

# ON BOARD

March 10, 2025



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

Saturday, March 15, 2025  
**NJLBHA Board Meeting**  
10:00 AM EST

## Current Articles and Requests for Participation

**TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND HEALTH OFFICERS;** Please ensure that your health dept gets this assessment tool completed ASAP. THIS INFORMATION WHEN TABULATED STATEWIDE WILL FINALLY GIVE US THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO JUSTIFY OUR REQUESTS FOR STATE OF NJ SUSTAINED FUNDING FOR FOUNDATIONAL SERVICES. paul roman, pres NJLBHA, vp, PHACE



### Costing Assessment Tool Resources and Next Steps

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## LEARNING SERIES



Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey  
In Cooperation with the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder and the NJ Dept. of Human Services

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY



Register for a Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day Learning Series Webinar

"Community Strategies to Fight Opioid Addiction"

Thursday,  
March 13, 2025 @ 11am

Community Strategies to Fight Opioid Addiction -  
**REGISTER**



## The Faces of Aging - 27th Annual Conference Friday, May 16th, New Brunswick

New Jersey Advocates for Aging Well (NJAAW) is pleased to open registration for our 27th annual conference, "The Faces of Aging."

As one of the most diverse states in the country, New Jersey faces a broad range of challenges, strengths, and possibilities as we follow trends towards an older population. This year's theme, "The Faces of Aging," will highlight the diversity of New Jersey's older residents, their distinct needs, and their common goals.

The annual NJAAW conference focuses on the full realm of issues facing older adults in NJ. We expect more than 300 professionals interested in making a difference in the lives of older adults. Our audience includes stakeholders in government, age-friendly initiatives, housing, health care, social services, recreation, transportation, philanthropy, education, academia, and journalism.

**Early bird registration and discount open until March 14!**

### Confirmed panels:

1. Fraud and Scams Targeting Older Adults.
2. Empowering the Older Adult: A Path to Holistic Well-Being Through a Mental Health Lense
3. Enhancing Law Enforcement Engagement with Older Adults: A Collaborative Policing Approach
4. Face Value: Appreciating Differences Across Generations"
5. The Face of Food Insecurity
6. Supporting Older Adults with Hearing Loss: Enhancing Care Awareness, Language Access, and Technology
7. Aging Alone: Addressing the Needs and Challenges of Solo Agers in New Jersey

*More to be announced this week.*

[Register here:](#)

### Are you interested in Social Work CEs?

CEs will be provided through Stockton University. If interested in learning more, please indicate when registering and we will send you details.

### Have you heard about our photo contest?

Have you ever noticed that photos used to portray older adults are either the same group of people over and over, or show age in a negative context? Well, we are tired of it. As one of the most diverse states in the country, New Jersey has many beautiful and unique faces among our older residents, and we want to see them! So, we are inviting amateur and professional photographers to capture real, older.

[Download contest flyer](#)

New Jersey Advocates for Aging Well | 3705 Quakerbridge Road Ste 102 | Hamilton, NJ 08619 US

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### Maternal and Child Health Conference

Please join us at the Maternal and Child Health Conference sponsored by the NJACCHO MCH workgroup. The event takes place on **March 28th**. See the attached flyer for details and registration information.

[2025 NJACHHO MCH forum Flyer](#)

New Jersey Immunization Network Presents

# Getting to Know New Jersey's Vaccine Preventable Disease Program

Friday, March 14, 2025  
9:00 AM-11:00 AM, ET

**Topics will include**

- Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program
- NJIIS reporting, enrollment, and provider engagement
- Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP)

**Featuring Speakers**

from the NJ  
Department of Health

- Disease surveillance
- HIPAA and patient information
- VPD reporting, investigation, prevention, and control
- Medical and religious vaccine exemptions
- And more!

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[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

**Accreditation Statement:**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Medical Society of New Jersey. New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics is accredited by the Medical Society of New Jersey to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**AMA Designation Statement:**

New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics designates this live internet activity for a maximum of 2 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**ABP MOC Part II:**

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the learner to earn up to 2 MOC points in the American Board of Pediatrics' (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABP MOC credit.

