

Incorporating Health and Disability into Local Public Health

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Disability and Health
Partners Meeting



Overview

- Introduction
- Brainstorm
- Introduction to NACCHO's work
- Integrating disability into local public health practice
- Conclusion



Objectives

By the end of the presentation, participants will:

- Be familiar with NACCHO and its Health and Disability Program and Workgroup
- Understand NACCHO's efforts to integrate disability into local public health and how they can participate
- Be familiar with some examples of how disability is being integrated in two local health departments



Brainstorm

How do you imagine disability could be integrated into local health departments?



Quick Poll

How many of you are engaged in partnerships with your local health department?



About NACCHO

Members

All 2,800 local health departments (LHDs) in the United States

Vision

Health, equity, and well-being for all people in their communities through public health policies and services

Mission

...to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments in order to ensure the conditions that promote health and equity, combat disease, and improve the quality and length of all lives



Health and Disability Workgroup

- Established in 2006
- Drafted workgroup charter
- Participated in project's demonstration and technical assistance activities
- Authored Health and Disability policy statement
- Engaged in collaborative project with APHA's Disability Section to enhance NACCHO's Toolbox
- Provides on-going guidance to NACCHO's Health and Disability project staff and work plan



Health and Disability Project Accomplishments

- Demonstration/Technical Assistance Programs
 - 5 demonstration sites
 - 17 technical assistance participants
- Health and Disability electronic newsletter
- Article in Journal of Public Health Management and Practice
- Presentations at NACCHO's and partner annual conferences
- Improvements to NACCHO's Website to increase accessibility
- Learning community on emergency planning and preparedness
- Webinar featuring Allan Fraser from the National Fire Protection Association
- Lessons learned document from demonstration and technical assistance activities
- Additional tools on health and disability in NACCHO's Toolbox



On The Horizon...

- Health and Disability Workgroup reviewing all NACCHO policy statements to ensure inclusion of people with disabilities where relevant
- Additional Learning Community module on obesity and physical activity
- Mini-grant program
- Additional tools and resources for NACCHO's Toolbox
- Additional practices for NACCHO's Model Practices Program
- Literature review and summary of LHD efforts to integrate health promotion for people with disabilities into their programs, services, and products (e.g. tobacco control, nutrition, physical activity, teen pregnancy prevention, obesity)



And on the Ground . . .

- Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD) funded during first round of demonstration projects in 2006
- Goal was to increase our capacity to promote health in the disability community
- Embraced the idea of the disability community as a culturally-specific community
- Attempted to bring lessons learned in other culturally-specific communities to our work in the disability community, including:
 - ❖ Partnering with disability community leaders and organizations
 - ❖ Addressing the social and structural causes of health inequities among people with disabilities
 - ❖ Building capacity in the disability community

MCHD: Project Activities

- Assembled a community-based steering committee to guide the project and ensure the relevance of all activities
- Identified and surveyed health department clients with disabilities to support the planning and implementation of health promotion programming for this community
- Convened a summit for leaders in the disability community and the public health community to establish a long-term agenda for health promotion programming

And in addition . . .

- Partnered with the Women with Disabilities Health Equity Coalition (WowDHEC) to train Community Health Workers to address disparate rates of breast cancer screening among women with disabilities



Uncas Health District (CT)



Conclusion

Based on what you have heard, what new ideas do you have for working with local health departments to improve health in the disability community?



Questions?

For more information about the Health and Disability Project:

<http://www.naccho.org/topics/HPDP/healthdisa>

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