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Welcome

The Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC) is a consortium of five school partners – four California Schools of Public Health (Loma Linda University, San Diego State University, University of California Berkeley, and University of California Los Angeles) and the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s Office of Public Health Studies – established to serve the public health workforce in the states of California, Hawaii, Utah, Nevada, and the U.S. Associated Pacific Islands. It is in its eighth year of operation. PPHTC’s mission is to identify, develop, deliver, and support competency-based workforce development opportunities that address public health needs consistent with Healthy People 2010 objectives. This serves PPHTC’s goal to maintain a skilled public health workforce that supports and enhances individual and community health needs in the center’s vast region.

The Pacific Public Health Training Center recently wrapped up its Annual Report for the 2007-08 calendar year. We’re happy to share our report highlights:

PPHTC at a Glance (Project Year 2007-08):

Number of Trainings: 112

Number of People Trained: 6094

Trainees’ primary place of

employment:

17% county health department

11% state health department

Occupation Classification:

43% Health Promotion and Education

PPHTC Training Growth Between 2005-06 and 2007-08

	# Trained	# of Trainings	Hours of Unique Training Instruction	Total Contact Hours
2005-06	2107	48	190	10998
2006-07	3567	84	364	20338
2007-08	6094	112	388	24812
Increase from 06-07 to 07-08:	71%	33%	7%	22%
Increase from 05-06 to 07-08:	189%	133%	104%	126%

Data from PPHTC’s reporting periods March 15, 2005 – March 14, 2006, March 15, 2006 – March 14, 2007 and March 15, 2007 – March 14, 2008.

PPHTC Stories of Impact:

1. **Reducing health disparities through cross-disciplinary initiatives**, including the “Isms Initiative,” launched in Northern California to build multi-culturally competent workforce settings by addressing work “isms,” including racism, sexism, ageism and classism. Over 350 people, including hospital, health department, and community clinic professionals have participated since 2006. For more information [VISIT ONLINE>>](#)
2. **Enhancing public health nursing practice**, through Utah’s first statewide public health nursing training created to help urban, rural, and frontier-based nurses understand the role of public health and importance of community in their practice. Over 51% (180) of Utah’s nursing workforce attended this training, which will be available at the [PPHTC website](#) in Spring 2008.
3. **Building capacity among native american tribes**, through Geographic Information System (GIS) trainings. Over 100 Southern California and New Mexico professionals have been taught to use handheld devices to map abandoned mines, water, and utilities adjacent to or on their property, allowing them to address environmental conditions potentially impacting their communities.
4. **Bringing public health strategies to elementary school nurses and teachers of native Hawaiian children** through Fun Five, a health promotion, physical activity, and nutrition campaign for elementary schools. Over 760 people attended.
5. **Strengthening California’s retail food industry workforce** through certification trainings. A DVD providing trainings required for all employees working in San Bernardino County’s food industry was distributed to 6,100 food establishments that employ an estimated 150,000 individuals.
6. **Increasing graduate public health education of underrepresented groups**, via “The Public Health Profession: Making A Difference in the 21st Century” workshops taking place in Northern, Central, and Southern California Winter-Spring 2008 (Fresno’s will occur on April 12, 2008. Visit the [event website](#).) These events include outreach to undergraduate students from disadvantaged populations underrepresented in the public health workforce and sorely needed to serve today’s ethnically rich communities. Over 400 students are expected to participate in these events.

Other Year Highlights:

1. PPHTC [Management Team](#) Shifts:
 1. After five years, professional responsibilities caused Dr. Mike Prelip to step away as PPHTC’s Principal Investigator in August 2007. **Dr. Kimberley Shoaf**, UCLA Associate Professor In-Residence and Associate Director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters, took over these Principal Investigator responsibilities for the project, and Dr. Prelip remains on the PPHTC management team.
 2. Loma Linda University’s (LLU) Dr. Dave Dyjack left the PPHTC management team to become the Dean of LLU’s School of Public Health. **Jesse Bliss**, Director of LLU’s Office of Public Health Practice, is now the school’s PPHTC managing partner.
 3. PPHTC’s partnership with the University of Hawaii Manoa shifted out of its School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene

and into its Office of Public Health Studies, Department of Public Health Sciences. We're happy to have **Dr.**

Valerie Yontz, Associate Specialist and Practice Coordinator, as our new UH PPHTC Managing Partner. We wish John Casken good luck and good health, and thank him for his time with the PPHTC.