**NURSING STATEMENT**

NURSES CONTACT HOURS: NJ Board of Nursing (NJAC 13:37-5.3) states: "A registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse may obtain continuing education hours from the following: (d)3. Successful completion of continuing medical education courses recognized by the American Medical Association, the American Osteopathic Association or the American Podiatric Medical Association: one hour for each 60 minutes of attendance" therefore, CME credits obtained today may be used in place of nursing contact hours.



# Insights to Practice: A Conference to Inspire Public Health Communications

Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
1pm - 4:45pm ET / 10am - 1:45pm PT

PHCC 

**Presenters and panelists will explore:**

- How to Communicate About Health Equity
- Creating Compelling Stories from Complicated Data
- How to Communicate to Build Understanding of Public Health
- What Makes an Effective Public Health Messenger

Speaker Lineup: Presenters and panelists will be announced soon!

Cost? Free. PHCC is making Insights to Practice available to attendees free of charge. Capacity is limited, so save the date and watch for registration information coming soon.

Who is Insights to Practice for? If you're a public health communicator, Insights to Practice is for you. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn from expert communicators and leading thinkers in public health so you can put the insights into practice in the communications you create.

The de Beaumont Foundation is partnering with the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives to host a two-part webinar series on public health/private sector partnerships. Learn more about what the chamber of commerce in your community does, how to engage them in your public health efforts, and what a potential partnership could look like on:

- March 25, 2 pm ET: **Public Health and Chamber of Commerce**  
[Register for the March Webinar](#)

**Note:** You must register for each webinar individually. If you have any questions or issues with registering, contact Sarah Bounce at [bounce@debeaumont.org](mailto:bounce@debeaumont.org)

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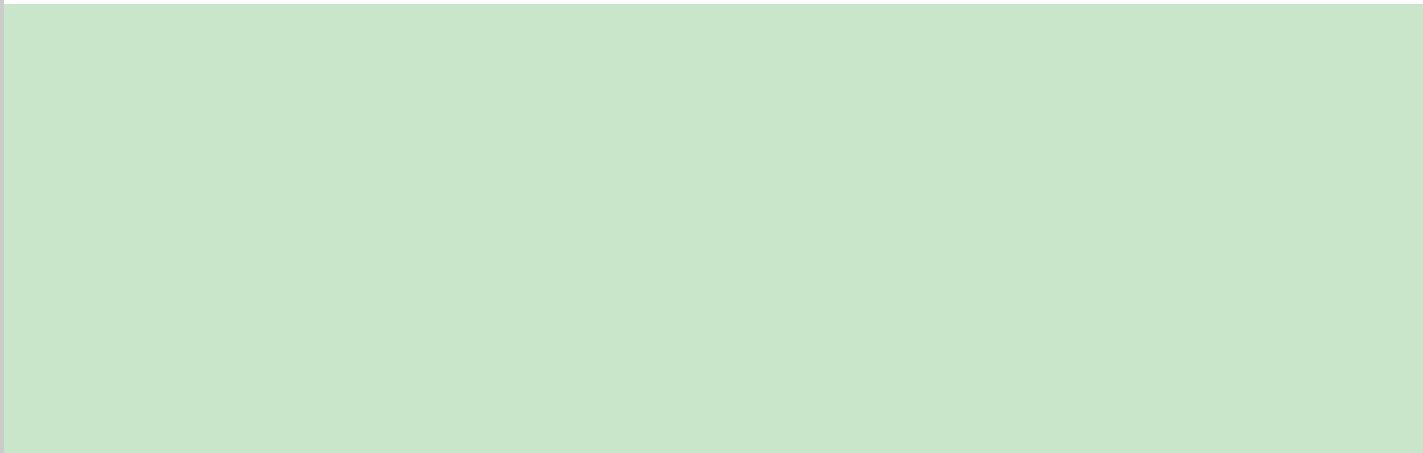
## Breaking Down Barriers in Healthcare for People with Disabilities

Good health is something everyone should have an opportunity to obtain. Unfortunately, that's not the reality for many people with intellectual, developmental disabilities, and functional limitations. Too often, they run into unnecessary obstacles such as doctors who don't fully understand their needs, clinics that aren't set up to accommodate them, and health programs that leave them out. These gaps don't just make things inconvenient—they lead to worse health outcomes and higher risks for preventable diseases.

