

# ACADEMIA & LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE

## **A COLLABORATION**

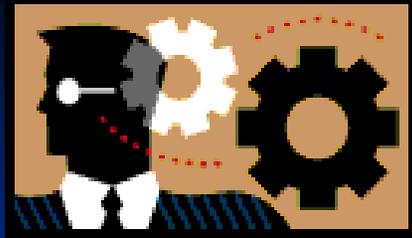
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# OBJECTIVES

- Learn why a Local Public Health Nurse manual is needed
- Describe the Pros and Cons of the collaboration between Academia and Community health agencies.



# VIRTUAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MISSION STATEMENT

- To protect and improve the health and safety of the people of Connecticut by:
  - assuring the conditions in which people can be healthy
  - promoting physical and mental health and
  - preventing disease, injury and disability

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH

Keeping Connecticut Healthy

# State of Connecticut Local Health Departments and Districts, July 2008

## Health Districts<sup>1,2</sup>

- 1 Westport-Weston
- 2 Torrington Area
- 3 Naugatuck Valley
- 4 Northeast
- 5 East Shore
- 6 North Central
- 7 Chesprocott
- 8 Farmington Valley
- 9 Quinnipiac Valley
- 10 Bristol-Burlington
- 11 Pomperaug
- 12 Uncas
- 13 Ledge Light
- 14 Newtown
- 15 West Hartford-Bloomfield
- 16 Central Connecticut
- 17 Eastern Highlands
- 18 Chatham
- 19 Trumbull-Monroe
- 20 Connecticut River Area

## Sovereign Nations

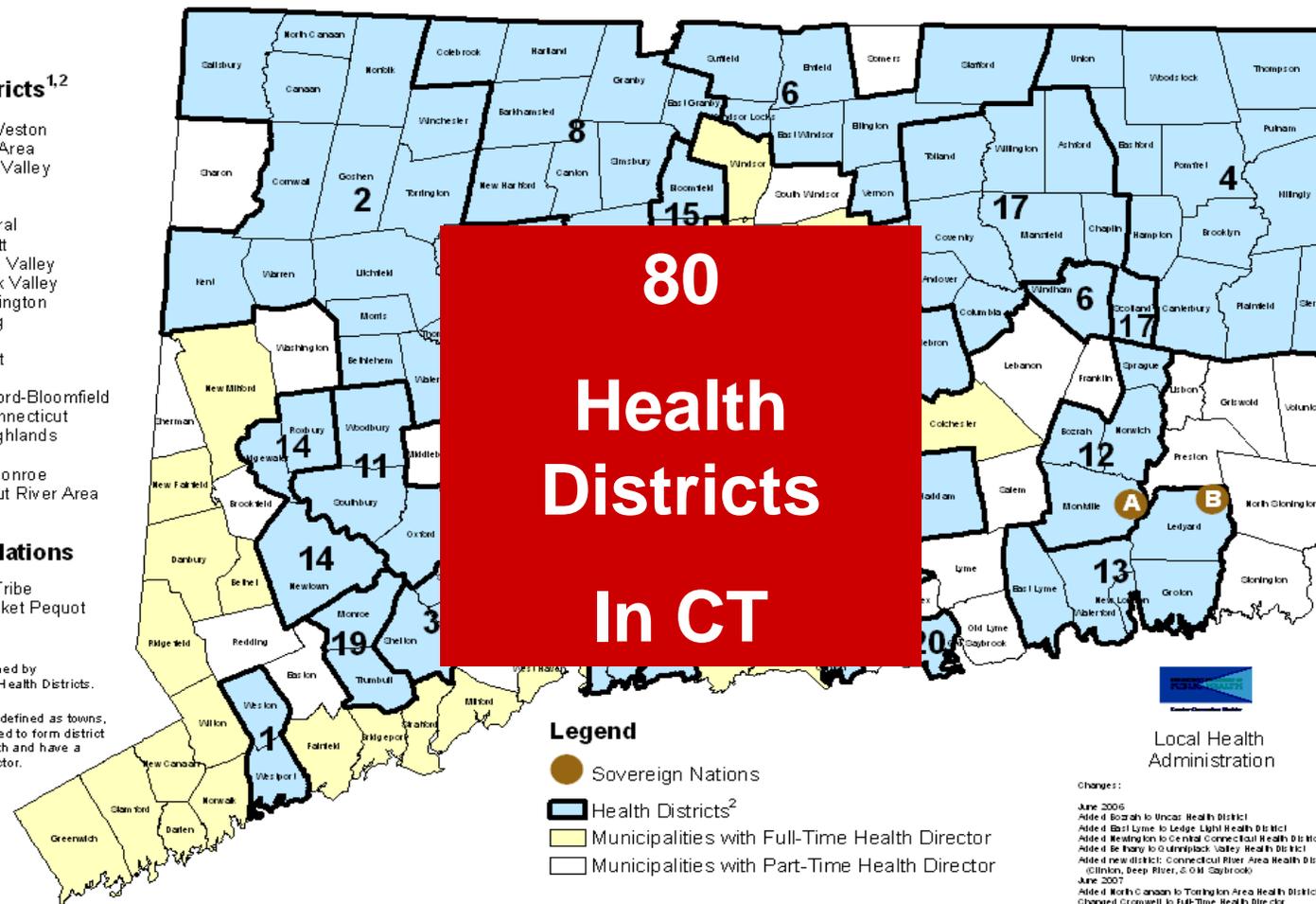
- A Mohegan Tribe
- B Mashantucket Pequot Tribe

