

# ON BOARD

June 10, 2023



News and Views from the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**  
**NJLBHA Board Meeting**  
**10:00 AM EST**

**Meeting  
Details**

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## Current Articles and Requests for Participation

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### Invitation to participate in New Jersey public health workforce research. Let your voices be heard!



Dear colleagues,

I am writing to invite you to participate in a research study that will provide valuable information on the local public health workforce and its perceptions, experiences, and symptoms of mental health conditions as it may relate to the prolonged pandemic response in New Jersey. The overall analysis and recommendations of this study will strive to provide a foundation for additional research related to training and support services with a goal of creating a sustainable, vibrant public health workforce prepared to handle the next major public health emergency. This study has been approved by the Rutgers University Institutional Review Board (IRB#:PRO2022001813).

This study questions aim to answer the following questions:

1. What are the socio-demographic characteristics of the current local public health workforce in New Jersey? How does it differ from other states across the country?
2. What challenges did the NJ governmental public health workforce experience during the COVID-19 pandemic? How did those challenges affect the physical, mental, and emotional health of the NJ workforce?

Your participation involves completing a 20-minute survey which can be found through this [link](#) or QR code.

There are no direct benefits to you for taking part in this research. However, your participation will be contributing to knowledge which hasn't previously been collected specific to the public health workforce in NJ.

There is minimal risk to you by participating in the research as some of the questions focus on mental health and may be sensitive. If you feel uncomfortable at any point, you are welcome to stop. If you decide to participate, all data collected is anonymous and no personal identifiers will be collected. All data collected in conjunction with this research will be stored securely and will be destroyed within 7 years.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the study, please do not hesitate to ask the study investigators:

Lisa Harrison-Gulla, DrPH Candidate, Rutgers School of Public Health, at [lag191@rutgers.edu](mailto:lag191@rutgers.edu).

Mitchel A. Rosen, Dissertation Chair/Faculty Advisor and registered Principal Investigator, at [mrosen@sph.rutgers.edu](mailto:mrosen@sph.rutgers.edu).

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## Webinar: The Future of Public Health with Dr. Sandro Galea

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WEBINAR

### Public Health 3.0 and the Future of Public Health, Featuring Dr. Sandro Galea

3PM ET | June 20



Public health practitioners are working to protect the nation and navigate ongoing challenges, such as economic and racial inequality, political and racial unrest, public mistrust in government and workforce burnout. Public Health 3.0's framework can help us navigate these challenges.

Our June webinar will explore the framework's recommendations with one of the field's most prolific scholars, [Dr. Sandro Galea](#). Dean of Boston University's School of Public Health, Galea has authored more than 1,000 publications about the social determinants of health, mental health and trauma.

Join our webinar in June to learn how to transform health systems to become more efficient, compassionate and equitable.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

DCF Releases Request for Proposals for Universal Home Visiting Initiative to Help Improve Maternal and Infant Health, Overall

# Family Wellness

*June 28 Filing deadline - NJLBHA supporting this effort*

TRENTON, NJ – In another significant step designed to bring New Jersey closer to implementing Universal Newborn Home Visiting, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) recently issued a request for proposals to engage partner-agencies. This life-changing model of family support is demonstrated to improve maternal and infant health outcomes and the family's overall sense of wellness and wellbeing, and represents a key component of First Lady Tammy Murphy's ongoing Nurture NJ initiative.

[Full  
Content](#)

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Congressional Briefing and National Webinar

# Shortchanged: The Impact of Chronic Underinvestment in Public Health

June 20, 2023 | 3:00 PM ET



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Policymakers are asking: With the United States spending far more on healthcare compared to other high-income nations, why does our nation still yield substantially worse health outcomes and what funding and policy actions must we take to see better results?

To shed light on that important question, Trust for America's Health (TFAH) and the Coalition for Health Funding (CHF) are gathering experts in public health policy and funding on June 20th to discuss the critical need for increased, sustainable, and flexible funding that specifically targets public health and prevention. The discussion will focus on how to address the longstanding gaps in public health capacity resulting from chronic underfunding.

