Appendix H. Professional Development Resources for State/Territorial Oral Health Programs

Online and in-person courses, conferences, webinars, workshops, and other learning opportunities

National Associations

Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors: **many resources on specific topics, e.g., water fluoridation, health communication, evaluation, are posted on topical webpages that can be accessed via the A-Z tab.** Selected ones that require members only sign in are available at **ASTDD Webcasts and Audioconferences.** Also see the **Program and Professional Development and Enhancement webpage**.

National Oral Health Conference: the "premier meeting" for those interested in continuing education and networking opportunities within the discipline of Dental Public Health. 2023 will mark the 24th joint meeting of ASTDD and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD). Conference format includes weekend interactive workshops, plenary and concurrent sessions, poster and roundtable sessions, meetings of other groups, and networking opportunities. Selected **Past NOHC presentations and programs** are also available to view.

American Association of Public Health Dentistry: membership organization whose mission is to provide leadership in ensuring optimal oral health for individuals and communities.

- **Dental Public Health Curriculum:** HRSA-funded project of dental public health competencies and curriculum for use in pre-doctoral dental and dental hygiene programs in the US.

American Dental Association: extensive offering of **continuing education** offerings, conducting conferences and hosting numerous CE courses or in person across the US or online (seme require membership or subscriptions).

American Dental Hygienists' Association: extensive **CE course online catalog** for members and non-members, some at a cost.

American Evaluation Association: AEA is a professional association of evaluators devoted to the application and exploration of evaluation as a profession. They host an annual Evaluation Conference, Summer Evaluation Institute, and have additional resources and trainings on their website.

American Institute of Dental Public Health: nonprofit organization centering health equity as a cornerstone of oral health education and training. They offer educational training for oral health professionals, support student growth and career development in dental public health and serve as conveners to facilitate systems change in the oral health community. Resources include information on training opportunities, archived colloquium presentations, and a database of more than 2,000 articles, publications, and reports spanning more than 40 topic areas.

- **Presentations and Publications** and **AIDPH YOUTUBE CHANEL**
- **Resource Center:** browse by topic.

American Public Health Association: member organization that champions the health of all people and all communities, combining a 150-year perspective, a broad-based member community and the ability to influence policy to improve the public's health.

- **APHA Now:** the Association's digital library of events, CE offerings and more. APHA members save $$.
- **Continuing education:** the portal to APHA's education, career and professional development activities. APHA's goal is to provide easy access to expanded opportunities to earn continuing education credit online; webinars on relevant topics; links to other resources, meetings and activities that might be of interest.
- **Annual Meeting:** every year in late October/Early November
- **Oral Health Section**

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials: has an e-learning center where there are on-demand training modules, learning sprints (short evidence-based learning opportunities designed to improve performance), and previous webinars.

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists: posts training and fellowship opportunities and has a **learning center** (requires that you sign up) with courses, a resource library and community groups.

International Association for Dental Research: hosts multiple conferences globally featuring new research, posts **webinars and a CE On Demand library** including resources from previous meetings (requires membership). Their American affiliate is the **American Association for Dental, Orofacial and Cranial Research**.

Medicaid/Medicare/Chip Services Dental Association: mission is to improve oral health for all Medicaid, Medicare, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) beneficiaries. Learning modules and labs, webinars, presentations, and other resources are available, although a bit dated.

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors learning center: includes general member webinars and Leadership Basics Series: short, self-directed professional leadership and management development opportunities.

National Network for Oral Health Access: includes links to their national conference and **online learning resources**.

OSAP: includes an **Education and Training section** with online courses and offers conferences throughout the year on infection prevention and control for safe dental visits and evidence-based public health measures. A section of the website also focuses on **Mobile and Portable Dentistry.** They offer a Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate program.

Special Care Dentistry Association: holds an annual conference and sells a 16 module CE course on **Oral Health for People with Special Needs**.

