

****Below is a list of live and instructor-led trainings from various training centers across the nation. They are not hosted or developed by Montana PHSD. This list has been curated to compile relevant training into one place for employees. If you have any questions, please contact the PHSD Instructional Coordinator, Kaela Schommer at kaela.schommer@mt.gov or 406-439-7165. ****

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April

Compassion Fatigue | Apr. 11 | 10am – 11am

This is a **free webinar** hosted by the Montana Public Health Training Center. The training will be conducted by Jen Racicot.

Health Promotion Communication Using Storytelling | Apr. 11 | 1pm – 3pm

This **free virtual training** funded by MT DPHHS Public Health Systems Improvement Office. Storytelling can enhance your health education efforts in several ways. First, it can capture attention and interest, especially if you use stories that are relevant, relatable, and emotional. Second, it can simplify and clarify information by using concrete examples, metaphors, and analogies. Participants will explore the influential power of storytelling in public health.

Meet the CDC Disease Detectives | Apr. 11 | 1pm- 2pm

Hear front line stories about how public health STEM experts investigate disease outbreaks and public health threats of all kinds. Learn what it means to be a public health leader!

Engaging the Wisdom of Community: Community Engagement Fundamentals | Apr. 12 | 10am – 12pm

During this **free, dynamic 2-hour session**, participants will have an opportunity to explore the fundamental models, terms, and theories used in the field of community engagement, and to unpack what it means to have more “authenticity” in engagement efforts. We will also explore the 10 Liberating Practices of Facilitating Authentic Community Engagement and hear Stories from the Field to exemplify these practices in action. This session will be primarily didactic with examples from real life community engagement activities. Participants will receive a workbook of guided reflection worksheets to explore how the concepts covered are reflected in their work with and in community.

Exploring Principles and Strategies to Implement a State Level CHW Workforce Study | Apr. 12 } 11am – 12pm

This **free webinar** will provide a brief background and awareness of existing tools and resources of CHW workforce studies, discuss challenges and the unprecedented opportunity in assessing the CHW workforce. During this webinar, we will also provide actionable principles and strategies to develop an

equitable state-level workforce study to advance and sustain the CHW workforce and public health infrastructure programs.

[Strengthening Indigenous Systems and Self- Determination](#) | Apr. 15 | 11:30am – 12:45pm

During this **free hybrid (virtual and in person)** event the panel will identify structural drivers of Indigenous female exclusion and describe solutions to increase their participation and influence in health, education, economic and political systems, while addressing the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ (MMIWG2S) crisis.

[Supporting Decision Makers Using Opioid Settlement Funds: A Snapshot of Spending and Opportunities](#) | Apr. 15 | 11:30am

In this **free webinar**, Prevention Institute and Big Cities Health Coalition invite you to learn more about the activities these funds currently support. Jennifer Kolker (Clinical Professor of Health Management and Policy and co-lead of the Policy Core, Urban Health Collaborative, Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University) will share preliminary insights into opioid settlement fund planning.

[Short and Long Term Delayed Effects of PM2.5 on Influenza Incidence Across the Western USA](#) | Apr. 15 | 2:00pm – 2:50pm

This is a **free webinar** hosted by the Montana Public Health Training Center as a part of their Public Health Seminar Series. The training will be conducted by Ava Orr, PhD Student – Toxicology, University of Montana.

[Ethnic Food Safety Webinar](#) | Apr. 16 | 9am – 10am

This **free presentation** will cover some basics of ethnic food safety in a variety of cuisines and some ethnic food specific tools. Please note: This webinar is intended only for state and local health officials, sanitarians obtaining CEUs, and employees of partner organizations (DEQ, DOL, MDA, etc).

[Transportation and Aging: Challenges and Opportunities in Rural Communities](#) | Apr. 16 | 9:30am –

10:30am The Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation, in partnership with the Center for Transportation Studies, present the Spring Speaker Series. **A free interactive webinar** on the topic of transportation and aging, with attention to challenges and opportunities in rural areas. This interactive event will feature a main speaker, Dr. Lisa D'Ambrosio, who is a Research Scientist at MIT Age Lab, and three panelists of diverse professional backgrounds from MN who will share their experiences and recommendations regarding transportation for older adults in rural areas.

[Leadership Communicable Disease ECHO Series](#) | Apr. 16 | 10am – 11am

The Communicable Disease ECHO Series is a **free series** intended for those managing and supervising contact tracers, case investigators, resource coordinators, and other disease intervention staff, will take place weekly on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 AM MT during the month of April 2024. **The topic April 16 is Practical Challenges of Managing a Shifting DIS and/or Epidemiology Team.**

[Intimate Partner Violence in the Military and Veteran Community](#) | Apr. 16 | 10:30am

Join us for a **free informative webinar** on the critical issue of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) within the Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) community. IPV is a significant concern for

women Veterans and service members. Regardless of their rural or urban dwelling status, they face higher rates of IPV experiences than their civilian counterparts. However, IPV is not confined to women alone. It can affect anyone, irrespective of their gender or sexual orientation. IPV is not just a risk factor for suicide, but also a gateway to a host of physical, mental, and social health problems.

[Restoring Indigenous Ways of Caring for Pregnancy](#) | Apr. 16 | 11am – 12pm

During this **free online training** Dr. Shannon Maloney and Katsi Cook will be presenting on Restoring Indigenous Ways of Caring for Pregnancy. Dr. Maloney (Mohawk) has focused on Indigenous maternal health as a personal passion in North America and globally. She currently leads research studies about restoring Indigenous pregnancy care, preconception counseling in family practice settings and the role of media on birth choice. Katsi Cook (Wolf Clan Mohawk) is an Indigenous midwife and Elder of the National Council of Indigenous Midwives. Katsi's work in environmental reproductive health has spanned many worlds and disciplines and demonstrates a lifelong career of advancing the superlatives of Indigenous knowledge.

[Self-Care Tips for Managers](#) | Apr. 16 | 12pm – 1pm

This **free virtual training** is hosted by the Montana Office of Workforce Wellness. This webinar is a part of the Management-Focused training.

