



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. [View the resource.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



Access to Safer Drug Use Supplies Has Improved, But More Reform is Needed

Paraphernalia laws, which prohibit or restrict the possession or distribution of safer drug use supplies (such as syringes, pipes, and drug checking equipment) increase health harms and make communities less safe. While states have generally been moving in

the direction of reforming paraphernalia laws in order to remove barriers to safer use supplies, our research shows that there is much work to be done.

Resources



[Housing Availability and Affordability Toolkit](#)

Nearly half of U.S. households cannot afford their rent, home prices have been skyrocketing in recent years, and government-subsidized programs for affordable housing are unable to meet current needs. This collection includes resources that explore program and policy approaches for all levels of government, public health advocates, non-profit organizations, and others, to improve housing affordability and availability and thereby improve the health and wellbeing of families in their communities and across the country.

Webinar Recording



[The Public Health Impacts of the 2025 Executive Orders: An Overview of the Network's Executive Order Tracker](#)

This webinar, held on March 26, provided a review of the Network's new resource, [Executive Order Watch: Public Health Impact of the 2025 Federal Executive Orders](#), which tracks the 2025 executive orders and related actions in areas including equity, reproductive health, the Federal MAHA initiative, immigration, and voting. View the recording [here](#).

Announcements

[Join the Conversation: Take Our Three-Question Survey](#)

In 2025, the Network commissioned Frey Evaluation, LLC to conduct focus groups to learn how the needs of those in the field have changed in light of the current climate and how the Network can respond to help meet those needs. We recently reported on the results of those [focus groups](#) and we are moving forward based on the recommendations that resulted from our conversations with those on the front lines of public health. We invite you to [take our brief survey](#), which will help us determine how best to develop, structure, and provide new opportunities for learning, support, and connection.

Worth Sharing

3rd National Conference on American Indian and Alaska Native Injury & Violence Prevention

July 15-17, 2026 Green Bay, Wisconsin

The 3rd National Conference on American Indian and Alaska Native Injury & Violence Prevention brings together Tribal, Urban Indian, federal, state, and community representatives to strengthen injury and violence prevention efforts through the sharing of practical strategies, promising practices, and lessons learned. Grounded in the theme Journey Forward: Protecting Our People, Advancing Our Nations, the conference honors the strength, resilience, and leadership of Tribal communities while creating space to reflect, learn, and move prevention efforts forward together.

Call for Presentations: 2026 NALBOH Annual Conference

The National Association of Local Boards of Health invites presenters and trainers to submit proposals for their October 2026 Annual Conference, focused on equipping boards of health with the knowledge, tools, and confidence needed to lead effectively. They are seeking presentations that will empower board members to better understand their responsibilities, navigate complex public health challenges, and serve as strong partners to their local health departments. By sharing your expertise, you will help strengthen the leadership and impact of boards of health across the country—ensuring they are well prepared to guide local public health systems and advance healthier communities.

Call for Abstracts - "Ways of Knowing: Transforming the Health Science Knowledge Systems to Advance Health Equity"

The *American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)* is partnering with Evidence for Action and Partners for Advancing Health Equity on a special supplement that is intended as a call to action to transform the health science knowledge to advance health equity and health justice. The AJPH is seeking scholarly scientific contributions that offer concrete steps, practical frameworks, and real-world examples for building a more inclusive and holistic health science knowledge system that values experiential, cultural, and community experience, and shifts understanding of knowledge creation. The deadline for submissions is April 8, 2026.

Tell Us What You're Working On.

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Network attorneys can provide consultation and guidance to:

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- 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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