Numbers are assigned by date of formation of Health Districts.

<sup>1</sup>Health Districts are defined as towns, cities, boroughs united to form district departments of health and have a full-time Health Director.



June 19, 2008



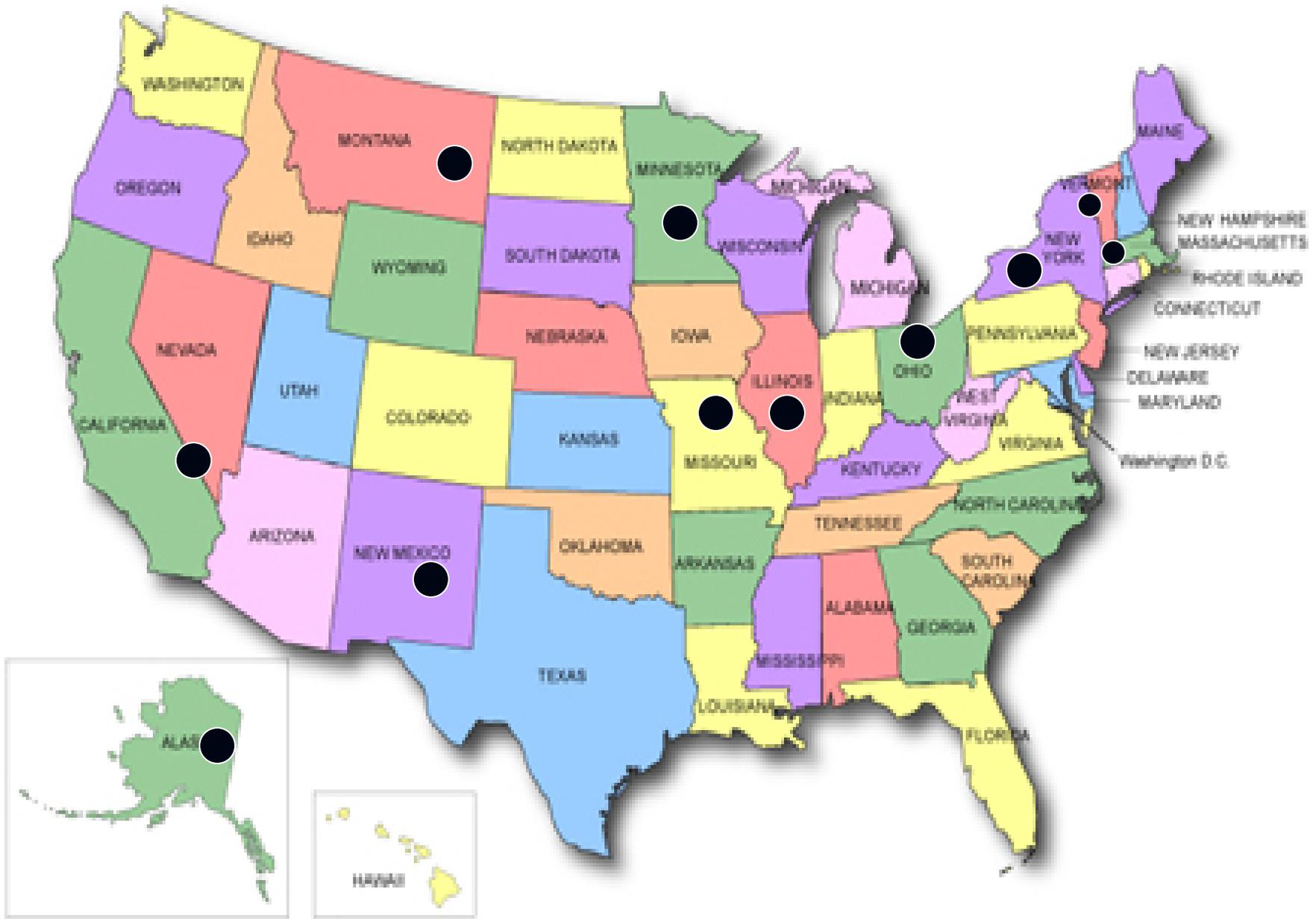
## Legend

- Sovereign Nations
- Health Districts<sup>2</sup>
- Municipalities with Full-Time Health Director
- Municipalities with Part-Time Health Director