[Demystifying Medicine – Multiple Myeloma](#) | Apr. 16 | 2pm – 4pm

The next 'Demystifying Medicine' will comprise complementary lectures on multiple myeloma, an incurable but increasingly treatable cancer of plasma cells. Although hope is on the horizon, multiple myeloma can bring a grim prognosis, a five-year survival rate of only about 60% in the United States, according to NCI data. This, however, is a stark improvement over the prognosis just a decade ago. The dozens of new treatments include multidrug cocktails and promising advances with Venetoclax therapy and CAR-T therapy, the latter two now in clinical trials. This is a **free event** and offers Continuing Education credit.

[The Energetics of Online Engagement](#) | Apr. 17 | 10am – 12pm

This **free online 2-hour session** is intended to provide a basic starting point on a set of topics relevant to the art and practice of authentic community engagement. Each session is intended to be an inspirational “spark” about the topic covered. These sessions can be complemented in other Engaging the Wisdom of Community trainings or through small group discussions in office hours with the course facilitator.

[Cardiovascular Disease Disparities in Rural America: Can this House of Cards be Saved?](#) | Apr. 17 | 12pm – 1pm

This is a **free webinar** as a part of the National Institute of Health Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series.

[Promoting the Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care](#) | Apr. 17 | 1pm – 2:30pm

The purpose of this program is to (a) promote full integration and collaboration in clinical practices between physical and behavioral health care; (b) support the improvement of integrated care models for physical and behavioral health care to improve overall wellness and physical health status; and (c) promote the implementation and improvement of bidirectional integrated care services, including

evidence-based or evidence-informed screening, assessment, diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and recovery services for mental and substance use disorders, and co-occurring physical health conditions and chronic diseases through integrated care.

[Engaging Leaders and Team Members](#) | Apr. 18 | 9am – 9:45am

Engagement builds retention, pride, ownership, and better results for everyone. The goal of this **free webinar** is to help participants gain some ideas/approaches to building engagement and excitement for joint team work and improvement.

[Rural Veterans Virtual Outreach Symposium](#) | Apr. 18 | 11am – 12:30pm

VA recognizes the unique health care challenges associated with rural living and invites you to discover benefits and services tailored to meet your needs, including addressing health care access challenges in rural communities. Exploring efforts to enhance #TeleHealth, maternity care, #MentalHealth services, and more. Information on benefits, claims filing, seeking additional VA support and how the PACT Act impacts Veterans. Understanding VA's solution-driven approach to improve care access for the 2.7 million rural Veterans reliant on VA health care. **VA Symposium sessions are live and offered at no charge** to Veterans, transitioning service members, and their families!

[Using Community-Informed Data to Advance Health Equity in Social Determinants of Health \(SDOH\)](#)

[Initiatives](#) | Apr. 18 | 12pm – 1pm This **free event** is part of the Getting Further Faster (GFF) Community of Practice (CoP). During the event, two multisector community coalitions addressing SDOH will share their experiences engaging community members in data collection and analysis, communicating data, and using data to inform their health equity work. Session participants will have an opportunity to: Learn how to engage community members in identifying, collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data on SDOH. Identify practical strategies from peer coalitions' experiences with conducting equity assessments to understand community health needs. Discuss opportunities and challenges related to using data to advance health equity in SDOH initiatives.

[Strategies to Address Substance Use in Maternal Health within Tribal Communities](#) | Apr. 18 | 12pm –

1pm This **free webinar** will examine the impact of substance use in maternal health within Tribal communities and how HRSA Grants and Resources are being utilized. Learning Objectives: • Learn more about HRSA programs, resources, and funding to support tribal communities. • Hear examples of how Tribes and Tribal community members have utilized HRSA funding to address substance use in maternal health. • Identify HRSA regional contacts and opportunities for technical support for Tribal Partners

[Cultural Mindfulness](#) | Apr. 22 | 10am – 11:30am

This is a **free webinar** hosted by the Montana Public Health Training Center. The training will be conducted by Kassie Runsabove.

[Stewarding Trauma-Informed Workplaces in Public Health](#) | Apr. 22 | 1pm – 2pm

Come join AMCHP and a panel of experts to 1) learn about the existence of various trauma informed workplace frameworks and 2) engage in discussion about practical considerations and steps needed to initiate the adoption of trauma informed workplace frameworks. This is a **free webinar**.

[Leadership Communicable Disease ECHO Series](#) | Apr. 23 | 10am – 11am

The Communicable Disease ECHO Series is a **free series** intended for those managing and supervising contact tracers, case investigators, resource coordinators, and other disease intervention staff, will take place weekly on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 AM MT during the month of April 2024. **The topic April 23 is Navigating the Polarized Climate of Public Health Through Communication.**

[Collaboration in Public Health: Coalition-Building and Community Engagement](#) | 11am – 12pm

Join Dr. Michael Schwab as he discusses collaboration and cooperation as ancient principles for effective group activity. Along with community participation, they have been recognized as key elements of public health since the 1960s. Yet there is often misunderstanding of the various types or degrees of coalition and community engagement, and the difficulties that can arise when researchers try to engage with communities as research or program partners. In this **free webinar**, we will discuss the advantages and limitations of collaboration, and the skills needed to effectively practice it.

[Time Management Principles](#) | Apr. 23 | 12pm – 1pm

This **free virtual training** is hosted by the Montana Office of Workforce Wellness.

[Rural Maternal Health Series: Obstetric Readiness in Rural Facilities Without Birth Units](#) | Apr. 23 |

1pm – 2pm Rural facilities that no longer provide planned maternity care face challenges in providing safe, high-quality services to pregnant, birthing, and postpartum people who arrive needing care. Presenters will share innovative work that puts foundational skills, teamwork, and equipment in place to be ready and responsive to their patients' needs. This is the **last free webinar** in a 4-part series on improving maternity care in rural healthcare settings.

[Advancing Value-Based Care: Leading from the Middle](#) | Apr. 23 | 1pm – 2pm

This **free virtual interactive learning collaborative** is designed to support middle managers and informal leaders in rural health care settings to discover and apply practical leadership skills to advance value-based care initiatives in their organizations and improve health outcomes in their communities.