2. PPHTC enjoyed unprecedented contact with the Hawaiian and U.S. Associated Pacific Islands public health workforce via four Hawaii Department of Health trainings and six sessions at the Pacific Global Health Conference in June 2007.

[Downloads](#) of these presentations and trainings are available on the [PPHTC website](#).

3. PPHTC debuted its [podcast series](#), which now includes discussions on:
 1. Health Disparities
 2. Obesity and Overweight
 3. Senior Safety and Older Adults Falls
 4. Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Disease (**new!**)
 5. Preparing for Disasters and Emergencies (**new!**)
 6. Improving Cultural Competence in Public Health (**new!**)

NEWS

PPHTC News

Dean's Seminar: Designs for Health

Designs for Health provides a fresh examination of the science and art of contemporary public health practice. Our aim is to provide you each week with 30 minutes of intellectually stimulating content that you can conveniently access in person, from your television (LLBN), or via the computer. For more information and full menu of subjects and presenters [VISIT ONLINE>>](#)

UCLA School of Public Health: Special Event for Public Health Week.

UCLA School of Public Health is hosting a special event for the upcoming Public Health Week. From Monday April 7th through Wednesday April 9th they are hosting a series of speakers and public health related special activities at the UCLA School of Public Health.

This is a unique collaboration between students and faculty and is a great opportunity for students from all areas to learn more about the field of public health.

For more information [VISIT ONLINE>>](#)

Public Health News

ASPH Public Health Workforce Shortage Assessment Receives Media Coverage

According to an ASPH assessment over 250,000 additional public health workers are needed by 2020 to avert a public health

crisis. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

Public Access Mandate Made Law

Washington, D.C. – December 26, 2007 – President Bush has signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2007 (H. R. 2764), which includes a provision directing the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to provide the public with open online access to findings from its funded research. This is the first time the U.S. government has mandated public access to research funded by a major agency. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

Health People 2020

Regional Meetings

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is convening five regional meetings to discuss the development of the framework for Healthy People 2020, the national health goals for the next decade. A sixth meeting is planned in the Washington, DC area (Bethesda, MD) to gain input from national organizations and other interested groups and individuals.

March 17, 2008

Atlanta, GA

Regions III and IV

April 1, 2008

San Francisco, CA

Regions IX and X

April 14, 2008

Fort Worth, TX

Regions VI and VII

April 30, 2008

Chicago, IL

Regions V and VIII

May 14, 2008

New York, NY

Regions I and II

May 28, 2008

Bethesda, MD

DC area Healthy People Stakeholder Meeting

For more information and registration for each of these meetings please [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

NLM and ORWH Announce New NIH Web Site Source for Women's Health Research Information

A new web resource providing consumers with the latest information on significant topics in women's health research from scientific journals and other peer-reviewed sources is now available through the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The NLM, of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), through its Division of Specialized Information Services, Office of Outreach and Special Populations has partnered with the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) to create this one-stop resource. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

KIDNEY CANCER

A UCLA study linking a surgeon's skills and preferences to treatment choices for kidney cancer over clinical factors, such as tumor size or the patient's general health, was reported March 10 by HealthDay News and MedPage and March 13 by Ivanhoe Medical News. Dr. David Miller, Clinical Instructor of Urology, was interviewed. The study appeared in the March 10 online edition of Cancer. The HealthDay report was carried by CBC News (Canada) and websites for Forbes and U.S. News & World Report. The study data was taken from Urologic Diseases in America, a national report on the impact of urologic diseases, edited by Dr. Mark Litwin, Professor of Health Services in the School of Public Health and Urology, and Dr. Christopher Saigal, Associate Professor of Urology. Both are researchers with the Jonsson Cancer Center.

