

# Texas Public Health Training Center

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### **Summary of the PHTC**

The Texas Public Health Training Center (TPHTC) is comprised of the **University of North Texas School of Public Health**, the **University of Texas School of Public Health**, and **Texas A&M University School of Rural Public Health**. In addition, the Texas Department of Health is a formal partner, and serves as a member of the Training Center's Program Management Committee.

### **Impact of the PHTC**

- The Center has conducted a statewide needs assessment of the Directors of Texas Public Health Departments, the public health workforce, members of local and state boards of health, and local regional and state policy makers.
- The Center has offered approximately 35 different educational products, and has reached over 1,000 participants since its inception; several thousand more have utilized TPHTC's written materials and training sessions sponsored by the Center at annual meetings of the Texas Public Health Association, the professional organization of public health workers in Texas. In addition, due to the expansiveness of the state, many participants have received training through remote locations as distance learners.
- The Center has utilized an advisory board, made up of TPHTC's academic and practice partners, to provide significant information and feedback to the Center's pursuit of providing quality educational products, including initiating "just in time" training products to address hidden health threats, such as a two day training on the West Nile Virus that occurred at different dates in four locations throughout Texas.