[De-escalation Skills](#) | Apr. 24 | 10am – 11:30am

This is a **free webinar** hosted by the Montana Public Health Training Center. The training will be conducted by Jen Racicot.

[Artificial Intelligence and Health: Promise and Pitfalls](#) | Apr. 24 | 11am - 12:30pm

This **online conversation** will explore the role of artificial intelligence in the health of populations. How can AI be used in public health, and what are the consequences of its potential use, both good and bad?

[Combating Heat and Cold Stress for Forestry Workers](#) | Apr. 24 | 11am – 12pm

This **free webinar** addresses the danger forestry workers may be subject to in extreme heat and cold. Working outdoors makes people more likely to become dehydrated and experience heat-related illness or heat stress. High temperatures reduce work capacity and may lead to heat stress and dehydration. Although exposure to heat stress is preventable, thousands become sick from occupational heat exposure every year, and some cases are fatal. Similarly, cold weather can reduce dexterity, blood flow, muscle strength, and balance.

[Brownfield Redevelopment](#) | Apr. 24 | 1pm – 2pm

Join us for a **free and informative webinar** that explores the critical topic of Brownfield Redevelopment. Brownfields are abandoned or underutilized properties with potential environmental contamination, and this webinar will focus on empowering tribal communities to revitalize these spaces for the benefit of their people and the environment.

[Advancing Organizational Priorities Through Health in All Policies](#) | Apr. 25 | 9:30am – 11am

This **free workshop**, delivered by the Kansas Health Institute, will focus on demystifying the concept of Health in All Policies (HiAP) and showcasing practical ways for advancing HiAP within organizations' internal and external operations. Participants will learn the essential reasons for implementing HiAP approaches, explore practical examples of HiAP efforts from state and local governmental entities nationwide, and discover strategies that can be implemented.

[Using Knowledge Management in Rural & Frontier Public Health](#) | Apr. 25 | 11am – 12pm

In this NACCHO Rural Café, you will have the opportunity to engage with your peers to gain a deeper understanding of strategies and tools to enhance your capacity to create, organize, share, and use knowledge. Participants will leave the **free peer learning session** with a deeper understanding of skills and resources they can use to share knowledge. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with and learn from other health departments, which will promote peer-to-peer engagement and stimulate effective problem solving and information sharing.

[Reaching Indigenous MSAWs through Language Access Services](#) | Apr. 25 | 12pm – 1pm

This **free webinar** will be focused on language access services (LAS) for health center (HC) staff serving Indigenous migratory and seasonal agricultural workers (MSAWs) and will showcase the steps of building a LAS program, share LAS assessments, and highlight planning strategies and resources to utilize when interpreting clinical encounters. This webinar will help HCs identify the gaps in language access services and share tips and strategies to improve language access programs and services for Indigenous MSAWs.

[Cultivating Health Equity in the Modern Workplace](#) | Apr. 25 | 12pm – 1pm

Discover how your company can champion health equity and create a workplace where all employees thrive. This **free virtual event**, featuring experts in health equity, HR, and workplace wellness, will delve into health disparities, including the ongoing impact of HIV, and provide innovative solutions for companies of all sizes seeking to foster inclusive and supportive work environments.

[Agricultural Community QPR for Farmers and Farm Families](#) | Apr. 25 | 12pm – 1:30pm

Farmers and farm families have experienced increasing pressure resulting in high levels of stress, mental health issues, and suicide. The Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training teaches laypeople and professionals to recognize and respond to mental health crises. QPR for Farmers and Farm Families is a **free webinar** specially tailored to the agricultural community.

[Workforce Challenges and Opportunities - Disease Forecasting Learning Series](#) | Apr. 25 | 2pm – 3pm

ASTHO will hold **four, free one-hour learning sessions** to provide state and territorial public health staff a basic understanding of disease forecasting. Purpose: To provide foundational information for health department staff seeking to learn more about disease forecasting, including, how forecasts can be used

for decision making, workforce challenges and opportunities related to disease forecasting, communicating with the public and policymakers about forecasting, these sessions are not intended to provide in-depth training on disease forecasting modeling. Dates: **Thursday, April 25, – Workforce Challenges and Opportunities**, Thursday, May 16, – Communicating About Disease Forecasting.

[Engaging the Wisdom of Community Micro-Course: From Member Recruitment to Exit Strategies](#) |

Apr. 26 | 10am – 12pm This **free micro-course** consists of **three 2-hour live sessions (Apr. 26, May 10, May 24)** designed for participants to expand their understanding and grow their skills in community engagement mindsets and approaches. With a focus on unearthing the wisdom and lived experience of the participants in the room, the micro-courses utilize the curriculum development model of "Understanding by Design" to support a dynamic and emergent learning container. Each micro-course has a core syllabus to guide the content paired with a design approach which supports learning through small and large group exploration, and the use of case studies from the field of community engagement. Participants will receive a curated list of resources to support ongoing learning in each topic area.

[Defining Disability for Syndromic Surveillance: Data to Action](#) | **Apr. 29 | 2pm – 3pm**

ASTHO will host a **free webinar** offering a unique perspective on defining disability within syndromic surveillance. The discussion will show how this definition of disability can be used to promote health for people with disabilities during public health emergencies. ASTHO and Thought Bridge panelists will explain how viewing disability as a demographic can help to better understand the disparate impact of public health emergencies on people with disabilities.

[Designing Effective Meetings](#) | **Apr. 30 | 10am – 12pm**

This **free two-hour workshop** focuses on the key leadership skill of how to plan and structure a meeting to achieve your desired outcomes. We will address the strategic skill of Persuasive Communication and explore strategies for leading meetings that are inclusive, invite dialogue and engagement, and motivate participants to action. We'll also provide actionable strategies and techniques to help keep your meetings on point and action oriented.