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FEDERAL POVERTY

The March 9 Los Angeles Daily News featured Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the UCLA School of Public Health, and his research finding that federal poverty guidelines for senior citizens - the threshold for federal assistance in housing and income - is too low by half and varies widely by county in California. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

NUTRITION

The March 10 Los Angeles Times ran a column by Susan Bowerman, assistant director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, on the nutritional benefits of seaweed. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

Deconstructing the Diets

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, was one of several clinicians who chose diet books for a March 10 review in the Los Angeles Times.

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EVENTS

PPHTC Training

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH)

PPHTC is collaborating with the Health Education Administration offices of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) to bring three Spring-Summer trainings to LADPH Health Educators and other county public health professionals:

(1) March 25, 2008: "Get It Published II: Conference to Press!" is the second part of a popular "How to Get Published" training that was presented to LADPH professionals in August 2008. This interactive full-day event will provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to publish and present their work. Dr. Michele Wood, who has a publication record including 28 journal articles and book chapters, will return to conduct this intermediate-level training.

(2) June 3, 2008: "Evaluation II" will guide participants through the successful construction of an evaluation survey tool. This will also be a hands-on, all-day event. It will be taught by PPHTC's Dr. Kim Shoaf, an expert in qualitative and quantitative methodologies for studying the social and health impacts of disasters as well as public health response to emergencies.

(3) August 5, 2008: "Time Management" will provide LADPH professionals with strategies and methods to better organize their individual and project-related time. Trainer Ms. Kamerman has over 15 years of experience in project management and administration; she received her M.S. in Applied Behavioral Science with concentrations in Organizational Development and Management from Johns Hopkins University, School of Professional Studies.

Please contact Girisha Colleary (gcolleary@ph.lacounty.gov) if you are interested in participating in these trainings.

Center for Public Health Practice

UC Berkeley

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Grants and Proposal Writing for the CDC and NIH

March 18, 2008

101 Barker, Berkeley Campus

4-6pm

Discover how to manage timing issues and learn proposal strategies for different funding agencies with a particular focus on CDC and NIH funding. Examine different types of grants available for biomedical researchers, the review process and scoring criteria. Learn how to integrate your scientific ideas into a fundable grant.

Knowing your Management Style

April 1, 2008

150 University Hall, Berkeley Campus

4-6pm

The role of the manager has evolved as organizations struggle with increased expectations and decreased resources. Responsibility for results is being placed on all members of the team. This workshop is geared towards people who may assume a supervisory or lead role in an organization or research office. Learn some of the traits and skills needed to assume these roles, both formally and informally, in multiple public health settings. Identify strategies for successfully interacting with those whose style is different from your own.

To register and for more information please contact Center for Public Health Practice, UC Berkeley at (510) 543-0970

Building Inclusive and Multi-Culturally Competent Health Organizations: A Healing Approach to Addressing the "-Isms"

April 24-25, 2008

This spring conference is our 5th event sponsored by the ISMs Initiative, a School of Public Health and community partnership to provide training, resources and models for addressing the "isms" in health organizations. For more information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

The Public Health Profession:

Making a difference in the 21st Century

CSU Fresno Dept of Health Science April 12, 2008

PPHTC For more information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Other Training Opportunities

NACCHO Webinar:

Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness

March 27, 2008 at 2:00 PM EDT, 1:00 PM CDT, 12:00 PM MDT, 11:00 AM PDT

Tools for Strengthening Legal Competencies on the Local Level. In this Webinar, the health officer of Santa Clara County, California, the legal counsel to the Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation, and Counsel Emeritus to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will describe plans for delivering the newly updated CDC courses "Forensic Epidemiology 3.0" and "Public Health Emergency Law 3.0". For more information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

AIHA's TeleWeb Virtual Seminars Learn Without Leaving Your Home or Office

TeleWeb Virtual Seminars are live continuing education events that enable attendees to participate from their own home or office. Courses are fully accredited and allow IHs and OEHS professionals to obtain CMs, CEUs and COCs on their own time in a comfortable atmosphere. TeleWebs are typically about two and a half hours long and are similar to conference calls, but with a radio talk-show feel. Presenters guide attendees through presentations, discuss topics, and answer questions directly, just as they would in a traditional live course.

