



MID-AMERICA PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING CENTER *Illinois and Indiana*

Summary of the PHTC

In December 2000, the **University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health** and Indiana University Department of Public Health submitted a joint proposal to HRSA over five years to establish the Mid-America Public Health Training Center (MAPHTC). In concert with the Illinois and Indiana state health agencies and public health affiliate associations, the partners will address workforce development by drawing on their respective resources and established relationships in Indiana and Illinois.

The MAPHTC uses a collaborative, comprehensive, integrated approach to training the public health workforce in Illinois and Indiana. The Center uses existing resources in the two states to enhance current and build new infrastructure for attainment of Healthy People 2010 objectives through competency-based, coordinated public health training programs.

Impact of the PHTC

- MAPHTC has worked to coordinate the multitude of training by creating a training model that has for the first time brought together representatives from the eight health profession schools in Illinois and Indiana, and state and local public health agencies to evaluate and coordinate programs based on need for training programs for the public health workforce. Training programs are then developed based on the expressed need.
- The Center has been innovative in developing programs of excellence in the training of Board of Health members, public health nurses in environmental health, programs for young people contemplating health careers, with a focus on the development of public health leadership skills, evidence-based public health models, collaborative leadership opportunities for rural health professionals, training of community-based coalitions in maternal and child health programs based on the use of data, and executive coaching and leadership for the workforce.
- To address the confusion that exists about the difference between risk communication and crisis communication, MAPHTC offered a one-day course on Crisis Communications and leadership issues related to crisis communication and preparedness (responding to a need). We had 65 participants in this course.