[PF Application for Prevention Success Training \(SAPST\) Online Course](#) | **Starting Apr. 30 | 10am –**

12pm This is a **free 5-week, online, remote course. Starts April 30th and takes place on Tuesdays, following dates are May 5, 14, 21.** You will be expected to complete online coursework throughout the duration of the course and to attend four facilitated live learning sessions After completing the course, participants will receive a certificate for 31 training hours. Participants must complete and attend the full 31-hour training to receive a certificate. Learning Objectives: Describe risk and protective factors in multiple contexts, summarize the Strategic Prevention Framework, describe how to assess substance use problems, risk and protective factors, and community capacity, describe criteria to select a problem, risk or protective factor, and intervention, apply the 5 basic steps of a logic model, explain different uses of evaluation results.

[Eliminating Contracting Barriers for Community Health Workers within Community Based](#)

[Organizations](#) | **Apr. 30 | 1pm – 2pm** The National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW) would like to provide a **free hour-long webinar** around our new toolkit entitled "Eliminating Contracting Barriers for CBOs Contracting Barriers." During this webinar, attendees will be provided with a level set

and resources on who CHWs are, the importance and value of equitable funding CBOs to support CHW programs, and practical recommendations and resources for health departments looking to begin or strengthen their contracts and partnerships with community-based organizations.

[MAPP 2.0: A Framework for Community Health Improvement](#) | Apr. 30 | 1pm – 2pm

In this **free webinar**, Seth Fritsch, MPH, Founder of Seth Fritsch Consulting, will review the updated framework that is centered on community organizing and partnership development and includes three assessment areas: Community Status, Community Partners, and Community Context. The presenter will also discuss how to use the framework materials to evaluate CHI efforts. By the end of the webinar, participants will be able to recognize the components of the MAPP 2.0 framework and identify materials to support current CHI endeavors.

[Defining Disability for Syndromic Surveillance: Data to Action Technical Assistance](#) | Apr. 30 | 2pm – 3pm

ASTHO will host a **free Technical Assistance Office Hour**, offering a unique opportunity for attendees to speak with expert panelists about the use and implementation of the new definition of disability within syndromic surveillance. ASTHO and Thought Bridge panelists will host discussions on understanding disability as a demographic within syndromic surveillance. By the end of the session, participants will acquire and understand the tools to leverage data-driven approaches to enhance healthcare outcomes for people with disabilities. This technical assistance series will be held as an open virtual discussion session via Zoom.

May

[Monthly Mental Health Innovation Exchange](#) | May 1 (First Wed. of each month) | 9am – 10am

On the first Wednesday of every month, 2-3 mental health and agricultural professionals talk about their mental health project in a 10-15 minute flash presentation. The objective of our **free, virtual monthly meetings** is to engage innovative ideas and strategies to serve the farming and ranching community in the area of mental health. This is an open monthly meeting with representation across our nation. Please extend invitations to colleagues and other professionals that are interested in this subject.

[Local Action, Life-Saving Impact: Utilizing Opioid Settlement Funds for Overdose Prevention Public Health Campaigns and Promotions](#) | May 1 | 12pm – 1pm

This **free session** delves into the critical role of naloxone promotions, a lifesaving antidote for opioid overdoses, and discusses innovative ways to educate at-risk communities about naloxone and overdose prevention. You'll gain insights from experts in public health marketing, and community education, while learning about the recent successes in overdose prevention campaign. This session will empower you with the resources to make a tangible difference in the fight against opioid overdoses within your community.

[Working towards Equitable Access to Health Care for People with Disabilities](#) | May 2 | 10am – 11am

People with disabilities face numerous barriers in accessing health care, and while, the barriers to care are numerous and diverse there has been little research done to capture information from people with disabilities directly, in their own words. Disability Rights Maine conducted a mixed-methods research project with the goal of identifying and quantifying the barriers Mainers with disabilities face when accessing health care services. This **free presentation** will share history of how the project came to be, key findings, and describe how the findings can be used to work towards system- and policy-level changes.

[Workplace Mental Health Action Summit](#) | May 2 | 12pm – 1:30

The Health Action Alliance's Workplace Mental Health Action Summit is a pivotal virtual event that gathers business leaders nationwide to address the challenges and opportunities of employee mental health and well-being. This year's **free virtual Summit** will focus on strategies to help employers address polarization and loneliness, threats that can create a toxic workplace environment and undermine collaboration, innovation and worker productivity.

[Rocky Mountain Stroke Conference](#) | May 3 | 8am – 5pm

The Rocky Mountain Stroke Conference (RMSC) brings together local, state, and national stroke professionals to provide attendees with an exceptional continuing education experience. As we continue to strive for excellence in stroke care in Montana, participants will leave with applicable tools to provide the best possible care in their facilities and better understand all of the options for a higher level of care in our state. This **free event is in person at the Delta Hotel in Helena, MT.**

[Mental Health Awareness](#) | May 7 | 12pm – 1pm

This **free virtual training** is hosted by the Montana Office of Workforce Wellness.

[Health Equity: A Guide for Public Health Practice Course](#) | Starting May 7 | 10am – 11am

Are you serious about applying health equity, but not sure where to start? This **free, six-week, online course** is for you. **Starts May 7th and takes place on Tuesdays for six weeks.** We'll prepare you to close gaps in health status that result from systemic, avoidable, and unjust policies and practices that create barriers to opportunity for certain people. To effectively engage in health equity work, you will also need to look inward at your own values and biases. You'll learn how to equip yourself and your colleagues to challenge and transform systems that disadvantage entire populations. Foster a common understanding of health equity so we can work together using common language and definitions.

[Take a Break: Social Support for the Public Health Workforce](#) | May 8 | 10am – 11am

Join us for Take a Break, a **free, informal, facilitated virtual group** designed just for public health workers to focus on their own emotional health and well-being. The group meets monthly, providing participants with a supportive place to discuss their experiences, concerns, successes, and ideas with others who can relate and understand.

[Nursing and The Health of the Public: The Next Decade](#) | May 8 | 11am – 12:30pm

This **online discussion** will reflect on the current challenges facing nurses in the United States, including staffing shortages and burnout. How will nursing evolve over the next decade and what actions can we take to better support the nursing community?