The Value of Anthropometrics: How to Improve and Apply Respirator Fit Testing

March 20, 2008

2:00-4:30 p.m. ET

Introduction to Bayesian-Based Decision Making

April 17, 2008

2:00-4:30 p.m. ET

For more information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Conferences

17th Annual Global Health Education Consortium (GHEC)

Global Health Ethics and Human Rights – Practical Applications to Multicultural Health Issues at Home and Abroad

Sacramento Convention Center

Sacramento, CA

April 3-5, 2008

For more information and registration please

[CLICK HERE >>](#)

7th Annual Health Literacy Conference “Health Literacy in Primary Care: Best Practices and Skill Building”

May 1-2, 2008

Irvine, California

The 7th annual Health Literacy Conference will be hosted by the Institute for Healthcare Advancement at the Hyatt Regency Irvine in Irvine, California. The keynote speaker will be Richard H. Carmona, M.D., M.P.H, FACS the 17th Surgeon General of the United States (2002-2006). For more information and registration please

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ASPH Undergraduate Public Health Education Conference

May 19, 2008

For more information please visit and subscribe to the ASPH FRIDAY LETTER

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35th Annual International Conference Global Health

May 27-31, 2008

The 35th annual International Conference Global Health “Community Health, Delivering, Serving, Engaging, and Leading” will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. from May 27 to 31, 2008. For more information and registration please

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USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium

June 9-12, 2008

Tucson, Arizona

Join 3 1/2 days of general and tracked sessions focusing on effective strategies for addressing a broad-range of public health challenges including prevention, preparedness, cross-border issues, tribal health care, and much more. The Symposium will help you stay current on emerging preparedness challenges, such as pandemic flu, while also taking you back to basics with prevention and care strategies for fundamental public health concerns like infections. For more information and registration please [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

72nd Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition of National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

Tucson, Arizona

June 22-25, 2008

For more information and registration please

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

E-Learning

Free Online Intro to Public Health Courses by PPHTC

 Free public health courses are available online through PPHTC. Courses include Obesity and Overweight, Foodborne

Illness, and PH101 Principles of Public Health. To register and take these courses

[VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Big Cities Health Inventory, 2007: The Health of Urban USA

The Big Cities Health Inventory 2007: The Health of Urban USA provides city-to-city comparisons of leading measures of health, presenting a broad overview of the health of the 54 largest metropolitan areas in the U.S. Produced with funding from NACCHO's Metro Forum, this report is the fifth edition of a compendium of health status indicators designed to provide usable information for evidence-based decision making. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Informatics for the Public Health Workforce

As we come into the era of evidence based medicine, public health professionals are doing their part to transform public health into evidence-based public health. The MI-INFO (Michigan Informatics) website does a great job in introducing evidence-based public health. For more information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Online Course: Public Health Emergency Training (PHET)

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness announces the launch of the Public Health Emergency Training modules (UM PHET). UM PHET is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness. Each UM PHET module contributes to the development of a subset of the Bioterrorism/Emergency Readiness Competencies created by Columbia University and the CDC. These modules are free of charge. New modules are posted regularly, please visit the website on the regular basis. For more information [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Pacific EMPRINTS

Pacific EMPRINTS offers free online courses for healthcare professionals. For more information please

[VISIT ONLINE >>](#)


Public Health Reports Archives to 1878 Now Available on PubMed Central

The Journal, which dates back to 1878, is believed to be the oldest continuously published journal dedicated to public health in the country. The availability of the archives will provide an important resource to the public health community.

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Webcasts / Podcasts

PPHTC Podcasts Now Available

 The Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC) announces a new training opportunity on its website. Podcasts are

now available for online listening or for downloading to your MP3 player (e.g. iPod). New Podcasts include Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases, Preparing for Disasters and Emergencies and Improving Cultural Competence in Public Health.