Federal Agencies

CDC Training and Professional Development: includes links to many resources including:

- **CDC TRAIN**: national learning network to access public health learning products
- **Grants Management Training Resources**: federal training resources and guidance on grant management and how to apply for grants

- **Public Health Grand Rounds On Demand**: monthly webcast to foster discussion on major public health issues; each session focuses on a specific health topic and explores cutting-edge scientific evidence and interventions (CE credits available).
- **Public Health 101**: courses about the fundamentals of public health: epidemiology, informatics, surveillance, health economics, laboratory science, and more
- **Public Health Law Academy**: free online trainings that provide an understanding of the basics of our legal system and the use of law and policy for improving population health outcomes
- **CDC's Division of Scientific Education and Professional Development**: support and services for state and local health departments
- **Fellowships, Internships, and Learning Opportunities:** comprehensive list of CDC opportunities
- **The Public Health Associate Program (PHAP):** a competitive, two-year, paid CDC training program. PHAP associates are assigned to public health agencies and organizations in the United States and US territories, where they gain hands-on experience for a career in public health.

CDC **Fluoridation Learning Online** (FLO) is a free resource designed to build the capability of state fluoridation programs, and to help increase knowledge and refine skills to implement and maintain community water fluoridation.

Health Resources and Services Administration Training Centers: includes links to many resources including each Regional Training Center and:

- **Health Center Resource Clearinghouse:** online "one-stop shop" where health center staff can access a vast collection of training and technical assistance resources and promising practices to support their staff
- **MCH Navigator:** learning portal for maternal and child health professionals, students, and others working to improve the health and well-being of women, children, and families.
- **National Maternal and Child Center for Oral Health Systems Integration and Improvement:** provides technical assistance and training to state Title V MCH Block Grant programs and oral health Special Projects of Regional and National Significance
- **National MCH Workforce Development Center:** advances workforce development for State Title V program leaders and staff to meet current public health MCH policy and programmatic imperatives around health transformation and other issues
- **Partnership for State Title V Leadership:** develops, implements, and sustains State Title V public health programs and a comprehensive system of care to improve the health of the MCH population
- **Training and TA Hubs:** for specific focus areas, e.g., behavioral health, social determinants of health, telehealth
  - **Oral Health Training and TA Hub**
  - **MCH Oral Health Resource Center:** national center serving the maternal and child health community with high-quality oral health technical assistance and resources

National Center for Health Statistics: NCHS provides informational webinars and a variety of data, tools, and publications.

Office of Minority Health: **Cultural Competency Program for Oral Health Professionals e-learning** **consists of three courses. The information also is available as a small group learning activity.** When you complete the entire e-learning program, **you are eligible to become a Small Group Learning Facilitator.**

Other National Resources

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health: national nonprofit that has **webinars** on several topics.

National AHEC Organization: represents a network of more than 300 AHEC program offices and centers that serve more than 85% of United States counties. The purpose of the AHEC program is to meet the needs of the communities they serve through robust community-academic partnerships, with a focus on exposure, education, and training of the current and future health care workforce. AHECs focus on pre-college students, health professions students, health professionals, and communities through various education and training opportunities. Check out the AHEC opportunities in your area.

National Network of Public Health Institutes: as the **National Coordinating Center for Public Health Training** (NCCPHT), the National Network of Public Health Institutes is a collaborative leader and facilitator of the **Public Health Learning Network (PHLN)**, the nation's most comprehensive system of public health educators, experts, and thought leaders. Together with partners in the PHLN, the **Regional Public Health Training Centers** aim to advance public health practice and improve population health in the United States.

Public Health Foundation: an independent, non-membership, private, non-profit organization improves public health and population health practice to support healthier communities. Since 1970, PHF has developed effective resources, tools, information, and training for health agencies, organizations, and individuals to help improve performance and community health outcomes. PHF works extensively to convene stakeholders, identify unmet needs, and link academia, public health practice, and healthcare sectors.

- **TRAIN Learning Network:** provides training and other learning opportunities to public health, healthcare, behavioral health, preparedness, and other health professionals. TRAIN houses thousands of onsite training and distance learning public health courses offered by 3,000 providers. Focus areas include performance management, quality improvement and workforce development
- **Learning Resource Center**: PHF's online store distributes more than 300 resources providing public health professionals with essential information; quality and affordable materials; one-stop shopping; fast delivery; online ordering on a user-friendly, secure website; multiple toll-free phone lines; and excellent customer service.
- **Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals:** consensus-developed competencies used widely by thousands of agencies and universities to train their workforce; these are much more general than the ASTDD Competencies.
- **Resources and Tools**: search by format or topic.

The Evaluators' Institute: TEI is a provider of professional training and certificates in evaluation. They have a variety of evaluation course offerings and certificates.

Regional or state/territorial resources for professional development (customize for your program)