[Agricultural Community QPR for Farmers and Farm Families](#) | May 8 | 11am – 12:30pm

Farmers and farm families have experienced increasing pressure resulting in high levels of stress, mental health issues, and suicide. The Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training teaches laypeople and professionals to recognize and respond to mental health crises. QPR for Farmers and Farm Families is a **free webinar** specially tailored to the agricultural community.

Eating Fungi: Foodborne Illness from Mushroom Consumption | May 8 | 12pm – 1pm

Join the Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence for this **free webinar** where we will talk with experts about mushroom-associated illnesses and the role of public health. Topics will include illness from improperly prepared or foraged mushrooms, and bacterial contamination. The webinar will conclude with a 15 minute Q&A session. Recordings will be available for those unable to attend the live session.

Public Health Leadership in Remote and Low Resource Settings: Increasing Capacity for Health

Promotion | May 8 | 1pm – 2pm How do you lead a team with several vacancies and a high turnover rate? How do you manage TB outbreaks without TB physicians and nurses? How can you increase the capacity of local indigenous Inuit to manage and contain outbreaks of TB? It is said everything rises and falls on leadership. Come and find out how public health leadership can increase capacity for great outcomes in low-resource settings during this **free webinar**.

Just Play it Cool: Community Health Center Resources to Address Heat and Climate Change | May 8 |

1pm Join NACHC and MCN in our **free webinar series** as we speak to health center representatives and experts to better understand the ways in which heat, and a changing climate are impacting our communities' health. Sessions by Topic: **Session 3 (May 8)- Heat and Chronic Conditions**, Session 4 (June 12)- Heat and Mental Health.

How to Calm the Threat Response | May 9 | 10am – 11:00am

This is a **free webinar** hosted by the Montana Public Health Training Center. The training will be conducted by Jen Racicot.

An Introduction to Psychological Responses to Individual and Community Trauma | May 9 | 11am -

12pm Can the memory of trauma be almost as visceral as the moment of trauma? Combat veterans, victims of gun violence and sexual violence, and refugees have one thing in common: they may be reliving their trauma on an ongoing basis. As public health professionals, establishing and maintaining a relationship with individuals and families who are living with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can be challenging. Join us for this **free webinar** as we explore PTSD and its relevance to public health and clinical practitioners. Be informed.

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment for Adults (SBIRT) | May 10 | 8am – 10am

This **free online training** is focused around SBIRT. SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders, as well as those who are at risk of developing these disorders. Primary care centers, hospital emergency rooms, trauma centers, and other community settings provide opportunities for early intervention with at-risk substance users before more severe consequences occur.

Engaging the Wisdom of Community Micro-Course: From Member Recruitment to Exit Strategies |

May 10 | 10am – 12pm This **free micro-course consists of three 2-hour live sessions (Apr. 26, May 10, May 24)** designed for participants to expand their understanding and grow their skills in community engagement mindsets and approaches. With a focus on unearthing the wisdom and lived experience of

the participants in the room, the micro-courses utilize the curriculum development model of "Understanding by Design" to support a dynamic and emergent learning container. Each micro-course has a core syllabus to guide the content paired with a design approach which supports learning through small and large group exploration, and the use of case studies from the field of community engagement. Participants will receive a curated list of resources to support ongoing learning in each topic area.

[Career Development Webinar: Scientific Writing Best Practices in Public Health](#) | May 13 | 1pm – 2pm

Join the APHA Cancer Forum for a **free webinar** that will provide guidance for scientific manuscript writing and peer review in public health for graduate students and early career professionals.

[Ethics in Prevention Foundations: A Guide for Substance Abuse Prevention Practitioners](#) | May 13 – 24

This **free, online moderated course** is designed to span two weeks, and will take approximately six hours to complete, though timing will vary depending on participants' familiarity with the content, learning style, and competing demands on their time. This course is appropriate for anyone working in the field of substance abuse prevention. It covers key terminology, the six principles in the Prevention Code of Ethics, and a decision-making process to use when faced with an ethical dilemma.

[Stress: A Way of Life or a Fact of Life?](#) | May 14 | 12pm – 1pm

This **free virtual training** is hosted by the Montana Office of Workforce Wellness.

[Online Training Development Rubrics](#) | May 14 | 12pm – 12:30pm

This **free webinar** will go over the Quality Matters, Public Health Navigator, and CDC online course development rubrics. Participants will discuss the similarities and differences in these rubrics and how they can assist with course design. This is **part three in a four-part series, Foundations of Online Learning**.

[2024 Weitzman Virtual Symposium: Representation Matters](#) | May 15 | 9am – 3pm

Join the Weitzman Institute for their **free annual symposium** focusing on why and how representation matters, particularly in the context of health policy, research, clinical training, and practice, as well as healthcare innovation and technology. Throughout the day we will explore actionable solutions to dismantle and advocate for a more just healthcare system that better meets the needs of its workforce, patients, and communities, particularly those most in need.

[Poverty and the Real Cost of Climate Change](#) | May 15 | 6pm – 7:30pm

This **free virtual webinar series** features live talks from some of Montana's foremost experts on climate change, health care, and the communities that benefit most from climate-informed care. Nursing and Sanitarian CE provided. Presented by Rob Byron MD FACP, Red Lodge.

[Syndemic Symposium](#) | May 16 | 8:30am – 5pm in Great Falls, MT

The 2024 inaugural Syndemic Symposium will explore Montana's approach to the intersecting epidemics of syphilis, congenital syphilis, HIV, hepatitis C, and substance use disorders. The symposium will bring together professionals from public health, tribal health, and maternal-child health, as well as healthcare

providers to amplify the importance of inclusive, equitable, systems-level approaches to ending these epidemics with a focus on cultural safety and stigma. **This is an in-person event.**

[Communicating About Disease Forecasting - Disease Forecasting Learning Series](#) | May 16 | 2pm –

3pm ASTHO will hold **four, free one-hour learning sessions** to provide state and territorial public health staff a basic understanding of disease forecasting. Purpose: To provide foundational information for health department staff seeking to learn more about disease forecasting, including, how forecasts can be used for decision making, workforce challenges and opportunities related to disease forecasting, communicating with the public and policymakers about forecasting, these sessions are not intended to provide in-depth training on disease forecasting modeling. **Dates: Thursday, May 16, – Communicating About Disease Forecasting.**

[Combatting Imposter Syndrome](#) | May 21 | 12pm – 1pm

This **free virtual training** is hosted by the Montana Office of Workforce Wellness.

