
- Public health contract requirements
- Health needs assessments
- Tracking responses to complaints
- Client satisfaction surveys

#10 Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health.

- Health needs assessments and program evaluation
- Study of successful public health programs in other jurisdictions
- Application of best practices