



Making Polluters Pay: Financial Accountability for the Public Health Impacts of Climate Change

Thursday, June 23, 2026 | 12:00 – 1:30 CT

Join the Network, APHA, Health in Partnership, Health Resources in Action, Public Health for Community Power Coalition and the Prevention Institute for this webinar to learn about the current wave of climate-related policies and lawsuits designed to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for the public health costs of climate change. [Learn more and register.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



The Network's Racial Health Equity Legal and Policy Cohort: Using Law and Policy to Address Structural Racism

The Network's Racial Health Equity Cohort has provided guidance to dozens of organizations on the use of law and policy to advance their equity-centered projects and initiatives. It can be intimidating

for non-lawyers to use law and policy. We help remove such barriers by creating resources that make law accessible and by providing consistent access to legal and policy public health experts. The next cohort begins in September 2026 and runs through April 2027. The deadline for applying is Friday, June 26 at 5 p.m. CT.



Opportunities and Legal Considerations for Data Modernization Through the Rural Health Transformation Program

The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), a federal grant initiative authorized in 2025, provides an opportunity for states to invest in data modernization to improve access to health care and public health services. States and rural health care providers modernizing data systems will need to ensure compliance with applicable information sharing and privacy requirements. Grounding data modernization in clear legal frameworks and strong data governance will reduce legal risk, protect privacy, foster transparency, and promote effective data exchange.

Resources



Eight Policies that Promote Health and Health Equity for People in Carceral Facilities

People who are incarcerated are our community members both when they are incarcerated and when they return to our neighborhoods. Laws and policies that impact the health of people who are incarcerated can address many of the same issues faced in the community and can work to reduce health inequities. This policy brief explains eight legal levers that have been adopted to improve health outcomes for people who are incarcerated.

Webinar



Public Health in Pursuit of Voting Rights for All

Thursday, July 9, 2026 | 12:30 – 2 CT / 1:30 – 3 ET

Attend this webinar to hear from the Southern Poverty Law Center and Institute for Responsive Government about voting rights and public health. The Southern Poverty Law Center will unpack what the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Louisiana v. Callais* means for voting rights, the public's health, and public health. Speakers will

discuss the connections between health and democracy—for individuals, communities, and the public health system—and identify ways for public health to join the voting rights movement to increase civic and voter participation.

Announcements

Racial Health Equity Legal and Policy Cohort Call for Applications

Submission Deadline: Friday, June 26, 2026, at 5pm CT

The Network's Racial Health Equity Legal and Policy Cohort (RHE Cohort) helps participants strengthen strategies, navigate complex legal landscapes, and build durable, equity-centered solutions that serve communities most impacted by structural racism. The Network invites public health and community-based organizations working on projects or issues that prioritize racial health equity to apply for participation in the program. There is no cost to apply or to participate if selected.

Worth Sharing

The Data Revolution and Population Health: Tech Tools, Cross-Sector Data, and Community Expertise--A Workshop

June 25, 2026, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Join the Roundtable on Population Health Improvement of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a day-long hybrid workshop exploring this timely topic, including issues of data governance, working with cross-sector data sets, navigating the promise and perils of emerging technology, and centering the needs and expertise of diverse communities. Network Deputy Director—Mid-States Region, Meghan Mead, J.D., will be part of the panel discussion on Emerging Data Sources to Inform Public Health.

Tell Us What You're Working On.

We're Ready to Help.

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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