[Rural HPV Vaccination Learning Community Learning Series](#) - HPV Vaccination Starting at Age 9 | May

22 | 12pm – 1pm The American Cancer Society (ACS) and National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (HPVRT) is hosting rural healthcare partners in a virtual learning community focused on improving HPV vaccination among 9–12-year-olds. Through a series of **free virtual sessions** and peer-based learning, the rural disparities HPV vaccination learning community will be aimed using quality improvement (QI) and evidence-based interventions to increase vaccine rates. This learning community will serve as a forum for health partners to gain knowledge, exchange promising practices, and talk through challenges to increasing HPV vaccinations in rural settings.

[Communicating About Vaccines](#) | May 23 | 10am – 10:45am

This **free online course** is intended for public health professionals who communicate about vaccines with the general public. Participants will learn best practices for communicating to public health audiences (e.g. social media, web-based content, print materials) and ways to identify and respond to misinformation about vaccines.

[Engaging the Wisdom of Community Micro-Course: From Member Recruitment to Exit Strategies](#) |

May 24 | 10am – 12pm This **free micro-course consists of three 2-hour live sessions** (~~Apr. 26, May 10,~~ **May 24**) designed for participants to expand their understanding and grow their skills in community engagement mindsets and approaches. With a focus on unearthing the wisdom and lived experience of the participants in the room, the micro-courses utilize the curriculum development model of "Understanding by Design" to support a dynamic and emergent learning container. Each micro-course has a core syllabus to guide the content paired with a design approach which supports learning through small and large group exploration, and the use of case studies from the field of community engagement. Participants will receive a curated list of resources to support ongoing learning in each topic area.

[Global Social Determinants of Health](#) | May 29 | 11am – 1pm

This **free event** will launch results from the Global Social Determinants Study (GSDS), the first 8-country nationally representative study that is explicitly designed to document social determinants in low-, middle-, and high-income countries and how they affect population health and well-being.

[Leading Change](#) | May 29 | 10am – 12pm

Learn how to motivate the elephant! This **free webinar** focuses on the principles and practices of change leadership within public health and health care organizations. It explores the importance of psychological safety and team leadership skills in relationship to team leadership strategies. Continuing Education credits are available.

[An Overview of the Opioid Overdose Crisis and its Impact on our Communities](#) | May 30 | 12pm –

1:30pm This **free webinar** hosted by Michigan Substance Use Prevention, Education, and Recovery (MiSUPER), will delve into evidence-based practices addressing opioid use prevention, treatment, and recovery. This presentation offers a comprehensive understanding of the opioid epidemic, its physiological and community impacts, and strategies for supporting individuals on their recovery journey.

June

[Team Building Webinar Series](#) | June 3, 10, 17 | 12pm – 1pm

Do you know what it takes to form a successful team? Team leaders and team members, as well as individuals interested in building a new team, will benefit from this **free three-part series**. **This is session 1 and covers Team Development and Leader Actions**. Session 2 will cover the Dysfunctions of a Team on June 10. Session 3 will be over Effective Team Decision-making on June 17. Continuing Education credits are available.

[PHSD In-House ToP Facilitation Methods Training](#) | Jun. 3 – 4 | 8am – 5pm*

ToP (Technology of Participation) Facilitation Methods Training course is an established, evidence-based training designed for leaders in facilitation. The course equips participants with skills to foster involvement within their organization and their community. It includes experiential learning of facilitation methods, theoretical discussions, practical small-group exercises, and personalized feedback. The course ensures immediately applicable skills and provides a comprehensive participant workbook for ongoing practical use. *Times are subject to change. **This is an in-person training opportunity, hosted by the PHSD, please contact HHSBuildingHealthySystems@mt.gov if interested.**

[PHSD In-House ToP Facilitation Methods Training](#) | Jun. 5 – 6 | 8am – 5pm*

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[Leveraging and Promoting Social Support for Health](#) | Jun. 5 | 11am – 12pm

Social isolation and loneliness are now considered an epidemic in the U.S. We need to promote social connections, a social determinant of health. A way to do this, is by fostering and delivering social support. In this **free webinar**, Patricia Documet, MD, DrPH will lead us through strategies to deliver social support and organizational requirements to do so effectively. Continuing Education credits are available.

[Monthly Mental Health Innovation Exchange](#) | Jun. 5 (First Wed. of each month) | 9am – 10am

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[Cultivating Happiness](#) | Jun. 6 | 10am – 11:00am

This is a **free webinar** hosted by the Montana Public Health Training Center. The training will be conducted by Jen Racicot.

[Team Building Webinar Series](#) | June 10, 17 | 12pm – 1pm

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[Beginning the Journey Toward Cultural Humility](#) | Jun. 11 | 11am – 12pm

This **free interactive webinar** provides an introductory overview of cultural humility at the intrapersonal, interpersonal, and organizational levels. Participants will explore how culture and identity influence one's work with individuals, community members, and professional colleagues from diverse backgrounds. Strategies for self-reflection will be reviewed with the goal of strengthening public health professionals' ability to provide culturally appropriate services for the communities they serve.

[Principles of Adult Education](#) | Jun. 11 | 12pm – 12:30pm

This **free webinar** will introduce participants to principles of adult education. We will discuss key differences between andragogy (adult learning) and pedagogy (child learning) and ways to tailor workshops for adult learning. This is **the last part in a four-part series, Foundations of Online Learning**.

[Take a Break: Social Support for the Public Health Workforce](#) | Jun. 12 | 10am – 11am

Join us for Take a Break, a **free, informal, facilitated virtual group** designed just for public health workers to focus on their own emotional health and well-being. The group meets monthly, providing participants with a supportive place to discuss their experiences, concerns, successes, and ideas with others who can relate and understand.

