Learn about public health

http://www.whatispublichealth.org/

National Association of County and City Health Officials http://www.naccho.org/

Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce http://phpartners.org/

1. Learn about the credentials that public health practitioners seek

CHES (National Commission for Health Education)

MCHES (Master Certified Health Education Specialist)

REHS/RS (Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian)

CIOWTS (Certified Installer of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems)

HHS (Health and Human Services)

CP-FS (Certified Professional - Food Safety)

CEHT (Certified Environmental Health Technician)

RET (Registered Environmental Technician)

RHSP (Registered Hazardous Substances Professional)

RHSS (Registered Hazardous Substances Specialist)

2. Learn about organizations who offer credentials to public health practitioners

CHES and MCHES: National Commission for Health Education Credentialing http://www.nchec.org/

REHS/RS, CIOWTS, HHS, CP-FS, CEHT, RET, RHSP, RHSS: National Environmental Health Association http://www.neha.org/index.shtml

3. Locate single-and multiple-event providing organizations in your area that provide CEs for public health practitioners

Build relationships with public health practitioners

4. Make new friends...

Visit your local health department

Local Health Department State Listings http://www.naccho.org/about/LHD/state.cfm?adr_state=WA

Join your local American Public Health Association State Affiliate (Region VIII or X) h8tp://www.apha.org/membergroups/states/StateRegPHA/default.htm

Join the MLA Public Health/Health Administration Section http://www.phha.mlanet.org/blog/

5. Join public health-oriented listservs

CBPR -- Community-Based Participatory Research https://mailman2.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/cbpr

Bringing Health Information to the Community http://nnlm.gov/bhic/

Spiritof1848

http://www.spiritof1848.org/listserv.htm

6. Participate in community health fairs

7. Exhibit at a state public health association meeting

Washington State Public Health Association http://www.wspha.org/

8. Network through LinkedIn and Facebook

LinkedIn Groups: APHA (American Public Health Association), NACCHO (National Association of County and City Health Officials)

Facebook: APHA, UW SPH (University of Washington School of Public Health)

9. Volunteer at agencies who may have partnerships with your local health department

Washington Alliance for School Health Care http://schoolhealthcare.org/

- 10. Buy lunch for your local health jurisdiction management team
- 11. Write an article for your public health department newsletter, or a PH profession newsletter
- 12. Create a partnership and apply for a NNLM/PRR award!

Regional Medical Library PNR Funding | http://nnlm.gov/pnr/funding/

- 13. Participate in Blogs and get the word out about librarians and Public Health... http://mastersinhealthscience.com/2010/top-50-public-health-blogs/
- 14. **Network with your nearest School of Public Health** http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=200

Find ways to link your organization and theirs

15. Create presentations on topics of interest to your new friends

Health Literacy, Cultural Competency, Knowledge Management...

16. Offer to teach a course for/with organizations which offer CEs for public health practitioners (un-confirmed as CHES providers):

Society Of Public Health Education (SOPHE) Pacific NW Chapter http://sophe.sophe.org/chapters_sophe_list.asp

Northwest Center for Public Health Practice http://www.nwcphp.org/

Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program http://www.nationalahec.org/about/AboutUs.html

Public Health Improvement Partnership (PHIP)

http://www.doh.wa.gov/PublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/PublicHealthSystemResourcesandServices/PublicHealthImprovementPartnershipPHIP.aspx

- 17. Watch for articles in your local newspaper about public health activities/interventions as a way of targeting you proposal
- 18. Promote NLM databases and educational resources...

NLM Educational Products and Print Materials for the Pacific Northwest Region http://nnlm.gov/pnr/services/promo.html

National Library of Medicine Specialized Information Services http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/

19. Connect with other librarians who work in or with Public Health...

MLA Public Health/Health Administration Section http://www.phha.mlanet.org/blog/

List of Public Health Libraries
http://phha.mlanet.org/activities/phlibraries.html

20. Let's keep this list going...