



Public Health Training Impact Initiative Report

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Overview

To support the ongoing training of public health professionals, the [Public Health Training Impact](#) initiative was launched in the fall of 2011 to identify methods and tools to improve and measure the impact of training. Guided by the [Training Impact Task Force](#) (Task Force), this initiative produced a set of strategies and methods intended to assist trainers, public health organizations, and sponsors of training through the training and evaluation process. In addition, a collection of literature about training and evaluation was developed, and tools and examples to support implementation of the approaches identified were gathered.

Plan for Online Resource

The materials developed and collected through the Public Health Training Impact initiative will be used to create an online resource for public health professionals and organizations engaged in training and evaluation. This resource will be structured around the strategies and methods detailed by the Task Force, linking supporting literature, definitions, tools, and examples to relevant strategies and methods. Public health professionals will be able to explore resources within five stages of the training process, from assessment and motivation through design and delivery to evaluation, and access supporting materials appropriate at each of these stages. The resource will be designed so that it can be updated as additional materials are discovered and will be freely available to the public health community through the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice website.

Next Steps

Initial work on the online Public Health Training Impact resource will continue through the fall and is anticipated to be completed by February 2014. The Task Force will be convened for a final meeting prior to the completion of the resource to discuss strategies for dissemination.