[Rural HPV Vaccination Learning Community Learning Series](#) - The ABCs of QI: AIM Statements & Building a Team | Jun. 12 | 12pm – 1pm

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[The Role of Cultural Competence & Cultural Humility in the LGBTQ+ Population for Public Health Professionals](#) | Jun. 12 | 1pm – 2pm

People who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and more (LGBTQ+) experience unique forms of discrimination and stigma that have significant consequences across various dimensions of health. These healthcare disparities increase the risk for several chronic illnesses and may further feelings of mistrust and disengagement from healthcare professionals, who often contribute to these instances of stigma. Public health professionals who are equipped with the requisite knowledge, competency, and cultural humility are better able to serve the LGBTQ+ populations, as well as update and change professional practices to improve the quality of care and service being offered. This **free webinar** will review keyways in which developing and strengthening both cultural competence and cultural humility pertaining to LGBTQ+ people is a key aspect of evidence-based public health practice, as well as important resources that exist that can be helpful tools to help professionals engage with this population.

[Just Play it Cool: Community Health Center Resources to Address Heat and Climate Change](#) | Jun. 12 | 1pm

Join NACHC and MCN in our **free webinar series** as we speak to health center representatives and experts to better understand the ways in which heat, and a changing climate are impacting our communities' health. Sessions by Topic: **Session 4 (June 12)- Heat and Mental Health.**

[Team Building Webinar Series](#) | June 17 | 12pm – 1pm

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[Teaching Public Health: Transforming Education for Public Health](#) | Jun. 26 | 7am – 10am

This is the sixth installment of our Teaching Public Health series, which began in 2018. This year's discussion will reflect on how academic public health can act on the Framing the Future 2030 recommendations to better prepare the next generation of public health professionals. This is a **free event.**

July

[Monthly Mental Health Innovation Exchange](#) | Jul. 3 (First Wed. of each month) | 9am – 10am

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[Public Health Summer Institute 2024](#) | July 15 – 19 | Helena, MT

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[Rural HPV Vaccination Learning Community Learning Series](#) - **The ABCs of QI: Process Mapping & Gap Analysis** | Jul. 17 | 12pm – 1pm The American Cancer Society (ACS) and National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (HPVRT) is hosting rural healthcare partners in a virtual learning community focused on improving HPV vaccination among 9–12-year-olds. Through a series of **free virtual sessions** and peer-based learning, the rural disparities HPV vaccination learning community will be aimed using quality improvement (QI) and evidence-based interventions to increase vaccine rates. This learning community will serve as a forum for health partners to gain knowledge, exchange promising practices, and talk through challenges to increasing HPV vaccinations in rural settings.

August

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[Rural HPV Vaccination Learning Community Learning Series](#) - **Find the Best Fit: Evidence – Based Interventions & HPV Vaccination** | **Aug. 14 | 12pm – 1pm** The American Cancer Society (ACS) and National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (HPVRT) is hosting rural healthcare partners in a virtual learning community focused on improving HPV vaccination among 9–12-year-olds. Through a series of **free virtual sessions** and peer-based learning, the rural disparities HPV vaccination learning community will be aimed using quality improvement (QI) and evidence-based interventions to increase vaccine rates. This learning community will serve as a forum for health partners to gain knowledge, exchange promising practices, and talk through challenges to increasing HPV vaccinations in rural settings.

September

[Monthly Mental Health Innovation Exchange](#) | **Sep. 4 (First Wed. of each month) | 9am – 10am** On the first Wednesday of every month, 2-3 mental health and agricultural professionals talk about their mental health project in a 10-15 minute flash presentation. The objective of our **free, virtual monthly meetings** is to engage innovative ideas and strategies to serve the farming and ranching community in the area of mental health. This is an open monthly meeting with representation across our nation. Please extend invitations to colleagues and other professionals that are interested in this subject.

[Rural HPV Vaccination Learning Community Learning Series](#) - **The ABCs of QI: PDSA Cycle** | **Sep. 18 | 12pm – 1pm** The American Cancer Society (ACS) and National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (HPVRT) is hosting rural healthcare partners in a virtual learning community focused on improving HPV vaccination among 9–12-year-olds. Through a series of **free virtual sessions** and peer-based learning, the rural disparities HPV vaccination learning community will be aimed using quality improvement (QI) and evidence-based interventions to increase vaccine rates. This learning community will serve as a forum

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October

[Monthly Mental Health Innovation Exchange](#) | Oct. 2 (First Wed. of each month) | 9am – 10am

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[Rural HPV Vaccination Learning Community Learning Series](#) - **Highlighting HPV Vaccination Best Practices** | Oct. 16 | 12pm – 1pm The American Cancer Society (ACS) and National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (HPVRT) is hosting rural healthcare partners in a virtual learning community focused on improving HPV vaccination among 9–12-year-olds. Through a series of **free virtual sessions** and peer-based learning, the rural disparities HPV vaccination learning community will be aimed using quality improvement (QI) and evidence-based interventions to increase vaccine rates. This learning community will serve as a forum for health partners to gain knowledge, exchange promising practices, and talk through challenges to increasing HPV vaccinations in rural settings.

November

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[Rural HPV Vaccination Learning Community Learning Series](#) - **Highlighting HPV Vaccination Best Practices** | Nov. 13 | 12pm – 1pm The American Cancer Society (ACS) and National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (HPVRT) is hosting rural healthcare partners in a virtual learning community focused on improving HPV vaccination among 9–12-year-olds. Through a series of **free virtual sessions** and peer-based learning, the rural disparities HPV vaccination learning community will be aimed using quality improvement (QI) and evidence-based interventions to increase vaccine rates. This learning community will serve as a forum for health partners to gain knowledge, exchange promising practices, and talk through challenges to increasing HPV vaccinations in rural settings.

December

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[Rural HPV Vaccination Learning Community Learning Series](#) - Celebrate & Sustain Success | Dec. 4 | 12pm – 1pm The American Cancer Society (ACS) and National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (HPVRT) is hosting rural healthcare partners in a virtual learning community focused on improving HPV vaccination among 9–12-year-olds. Through a series of **free virtual sessions** and peer-based learning, the rural disparities HPV vaccination learning community will be aimed using quality improvement (QI) and evidence-based interventions to increase vaccine rates. This learning community will serve as a forum for health partners to gain knowledge, exchange promising practices, and talk through challenges to increasing HPV vaccinations in rural settings.

