



This is a critical time for public health and understanding how to leverage law and policy to not only ensure the continuation of the progress we have made, but also to advance the work we remain committed to is more important than ever. Join us September 16 - 18, 2025 to learn, connect, collaborate, and advocate to protect the health of our communities. [Learn more and register.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



Home Cooling Policies Can Combat Health Impacts of Extreme Heat, But Should Be Paired with Strategies to Reduce Unintended Consequences

Local governments are developing law and policy solutions to help protect individuals from extreme heat at home. This is particularly important as extreme heat at home can have harmful effects for a wide range of populations, including workers that have been exposed to extreme heat at work, pregnant people, young people, aging populations, and people with certain medical conditions.

Resources



Law and Policy Pathways: Community Adaptation to Climate Change

Community adaptation to climate change involves law and policy efforts in several areas, including housing and the built environment; clean energy; green transportation; emergency preparedness and response; and the natural environment. This

resource outlines law and policy pathways to addressing the impacts of climate change and creating climate resilient communities.



The Positive Impact of Doula Care and State Regulation of Doulas and Doula Care

Fewer than 10 percent of births in the United States involve a doula. Increasing access to safe and effective doula care could decrease the high maternal morbidity and mortality rate in the U.S. This issue brief examines the role of doulas, state regulation of doulas, and how to expand doula care access and coverage through policy.

Webinar



Unpacking Racial and Health Equity Impact Assessments: Legislation, Tools, and Strategies for Community-Centered Change

TODAY March 20, 2025 | 12 – 1:30 p.m. CT

Join the Network, the Public Health Law Center, and other partners for a two-part webinar series focused on the design and implementation of racial and health equity impact assessment (R/HEIA) laws across the U.S. Gain valuable insights, tools, and recommendations for the design and use of R/HEIAs to create more equitable health outcomes in communities.

Worth Sharing

Laws Governing Minors' Legal Capacity to Consent to Sexual Health Services

This new dataset from The Center for Public Health Law Research captures more than 170 years of U.S. state laws governing minors' legal capacity to independently consent to sexual health services without the involvement of their parent or guardian. The dataset includes state laws from 1849 through 2021 that regulate minors' legal capacity to independently consent to several specific categories of care and is the largest longitudinal dataset of its kind to date.

Job Opportunities

Director, Health Equity - Remote

The Network is seeking a Director to oversee its Health Equity Team, which is committed to

advancing health and social justice in communities by using law and policy to improve health outcomes for traditionally under-resourced communities and populations. The Health Equity Director will oversee and manage the team's day to day operations, strategic planning, outreach efforts, capacity building, legal technical assistance, trainings and presentations, and resource development activities.

Fund Development Consultant

The Network requests proposals for a Fund Development Consultant to help us create a multi-year fund development and implementation plan for our organization and provide hands-on support for our philanthropic and other fundraising efforts. We are seeking a highly experienced fundraising consultant to help us refine our strategy, develop and implement a fundraising plan, and expand our prospect list with the goal of raising new philanthropic funds, and diversifying our funding sources over five years. [View and download the full RFP.](#)

Tell Us What You're Working On. We're Ready to Help.

Our law and policy experts can help you identify the key considerations central to your unique challenges and provide law and policy pathways you can leverage to make a difference.



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Thank you!

Your interest in the work of the Network is important. Together, we can advance law as a tool to improve public health. **Please forward the Network Report and encourage others to [join the Network!](#)**

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