Local Health Administration

- Changes:
- June 2006
    - Added Scroah to Uncas Health District
    - Added East Lyme to Ledge Light Health District
    - Added Newington to Central Connecticut Health District
    - Added Berlin to Quinnipiac Valley Health District
    - Added new district: Connecticut River Area Health District (Clinton, Deer River, & Old Saybrook)
  - June 2007
    - Added North Canaan to Torrington Area Health District
    - Changed Cromwell to Full-Time Health Director
    - Changed New Canaan to Full-Time Health Director
  - June 2008
    - Changed Berlin to Full-Time Health Director
    - Added Haddam to Chatham Health District

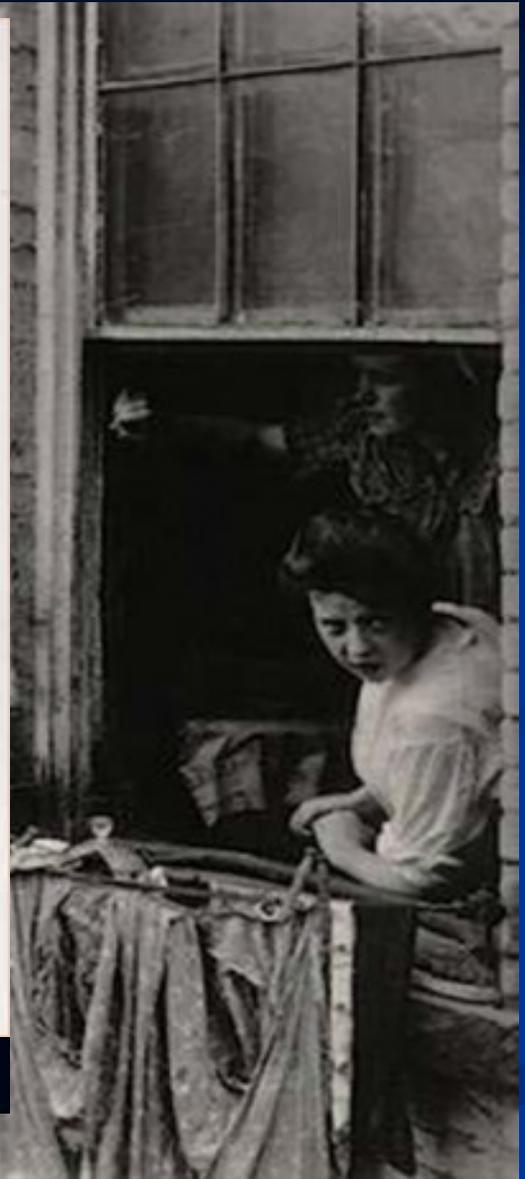


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Lillian Wald



# LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AT WORK

Collaboration



Surveillance



Health Promotion

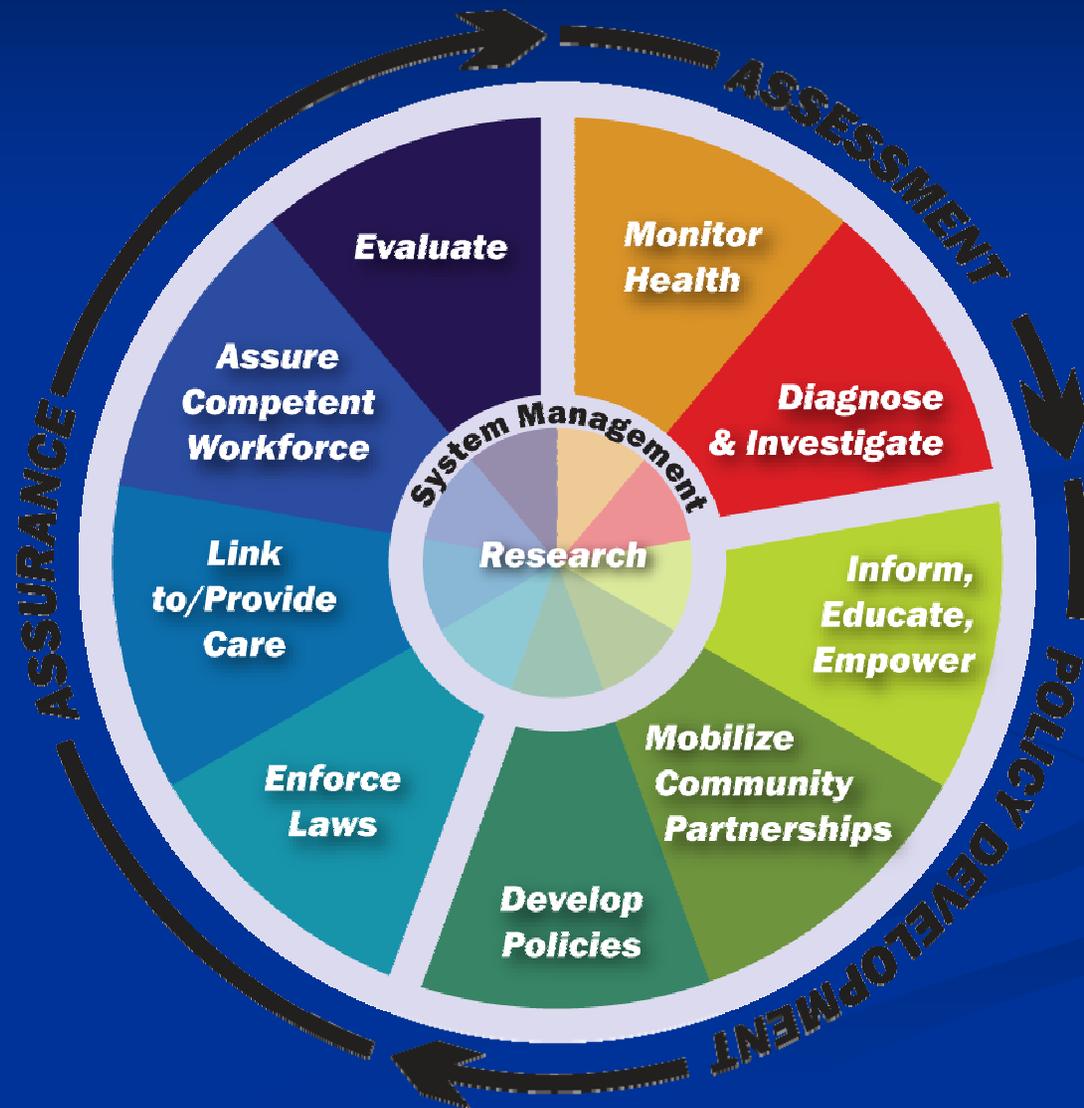


Policy Development



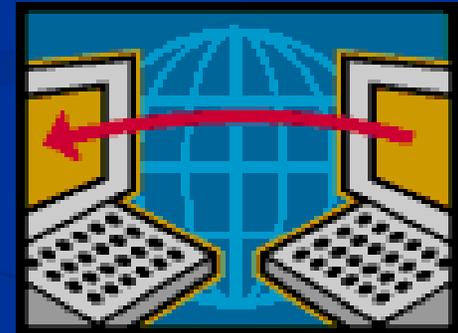
Immunizations

# TEN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES



# Essential Public Health Services Researched by Students

- 1.) MONITOR HEALTH STATUS
- 3.) INFORM, EDUCATE AND EMPOWER
- 4.) MOBILIZE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
- 6.) ENFORCE LAWS
- 7.) LINK TO PROVIDE CARE



# COALITION BUILDING

**Building coalitions draws upon  
the full range of potential human  
and material resources**



# COLLABORATIONS

**Collaborations where everyone in the group are equally joining together to work toward a common goal.**



# ACADEMIA & COMMUNITY

## PROS

- OUR DPH MENTORS
- COLLABORATION
- CAPHN
- MAPHN
- SUPPORT LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
- INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

## CONS

- TEMPLATE
- COMPROMISE CHALLENGING SCHEDULES
- CLINICAL NURSE INEXPERIENCE

# FUTURE GOALS

- CONTINUE DEVELOP OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH MANUAL
- ORGANIZING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE COMMUNITY
- DEVELOP A SURVEY



# WRAP UP

- Manual development will provide consistency
- The benefits of the project outweighed the cons

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# CONSTRUCTING A MANUAL FOR CONNECTICUT LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

## **Background:**

- Inconsistent information available for local public health nurses (LPHN) across Connecticut's 80 local public health departments
- This potentially compromises public health

## **Objective:**

- Develop a standardized LPHN manual for the health departments in Connecticut.

## **Method:**

- Through a review of the literature and other states' LPHN manuals, several chapters were drafted for the proposed manual
- Ten essential public health services served as the framework

## **Outcome:**

- A LPHN manual to provide consistency and guide practice throughout Connecticut

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## TEN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Monitor

Investigate

Inform and educate

Mobilize partnerships

Support appropriate policies and plans

Enforce laws and regulations

Link people to needed services

Ensure a skilled, competent public health workforce

Evaluation

Research and application

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