Upcoming Conferences

[U.S. Indigenous Data Sovereignty & Governance Summit 2024](#) | April 11 – 12 in Tucson, AZ

Indigenous Data Sovereignty recognizes Indigenous Peoples' inherent rights to access, use, and steward data critical for effective governance, and to govern those data according to their own values, principles, and practices. We will convene Indigenous leaders, Indigenous community programs, academics, policy experts, and other data actors and rights holders from across the nation, both in person and virtually, to develop guidance around appropriate data governance structures that support Indigenous Peoples' own IDSov initiatives.

[Public Health Law Practitioners Convening](#) | April 30 – May 2 in New Orleans, LA

The Public Health Law Practitioners Convening provides its attendees with the space to learn, collaborate, develop and share promising practices, and address existing and emerging issues as a community. With Empowering Public Health through Law and Policy as the theme, this event will provide professionals from state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions with firsthand knowledge from fellow public health leaders, attorneys, policy professionals, and practitioners on how to positively impact their community's health and wellbeing.

[Rocky Mountain Stroke Conference](#) | May 3 in Helena, MT

The Rocky Mountain Stroke Conference (RMSC) brings together local, state, and national stroke professionals to provide attendees with an exceptional continuing education experience. As we continue to strive for excellence in stroke care in Montana, participants will leave with applicable tools to provide the best possible care in their facilities and better understand all of the options for a higher level of care in our state. This **free event is in person at the Delta Hotel in Helena, MT.**

[Health Equity Conference](#) | May 6 – 7 in New Orleans, LA

This conference is designed for those who are dedicated to bringing quality health care and health care services to underserved and often under-represented populations, including LGBTQIA+, veteran, and homeless rural residents as well as multiracial and multicultural members of rural communities. NRHA's

expanded Health Equity Conference, one of the only meetings in the nation to focus on health equity issues in rural America is May 6 –7.

[WIC 32nd Annual Conference & Trade Show](#) | May 6 – 10 virtually with preconference offerings

Join us for an interactive online experience over 5 days, with each day ending by 2:30 pm to leave space for other work and time to reflect. Topics to be covered during the conference are leadership and innovation, early childhood development and perinatal health and nutrition, equity for ALL families and breastfeeding and human lactation.

[Annual Rural Health Conference](#) | May 7 – 10 in New Orleans, LA

Join NRHA and hundreds of rural health leaders from across the country down in the bayou to help raise the standard for rural health with over 80 innovative, practical, and cost-saving sessions and much more.

[Tribal Health Equity on Our Terms](#) | May 19 – 23 in Rapid City, SD

The NIH National Tribal Health Conference is a week-long event that serves American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in the space of health - behavioral and public health. The conference will showcase the interconnectedness of policy, advocacy, and Indian health best practices. Programming includes tribal listening and consultation sessions, hands-on training opportunities, plenary sessions, and workshops that cover timely topics such as funding for Indian Health, the business of medicine, health equity, Indigenous determinants of health, Tribal public health, behavioral health, culture, environmental health, and climate change.

[Public Health Improvement Training \(PHIT\) 2024](#) | May 20 – 21 in New Orleans, LA OR virtually June 3

– 5 The Public Health Improvement Training (PHIT) will feature a series of hands-on, skill-building workshops and purposeful networking on public health performance improvement. This event will feature a one-and-a-half-day in-person convening. The virtual PHIT event, which engaged more than 1,000 registrants in 2023, will feature a variety of content, including skill-building and networking sessions, plus opportunities for attendees to connect on performance improvement topics.

[National Network of Public Health Institutes \(NNPHI\) 2024 Annual Conference](#) | May 21 – 23 in New Orleans, LA This year's conference, Building Pathways to Improve Public Health, will provide space for participants to make connections, learn from colleagues, develop skills, and obtain actionable takeaways to bring back to their communities! Content will include discussions and presentations on impactful programs in rural health, cross-sector partnerships, climate & crisis preparedness, community engagement, health and racial equity, and innovations in workforce development and training.

[SYNChronicity 2024](#) | May 29 – 31 in Arlington, VA

Organized by HealthHIV, HealthHCV, and the National Coalition for LGBTQ Health, this one-of-a-kind national conference connects dynamic healthcare and public health audiences to effectively address HIV, hepatitis C (HCV), sexually transmitted infections (STIs), LGBTQ+ health, harm reduction, and health equity.

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[PHI*con](#) | July 22 – 23 in Detroit, MI

This year's theme, "Driving Data Modernization," addresses how to effectively serve communities in today's information-driven world, and shows that public health – and its cross-sector partners – must advance and strengthen its capability to transform data into action (e.g., services, interventions, and policies). PHI*con 2024 is a separate conference which will take place on Monday, July 22 and Tuesday, July 23, 2024, ahead of NACCHO360. Please note that registrations for PHI*con and NACCHO360 can be purchased separately or bundled together at a discounted rate.

[NACCHO 360](#) | July 23 – 26 in Detroit, MI

Annually, NACCHO360 is the largest convening of local health department leaders and public health professionals in the United States, offering the opportunity to learn, network, and share experiences and best practices across local health departments. In 2024, the public health community will gather in Detroit, Michigan, July 23-26, to explore our conference theme, "Heard it Through the Grapevine: Public Health Partnerships, Collaboration, and Innovation."

[SPHE's 26th Annual Advocacy Summit](#) | October 19 – 21 in Washington, D.C.

The Summit, which brings together around 150 public health and advocacy professionals and students to engage in effective advocacy for a common agenda at national, state and local levels, is a learning environment for all levels of knowledge and experience. It engages public health leaders to share advocacy training, materials, and resources. Following the Summit, participants are encouraged to continue advocacy efforts in their communities.

[American Public Health Association \(APHA\) 2024](#) | October 27 – 30 in Minneapolis, MN