



Join us September 16 - 18, 2025 to learn, connect, collaborate, and advocate. More than 40 sessions will cover topics essential to protecting the health of our communities. 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. [View the sessions and register.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



Child Abuse Prevention Month: Communities Effectively Use Federal Funding to Protect Children

Children and families across the country have been served well by more than 50 years of federal engagement on and funding of efforts to prevent child maltreatment. This April, advocates hope not just for the annual declaration of Child Abuse Prevention Month but also the explicit protection of federal funding that supports vital, evidence-based programs.



Updates to HHS Restructuring and Funding Cuts: Impact on State and Local Public Health

As a result of federal grant claw backs, state and local public health agencies have halted work and initiated layoffs on projects which utilized those federal funds, including infectious disease prevention and surveillance, vaccination programs, outbreak responses, community health workers, and health disparities programs.

Resources



Delaware Public Health Authority

This resource provides an explanation of the source and breadth of public health authority granted to the Deputy Health Officers and local Boards of Health in Delaware. It also provides information that can help inform and educate state and local decisionmakers on the meaning and complexities of public health authority, including the extensive limitations that restrict existing public health authority.



2021-2022 Racial Equity Dataset: A Searchable Collection of Laws Related to Racial Equity

In the wake of the renewed racial justice movement in 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic, many jurisdictions across the country enacted laws to address health disparities and advance racial equity, while others enacted laws that may impede these goals. This searchable database features the laws that were enacted, and that were still in effect on December 31, 2022, and provides insights into the legislative efforts shaping public health and racial equity across the nation.

Webinar



Public Health Under the New Administration: Examining State and Local Authority to Regulate Raw Milk, Water Fluoridation, and School-Entry Vaccines

April 17, 2025 | 12 – 1:30 p.m. CT

Join us April 17 at 12:00 CT for a webinar focused on three important public health issues on which federal, state, and local regulation are intertwined and that may be subject to change based on representations from federal officials under the new federal administration.

Worth Sharing

Exploring the Impact and Challenges of R/HEIA Implementation: Stories and Insights from State and Municipal Staff

May 15 12:00 PM CT

Join the Network for Public Health Law, the Public Health Law Center, and other partners for a

webinar focused on the challenges and opportunities encountered when putting Racial and Health Equity Impact Assessments into practice. State-level and municipal-level examples will include situations in which R/HEIA's influenced the legislative process, lessons learned, best practices, and practical insights for other jurisdictions looking to implement similar processes.

Worth Sharing

NALBOH 2025 *Virtual Governance Symposium*

Wednesdays, April 16-May 14 10:00 AM or 2:00 PM CT

The National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) annual symposium provides education and resources, along with opportunities for board members and other public health partners to network and share their experiences. Sessions will focus on the six governance functions (with emphasis on board of health resources) and will include real-world examples and more.

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.

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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