There are ways to provide these individuals with the same opportunities. By ensuring healthcare spaces are truly accessible, providers are properly trained, and health initiatives are built with inclusivity in mind, public health agencies and communities have the ability to make real changes. When we make healthcare work for everyone, we create stronger, healthier communities where people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else.

For more information and resources, visit:

- The Arc: <https://thearc.org>
- DAWN Center for Independent Living: <https://dawnCIL.org>
- Easterseals: <https://www.easterseals.com>



## New Communications Toolkit to Build Public Health Understanding

Build your community's  
understanding of public health

Step 1 Connect the dots

Step 2 Start with a talking point

Step 3 Add examples

The de Beaumont Foundation today released **Communicating about Public Health: A Toolkit for Public Health Professionals**, a collection of research-based messaging and practical guidance to explain what public health is, what health departments do, and how that work benefits people's lives.

Through surveys, focus groups, and in-depth interviews with more than 1,600 U.S. adults, de Beaumont and its research partner CommunicateHealth identified five core concepts about the purpose and value of public health that are generally not understood:

- Public health works at the community level, while health care works at the individual level.
- Public health focuses on preventing people from getting sick or hurt.
- Public health workers serve their local communities.
- Public health workers play a variety of professional roles — and many work behind the scenes.
- Public health benefits everyone.

[Explore the Toolkit](#)

The toolkit includes **messaging** to address each of these knowledge gaps, **research-tested examples** to make each core concept more tangible, and tips for choosing and contextualizing the examples most likely to **resonate in your community**. It also contains practical guidance for public health workers to share information across **real-world situations**, from choosing words that resonate to tailoring strategies for media, in-person conversations, and online channels.

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## New Jersey Disability Information Hub (DIH)

The DIH offers a wealth of information about programs, services, and resources available across New Jersey. It includes user-friendly tools like Quick Start Guides to assist individuals in navigating important topics such as housing, employment, education, and healthcare.

We believe the DIH can be a valuable resource for your organization and the communities you serve. You can explore the Hub and its offerings by visiting



# Universal Home Visiting



Family Connects NJ is a **free, voluntary program** offering a visit at home by trained nurses for any family caring for a newborn baby. The program is available to all New Jersey families.

During the critical first weeks following childbirth, Family Connects NJ provides families with a private visit at home by a specially trained nurse. Program nurses will check the baby's weight, assess physical and emotional health of both newborn and parents. Family Connects NJ nurses also provide information on important topics like feeding, sleeping, and community resources available, if needed.

## How to Enroll

Families can learn more information and request a nurse visit by visiting the [Family Connects NJ website](https://www.familyconnectsnj.org). For families who would rather enroll by phone, the website also includes phone numbers for local Family Connects NJ nurse providers in your home county.

To learn more and sign-up, visit [FamilyConnectsNJ.org](https://www.familyconnectsnj.org) or scan the QR code.



## Program Highlights

- ✓ Care is provided at **no cost to you**, in the comfort of the family home, and is completely voluntary.
- ✓ Services are available to **birth, adoptive, and resource families** with a newborn, as well as parents experiencing a stillbirth or loss of their newborn.
- ✓ While Family Connects NJ will initially be limited to **select counties**, it will gradually expand service to all of NJ. Visit [FamilyConnectsNJ.org/rollout](https://www.familyconnectsnj.org/rollout) for more information.
- ✓ **Specially-trained registered nurses** evaluate health, screen for potential complications, answer questions, and address any unexpected changes families are experiencing during the first two weeks after delivery.
- ✓ Nurses will connect families to **community resources** based on their specific circumstances.





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