



NACCHO Announces 2019 Model Practice Award Winners

— *Award recognizes best practices in addressing pressing public health challenges* —

Washington, DC, May 16, 2019 — Today, the [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO), the voice of the nation’s nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments, named its 2019 Model Practice Award Winners, an annual recognition of programs demonstrating exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a critical local public health need. This year, 53 outstanding local health department programs have received this recognition, addressing a broad range of public health issues, including immunization, infectious diseases, environmental health, and emergency preparedness.

“We are proud to recognize local health departments who have excelled and developed innovative public health projects that are making local communities healthier and more secure,” said NACCHO’s Chief Executive Officer Lori Tremmel Freeman. “The 2019 Model Practice Awards are a showcase of the best and brightest in local public health. Winners display a diverse range of topics including issues such as supporting incarcerated moms’ breastfeeding efforts, food safety protections, HIV Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PreP), door to door emergency medication dispensing, sustaining community-based immunizations, prevention of falls in older adults and many more issues.”

Winning projects, as determined through a competitive, peer-reviewed process, will be added to NACCHO's Model Practice searchable online database. There, other local health departments can review these best practices and adopt them for use in their local community.

2019 Model Practice Awards Winners:

California

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, *City Collaboration Strategy*
- Monterey County, *Monterey County Food Safety Conference*
- Monterey County, *Monterey County Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute (MEPHLI)*
- Alameda County Public Health, *Cooking for Health Academy Success*
- Sutter County Public Health Division, *Supporting Mothers in Jail - No Barriers to Breastfeeding While Incarcerated*

Colorado

- Tri-County Health Department, *Aurora Syringe Access Services*
- Denver Public Health, *Public Health Core Competencies*
- Tri-County Health Department, *Radiation/Nuclear Disaster Planning for non-EPZs*

Connecticut

- Farmington Valley Health District, *Building Resilient Schools: A public health approach to address ACEs and support mental well-being*

Florida

- Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, *Community Resource Bus*
- Florida Department of Health in Broward County, *Sealing and Educating All Little Smiles*
- Florida Department of Health in Volusia County, *Incentives Tracking System*
- Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, *HPV Ambassador Program: A Collaborative Approach to Increasing Vaccination Uptake*
- Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, *Miami-Dade Test and Treat*
- Florida Department of Health in Leon County, *Consolidated Regional Information Technology Support Service Hub*
- Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County: *Community Health, A Community Wellness Program to Address Overweight and Obesity in Hillsborough County, Florida*
- Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, *PrEPLink: An Active PrEP Referral System*
- Florida Department of Health in Polk County, *Polk Lab Efficiency Team*
- Florida Department of Health in Nassau County, *Stop the Bleed*
- Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County, *Community Partnership*

- Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County, *County Health Department*
- Florida Department of Health in Putnam County, *Chronic Disease Prevention and Management*

Georgia

- Cobb & Douglas Public Health, *A partnership between Cobb and Douglas Public MRC and the GA Bureau of Investigation for creating continuity during a mass fatality*

Maryland

- Garrett County Health Department, *The Garrett County Planning Tool*
- Charles County Health Department, *Charles County Mobile Integrated Healthcare*

Massachusetts

- Boston Public Health Commission, *Building a Culture of Improvement*

Michigan

- Macomb County Health Department, *Youth Preparedness Program*
- Detroit Department of Health, *iDecide Detroit: Engaging Youth to Reduce Unintended Teen Pregnancy*
- Detroit Department of Health, *Emergency Solutions Outreach and Housing Program*
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, *Special Pathogen Legal Training and Table Top Exercise for Judges and Court Administrators*
- Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH), *Sustaining Community Based Immunization Actions (SIA)*

Minnesota

- Hennepin County Public Health, *Public Health/Health Promotion*
- City of Minneapolis Health Department, *Blueprint Approved Institute*

New Jersey

- Ocean County Board of Health, *Ocean County Overdose Fatality Review Program*
- Middlesex County Office of Health Services, *Door to Door Emergency Medication Dispensing*

New York

- NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, *Long Term Care Emergency Management Programs*
- Tompkins County Health Department, *Ithaca College Public Health Initiatives*
- Tompkins County Health Department, *SafeCare Program*
- Albany County Department of Health, *Creating Healthy Connections in Albany County, NY*

Ohio

- Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County, *Community Overdose Action Team*
- Columbus Public Health, *Columbus CARE Coalition*
- Union County Health Department, *Prevention of Older Adult Falls Through Medication Management and Home Safety Education*
- Columbus Public Health, *Youth Tobacco Sales Restrictions at Retail Locations: Tobacco 21*
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health, *Early Ages Healthy Stages: Working Together to Create Healthier Early Learning Environments*

Oklahoma

- Oklahoma City - County Health Department, *Vectorborne Diseases Prevention Program in Oklahoma City-County County*

Texas

- The City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, *Neighborhoods Program*
- Houston Health Department, *Integrated Care for the Chronically Homeless*
- Houston Health Department, *The Community Care Transitions Program Affecting Positive Health Outcomes in Older Adults*
- Harris County Public Health, *Harris County Public Health Disaster Recovery Plan*
- City of El Paso Department of Public Health, *Neighborhood Fire Stations Expand Public Health Services*
- Harris County Public Health, *An Integrated Vector Management Approach Towards Emerging Infectious Diseases Prevention in Harris County and the City of Houston*

Utah

- Salt Lake County Health Department, *Salt Lake County Health Department's Response to a Hep A Outbreak*
- Salt Lake County Health Department, *Determining Programmatic Costs is a Critical Piece In Performance Management*

If you would like more information on this year's Model Practices, please email Model-Practices@naccho.org.

###

About NACCHO

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities. For more information about NACCHO, please visit www.naccho.org.