

2025

**PUBLIC HEALTH LAW
CONFERENCE**

September 16-18, 2025
Hyatt Regency
Lake Washington, Seattle Southport
Seattle, WA



**PRECONFERENCE
WORKSHOPS**

**Focused sessions on best
practices, tools, and resources.**

Add preconference workshops to your registration and plan to attend one or more of the following workshops: *Best Practices for State and Federal Agencies in the Exchange and Protection of Tribal Data*; *No One Left Behind: People Who Use Drugs and Public Health Protections*; *Reproductive Health Care: Anticipated Changes and Potential Impacts Under the New Administration*; *Public Health Career Planning: Insights for Student and Early Career Professionals*. [Learn more and register.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



We're Listening: Join the Network's Focus Groups and Help Shape Support for Public Health in Turbulent Times

Public health is facing complex challenges, and the Network is rethinking how we can best support the field. We're hosting focus groups and interviews to hear directly from you, our partners in public health. Join us (virtually or in person) to share your perspective and receive a \$25 gift card for your time. Spots are limited. [Learn more.](#)

Resources



States Provide Education, Training, Technical Assistance, and Workforce Development on Energy Efficient Heat Pumps

Heat pumps are more versatile and effective than they were decades ago, and release far fewer harmful substances into the air than standard heating and cooling systems. Yet outdated information based upon previous limitations of heat pumps still influences their use. Even in an environment where federal funding is uncertain, states can take substantial steps forward to protect health by encouraging the use of heat pumps.



Types of Legal and Policy Tools to Protect Community Health at the Local Level

Knowledge of legal and policy tools that may be used to advance public health at the local level can increase the effectiveness of public health practitioners and community advocates in bringing about lasting systems change. This fact sheet describes a number of legal and policy tools commonly used at the local level, together with one or more examples of how they might be used to advance public health and health equity.

Webinar Recording



Advancing the Social Determinants of Health—The Private Sector Community Benefits Movement

This webinar, held on May 15, discussed the growing community benefits movement, how it connects to public health, and how it has already helped to advance the social determinants of health. View the webinar recording [here](#).

Announcements

Legal Advocates for Harm Reduction Convening

September 19th, Seattle, Washington

Join the Legal Advocates for Harm Reduction for a special in-person convening following the conclusion of the [2025 Public Health Law Conference](#). Legal Advocates for Harm Reduction is a group of attorneys, legal professionals, and other advocates committed to harm reductionist principles and using the law to help harm reduction programs and people who use drugs. The convening is designed to build relationships and a legal workforce better equipped to respond to legal issues facing harm reduction programs and their clients, staff, and allies. The convening is free

but registration is required. [Learn more and register](#).

Worth Sharing

Legal Barriers to Safer Smoking Supplies Cause Harm and Should Be Removed

The Network's Harm Reduction Legal Project Director, Corey Davis, J.D., and Deputy Director, Amy Lieberman, J.D., are among the authors of the article, *Legal Barriers to Safer Smoking Supplies Cause Harm and Should be Removed*, in the *Milbank Quarterly*. The article discusses the pronounced shift from injecting to smoking drugs in the United States and the potential this has for reducing the many harms associated with illicit drug use.

Act for Public Health Briefing: The Courts

In this fifth in a series of Briefings from Act for Public Health, of which the Network is a partner, Wendy E. Parmet, professor of law at Northeastern University School of Law and faculty director of the Center for Health Policy and Law, and Thomas Pryor, lead senior staff attorney at the Public Health Law Center at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, discussed several recent Supreme Court cases that have important ramifications for public health, as well as ongoing litigation relating to executive branch actions. They also suggest how listeners can keep abreast of public health litigation and how they can respond to legal threats to public health. You can view the recording [here](#) and learn more about the Act for Public Health Briefings [here](#).

NALBOH Annual Conference

October 6-8 Savannah, Georgia

The National Association of Local Boards of Health annual conference draws health officers and other public health professionals from around the country to learn from one another, develop partnerships and share solutions for issues affecting state and local communities. **Early bird registration ends August 6.**

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

Network attorneys can provide consultation and guidance to:

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ASSISTANCE**

- Identify the ways in which laws and policies may or may not impact a particular project or community; or the potential impact on different populations within a community.
- Provide examples of and compare public health laws or policy strategies from other jurisdictions.

- Analyze the legal authority to implement a policy or law, or reforms.
- Apply equity tools to laws and policies.

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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