

Why is PACE-EH Effective?

- ◆ Addresses active solutions to community identified issues.
- ◆ Develops leadership roles in community regarding environmental health issues.
- ◆ Establishes new professional partnerships.
- ◆ Develops partnerships between local health agencies and communities.



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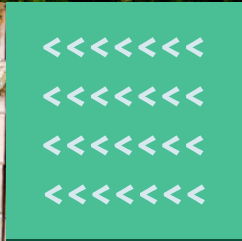
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Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE-EH)



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What is PACE-EH?

PACE-EH is a valuable community involvement tool designed to encourage local health officials and community members to work together to improve their environmental public health. It is a collaborative process that engages community members, local government, and other stakeholders in identifying and addressing environmental public health issues. The PACE-EH process has been used by communities across the United States to improve the health of their residents.

Public health is not only focused on sanitation, food safety, and water quality, but also air toxins, noise pollution, and solid and hazardous wastes. Public involvement and community participation are key in identifying, prioritizing, and addressing public health concerns, especially environmental and community health.



Objectives

- ◆ Evaluate local environmental health conditions and concerns.
- ◆ Identify populations at risk of exposure to environmental hazards.
- ◆ Identify and collect meaningful environmental health data.
- ◆ Set priorities for local action to address environmental health issues.



Long-Term Goals

- ◆ Promote improved communication between environmental public health professionals and communities.
- ◆ Address outstanding environmental hazard issues and public health concerns.
- ◆ Empower communities to express and define their environmental health issues.
- ◆ Inspire long-term community-based environmental health improvements.

13-Step Methodology

The methodology consists of a series of tasks to engage the public's involvement, collect necessary and relevant information pertaining to community environmental health status, rank issues, and set local priorities for action. Tasks include:

1. Determine community to undertake the assessment.
2. Define and characterize the community.
3. Assemble community environmental public health assessment team.
4. Define the goals of the assessment.
5. Generate the environmental health issue list.
6. Analyze issues with a systems framework.
7. Develop appropriate community environmental public health indicators.
8. Select standards.
9. Create environmental public health issue profile.
10. Rank the environmental public health issues.
11. Set priorities for action.
12. Develop an action plan.
13. Evaluate progress and plan for the future.

