

FOUNDATIONAL AREA:

Linkage to Medical, Behavioral, and Community Resources

SPECS

Public health agencies don't have the resources to physically provide all the programs and services needed in a community. They depend on a strong network of partners, each with specific areas of expertise.

When public health and its partners work together, they build a strong foundation for well-being and create the environment that ensures every member of the community has access to the programs and services they need to reach their full potential and thrive.



Foundational Capabilities Foundational Areas

RESOURCES

Hospital Community Linkages, BHNSTL

- 📌 Clinical-Community Relationships Evaluation Roadmap, AHRQ
- 📌 Clinical-Community Relationships Measures (CCRM) Atlas, AHRQ
- 📌 Community Linkages for the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, CDC
- 📌 Integrating Services for Community Health, SOPHE and WIC
- 📌 Prioritizing Community-Clinical Linkages to Prevent Falls in Older Adults, ASTHO
- 📌 Bridging the Gap: Connecting Behavioral and Public Health, NCSL

DISCUSSION

1. To what degree is our agency currently assuring all the foundational public health capabilities and areas of expertise identified in the FPHS model?
2. In which of these capabilities and areas of expertise are our partners providing a foundational program or service to which we can link our population?
3. How can referrals to medical, behavioral, and community resources reduce health inequities and improve public health?

APPLICATION

1. Review our agency's referral guide to ensure it is current and to identify gaps.
2. Innovatively explore untapped linkages to local resources.

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