



## Mission

Centers for Public Health Preparedness (CPHP) train front-line workers in state and local health departments, preparing them to protect American citizens in the event of a public health emergency – inclusive of infectious, environmental, occupational, and terrorist threats. Created in 2000 with CDC funding, the network of 27 centers located in graduate, accredited schools of public health has already reached hundreds of thousands of public health workers through applied training and targeted technical expertise aimed at protecting communities in real-world crises. The CPHP network of world-renowned preparedness experts, convened and coordinated by the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), ensures a strong public health response is available across the nation when and where it is needed.

## Importance

The Ohio State University, the land grant institution for Ohio, is dedicating to serving the 11 million citizens of the state. Its College of Public Health supports the state public health workforce-which continues to need specialized training to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disaster-through its Office of Workforce Development and the Ohio Center for Public Health Preparedness (OCPHP). The OCPHP, working shoulder to shoulder with its primary partners, the Ohio Department of Health and 134 local health departments, provides vital training and technical assistance concentrated in three areas: incident management, exercises and drills, and discipline-specific preparedness to empower first-responder partnerships. OCPHP's built-in needs assessment and evaluation components ensure that the training stays on target with the National Preparedness Goal and the Target Capabilities List.

## Accomplishments

- *Pandemic Flu Preparedness and Planning* – Assistance at the local, university-college, state, and regional levels to build and exercise pandemic flu plans, ensuring business continuity and public health readiness. **Over 200 nurses and school-based team members trained to implement Pandemic Flu Plans.**
- *Public Health Centric Incident Management* – National Incident Management System (NIMS)-compliant classroom and field training in incident command system (ICS) 100-400 and ground-breaking assistance for the public health workforce centering on public health examples, use of coaching, and supported integration of ICS into the daily job. **Over 400 participants to date ready to practice a NIMS-compliant public health response.**
- *Exercise Training and Assistance* – Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)-compliant **training and consultation in exercise design, implementation, and evaluation for Ohio's public health workforce in ALL counties and ALL regions.**
- *Public Health Nursing Surge Response* – A national model for discipline-specific training which provides continuing education to over 200 public health nurses in Ohio. National release of the curriculum is planned for Summer 2007.
- *Dedicated Partnership* – Gratis placement of an OCPHP employee into the Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Preparedness to assure continuity in planning and operations.
- *Social Marketing for Public Health Preparedness* – Use of corporate marketing strategies to implement public health information campaigns at the local and regional level. **Over 350 public health leaders and public information officers ready for risk communication in disaster.**

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