The webinar will include findings and recommendations from TFAH's *The Impact of Chronic Underfunding on America's Public Health System: Trends, Risks, and Recommendations 2023* report to be released on June 14. Please register to listen to the discussion.

**RSVP TODAY!**

For more information contact: Tim Hughes at [thughes@tfah.org](mailto:thughes@tfah.org)

Employment Opportunity - click on content below for the pdf version.



**About SJIPH:** The SJIPH, established in 2018 through a state grant received by the Rowan University / Rutgers – Camden Board of Governors, supports collaborative research aimed at addressing health disparities among underserved populations in both rural and urban communities in New Jersey’s southern counties.

SJIPH is currently in the process of awarding their third annual round of grant funding, during which \$500,000 will be made available to community-based research teams. The institute awarded \$230,000 to 11 projects in cycle 1 and \$387,000 to 11 different projects in cycle 2 in the South Jersey region.

**Position:** Operations & Research Coordinator (Part-time)

**Supervisor(s):** Dr. Nicole Vaughn, Associate Professor, School of Nursing and Health Professions, Rowan University Corey Hoffman, MPA, Academic Programs and Research Coordinator, RURCBOG

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Operations & Research Coordinator will:

- Assist in coordinating and organizing materials for SJIPH research funding initiatives
- Assist with crafting announcements, triaging grant proposal submissions and writing draft narrative progress / evaluation reports under direction of faculty advisor
- Identify, review, organize and synthesize information from published literature and web-based resources on a broad range of health disparities issues
- Prepare draft sections of summaries, reports, presentations, and website copy under direction of faculty advisor
- Communicate and field questions from potential applicants and funded grantees
- Organize and manage submitted applications, proposals, forms and other accepted materials
- Coordinate, meet and work with appropriate personnel and community stakeholders internal and external to ensure project deliverables for funding initiative
- Work with databases to summarize research projects impact under the supervision of faculty advisor/co lead(s)
- Be present for and have the ability to coordinate, co-facilitate and lead virtual and some in-person meetings, including annual Sandbox event, under the supervision of the faculty co-lead(s)
- Coordinate with website design firm to ensure SJIPH.org remains up-to-date and functioning properly

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE DESIRED**

- Be self-motivated and extremely organized
- Have excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Have excellent writing skills and ability to work on a team to support work on summary reports.
- Have an interest in understanding more about public health issues and health disparities.
- Be proficient in all Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Powerpoint, and Excel.



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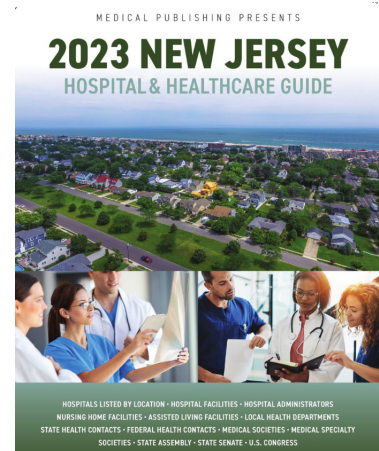
## Wellness and Prevention Digest

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### 2023 New Jersey Hospital Guide

Medical Publishing, LLC is proud to present the 2023 New Jersey Hospital Guide.

[Link to the 2023 NJ Hospital Guide](#)



Public Health Update

### NJLINCS Health Alert Network

Distributed by the *New Jersey Department of Health*

**Subject:** Public Health Info : New fact sheet: Don't Take LEAD DUST Home from Work!

**Date:** 05/30/2023 11:59:30

**Official Message No.:** 111779-5-30-2023-PHIN

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**Attachments:** No

Lead dust can be brought into the home from the workplace and can be harmful to household members who come in contact with it. Lead dust can be on clothes, shoes, hair, skin, and personal items where it can leave a trail and transfer to vehicles, carpets, floors, and furniture. Please circulate the newly released fact sheet from the NJDOH Consumer, Environmental, and Occupational Health Service, available in [[English](#)] and [[Spanish](#)], regarding the prevention of take-home lead. The fact sheets can also be found on our NJDOH Occupational Health Surveillance website: [bit.ly/NJDOHEnvOccHeavyMetals](https://bit.ly/NJDOHEnvOccHeavyMetals)

[Guidance on Ending of PHE20233005](#)

