



MCH TRAINING PROGRAM: SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DIVISION OF RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BUREAU OF THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

◇ Background

Initiated to help establish an MCH concentration within schools of public health, the MCH School of Public Health programs were the first long term training programs funded by the Children's Bureau—the forerunner of today's MCHB—beginning in 1947. The program continues to support the development of a workforce that is knowledgeable about public health principles that focus on children and families.

All MCH training programs aim to promote comprehensive, coordinated, family centered, and culturally sensitive systems of health care that serve the diverse needs of all families within their communities. ◇

◇ Purpose

The purpose of the MCH SPH programs is to improve the health status of women (including women of reproductive age), infants, children, youth, and their families. Administered within accredited schools of public health, these programs support the training of public health professionals for leadership in MCH through exposure to MCH competencies. Students are expected to exceed the established standards of proficiency in their fields of interest upon completion of their program. ◇

◇ SPH Graduate Attributes

1. Demonstrate the attainment of MCH leadership competencies.
2. Incorporate the public health principles of health promotion/disease prevention into professional activities.
3. Demonstrate understanding of public and private systems of care.
4. Demonstrate administrative management, and strategic planning.
5. Participate in advocacy and legislative processes.
6. Apply principles of coordinated, family-centered care to practice.
7. Apply principles of culturally competent care to practice.
8. Establish and maintain community based linkages.
9. Apply interdisciplinary team skills.
10. Demonstrate effective education and communication skills.
11. Utilize information resources and technology.

The **SPH Leadership Competencies and Outcome Measures** were collaboratively developed and are used primarily to evaluate the leadership attributes of SPH training program graduates, although they are used for programmatic and faculty leadership evaluation as well. ◇

◇ Program Profile

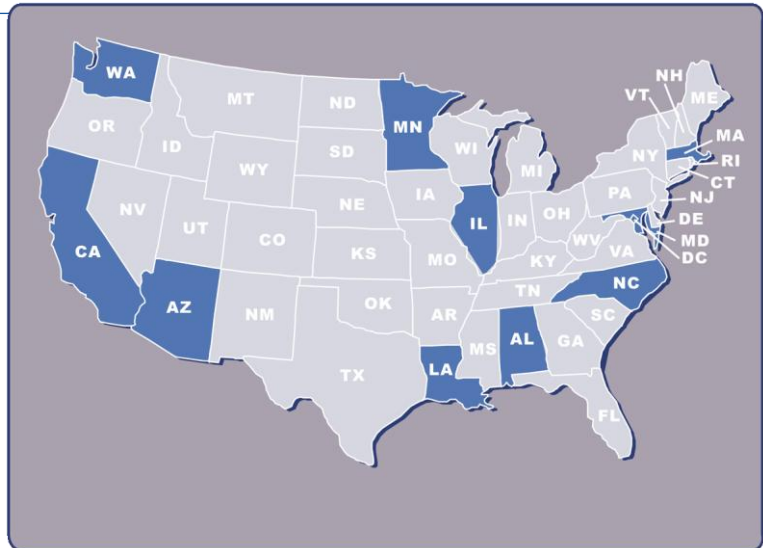
In FY 2009, MCHB funded 12 SPH programs with annual grant awards totaling about \$4.1 million. The next competition for SPH grants is in FY 2010.



◆ Program Locations

- ◆ **Alabama**
School of Public Health
University of Alabama at Birmingham
- ◆ **Arizona**
College of Public Health
University of Arizona, Tucson*
- ◆ **California**
School of Public Health
University of California at Berkeley

School of Public Health
University of California at Los Angeles
- ◆ **Illinois**
School of Public Health
University of Illinois at Chicago
- ◆ **Louisiana**
School of Public Health
Tulane University, New Orleans
- ◆ **Maryland**
School of Public Health
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore
- ◆ **Minnesota**
College of Public Health
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis



- ◆ **Massachusetts**
School of Public Health
Boston University

School of Public Health
Harvard University, Boston
- ◆ **North Carolina**
School of Public Health
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- ◆ **Washington**
School of Public Health
University of Washington, Seattle

For contact information and project abstracts: SPH: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/training/projects.asp?program=17>

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