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Public Health Training Network (PHTN) Web Cast Series

Upcoming Public Health Training Network (PHTN) distance learning opportunities sponsored by CDC and other PHTN partners are available. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

West Virginia University Office for Public Health Practice

The Department of Community Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine presents Public Health Grand Rounds on the third Wednesday of each month. The purpose of the grand rounds is to offer all faculty and students an opportunity to hear national public health leaders, faculty from Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and guests from state and local health departments. Podcast of current and past Grand Rounds can be found on the website. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

An Interactive Tool to Explore Data from the National Healthcare Disparities Report (NHDR)

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services now offers an interactive tool to explore Data from the National Healthcare Disparities Report. NHDRnet can be used to access data for quality of health care, access to health care, or for priority populations; display estimates based on race, ethnicity, income, or education and access and download individual tables from the NHDR Tables Appendix. For access to the Database please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Alabama Public Health Training Network (PHTN) Webcasts

Alabama Department of Public Health offers a variety of continuing education satellite conferences and live webcasts for the PHTN and the national public health workforce. Please visit the website for the latest webcast schedule. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Public Health Reports "Meet the Author! Web Casts"

On Monday, February 4, David Michaels, PhD, MPH, presented on "Beryllium: Why do OSHA Standards Remain in the Same, Even When the Science Changes?" Dr. Michaels is a Research Professor and the Acting Chairman of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. For more information about upcoming web casts, please click on the "Upcoming" link located on the left. Archives of previous web casts can be found in the "Archives" section. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) VideoCasting

National Institutes of Health offers variety of topics on webcast. For information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Certificates

Certificate in Emergency Preparedness and Response, Loma Linda University School of Public Health

Loma Linda University's Center for Public Health Preparedness has developed an Emergency Preparedness Graduate Certificate in partnership with the LLU School of Public Health's Global Health department. This is a practical, skills based certificate designed to prepare graduates to serve as preparedness coordinators and liaisons at county and local NGO levels. For more information, please call Dr. Ron Mataya at 909.558.4902

Certificate in Maternal and Child Health, University of Hawaii

The mission of the MCH Program is to improve the maternal and child health public health system by broadening the base of MCH leadership. For more information [READ ONLINE >>](#)

Internship Opportunities

Public Health Education & Training

The Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) is a three year, on-the-job national service and training program offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for master's level health professionals. The program focuses on public health program management and provides prevention specialists with experience in program planning, implementation, and evaluation through specialized hands-on training and mentorship at CDC and state and local health agencies. For more information [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

ASPH/NHTSA Injury Prevention and Traffic Safety Public Health Internship Program

A unique collaboration between the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is giving students/graduates of ASPH accredited schools of public health the knowledge to enhance their training in injury prevention and traffic safety. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

RESOURCES

Indian Health Services Environmental Health Support Center

The Environmental Health Support Center sponsors training courses on a wide variety of subjects related to the programs of the Indian Health Service's Office of Environmental Health and Engineering. Courses are advertised on a monthly basis by the IHS Area Training Coordinators. For more information visit the Environmental Health Support Center public Web site at www.opheng.ihs.gov

Community-Engaged Scholarship Toolkit for Health Professionals

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health has released the Community-Engaged Scholarship Toolkit, an online resource aimed at providing health professional faculty with a set of tools to carefully plan for and document their community-engaged scholarship and produce strong portfolios for promotion and tenure. The toolkit offers guidance, resources and successful examples of portfolio materials from faculty who have been promoted based on their community-engaged scholarship. The toolkit is available [ONLINE >>](#)

RESOURCES

Preventing Chronic Disease - Public Health Research, Practice, and Policy

Access the latest issue of Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) at www.cdc.gov/pcd where you will find downloadable articles and information on PCD.

Health United States, 2007

The National Center for Health Statistics, Health United States, 2007, chartbook is now accessible [ONLINE >>](#)

Disaster University-Santa Clara County(CA) Public Health Department

Santa Clara County Department of Public Health, Disaster University, offers opportunities to learn and practice response to public health emergencies and disasters. For more information on the courses offered please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Association of Schools of Public Health "Funding for Faculty"

ASPH has a great website with funding from both public and private sector that is regularly updated.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – Advancing Excellence in Health Care

The website announced by the HHS Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is a national "one-stop" portal for resources for improving patient safety and preventing medical errors. The site, AHRQ's Patient Safety Network, or PSNet, can be accessed [ONLINE >>](#)

Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce

This collaboration of U.S. government agencies, public health organizations and health science libraries works together to help the public health workforce find and use information effectively to improve and protect the public's health. For access to the resource please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

COMMENTS?

Send all queries and suggestions about the PPHTC newsletter to newsletter@pphtc.org

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