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## New Funding Opportunity - Supporting Communities to Reduce Lead Poisoning (CDC-RFA-EH-23-005) - Apply by July 31, 2023

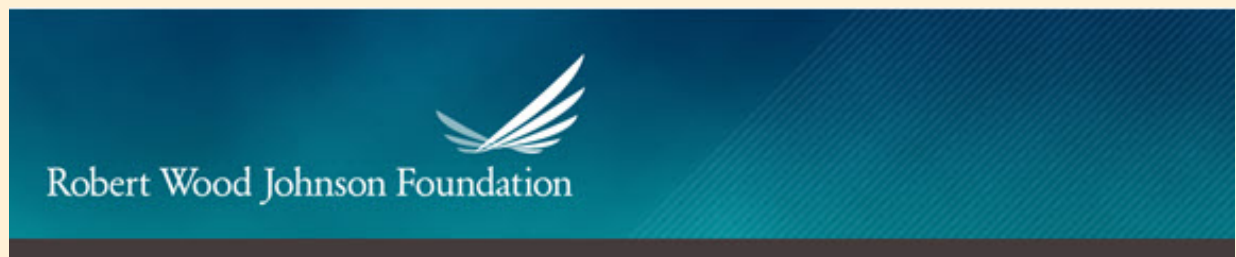
The National Center of Environmental Health's Lead Poisoning and Prevention and Surveillance Branch (proposed), is pleased to announce a new Notice of Funding Opportunity, [Supporting Communities to Reduce Lead Poisoning \(CDC-RFA-EH-23-005\)](#). **Applications are due by July 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm ET.** We are requesting that you share this opportunity with organizations who directly serve local communities in your network.

This new 3 – year community-based grant will fund approximately 10 organizations for a period of performance from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2026. Funded applicants will help families avoid the dangers of lead in their homes through community engagement, prevention education, and family support. CDC encourages all organizations with less than \$2 million in federal funding and strong ties to the community they serve to apply.

The funding opportunity supports organizations to:

- Work with partners from different sectors,
- Provide better access to resources and services for families and children,
- Increase knowledge and skills related to lead poisoning, and
- Educate the community about the risk of lead exposure and disparities in blood lead levels based on factors like race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography.

**An informational call will be held on June 14, 2023.** Details will be available at: [Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program | CDC](#)



We all want to live a healthy life with our families and loved ones in safe and thriving communities.

New Jersey offers many opportunities for residents to achieve their healthiest life, yet those opportunities are not available to all of us who call New Jersey home. For centuries, our structures and systems have put barriers in place that create unequal opportunities for communities of color, threatening freedom, prosperity, and health for millions in our state. New Jersey cannot be a truly healthy and equitable state without addressing the discriminatory policies and practices that have harmed New Jersey's people of color for generations.

As part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's work in our home state, RWJF has released a new report: **A Policy Agenda for a Healthier, More Equitable New Jersey**. This in-depth report ties a legacy of structural racism to persistent health inequities in New Jersey. It provides context and data to enable state and local leaders, and the public, to make informed decisions to address structural racism in policies, practices, and systems—and in turn, empower communities and individuals to thrive.

The agenda offers policy recommendations in four key areas:

- Affordable housing
- Birth and reproductive justice
- Public health infrastructure
- Community power-building to drive change

The Foundation is committed to sharing these recommended policy options broadly while

bringing together a wide range of interested and affected parties—including community leaders, policymakers, philanthropy, partners, academics, and advocates—to share knowledge and power, honor lived experience, and explore evidence-based solutions that can help bring us closer to achieving racial equity.

When we think about our vision for New Jersey, we think of removing obstacles that millions of people face every day. Together, in partnership with others mentioned above, we can build a New Jersey in which everyone can achieve their best health and wellbeing. We invite you to **review the report our policy recommendations, and the history it vividly recounts.**

Maisha Simmons  
Director of New Jersey Grantmaking  
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## A Public Health Leadership Grant Opportunity

On June 6, applications will open for [Public Health Regenerative Leadership Synergy](#)

(PHEARLESS), a new grant and professional development opportunity for community leaders and public health leaders who are working together to promote health and equity in the local context.



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