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September 10, 2026

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

Next Meeting:

Saturday, September 12, 2026

NJLBHA Board Meeting

10:00 AM EST

Zoom Meeting Link: **Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting**

Current Articles and Requests for Participation

Public Health Communications Collaborative

New Guide: Overcoming Funding Challenges to Meet Public Health Needs

Back in June, Insights to Practice, the Public Health Communications Collaborative's (PHCC) annual virtual conference, brought together perspectives critical to advancing public health communications. Among this year's conference sessions was Soaring Demand, Declining Resources: Overcoming Funding Challenges to Meet Community Public Health Needs. It offered tips and best practices for how public health professionals can best communicate and advocate for the resources they need to advance public health in their communities.

PHCC's new Guide — Soaring Demand, Declining Resources in Public Health: A Guide to Overcoming Funding Challenges to Meet Public Health Needs — elevates the topics discussed during the session and the practical insights that were shared, including:

- Making the economic case for public health
- Building relationships and seeking funding, strategically

Useful resources to care for your professional growth and ability to advance your work in public health. *Sept/Oct.*

Download the Guide

Upcoming NJACCHO Sponsored Events

NJLBHA, in collaboration with njaccho is pleased to invite board of health members , appointed or elected, to register for and attend the njaccho led events . please see the information in the following email from njaccho. your njlbha is an organizational member of

njaccho and encourages you to participate in these collaboration and educational activities.

Registration for the sessions at the League of Municipalities on November 17 and 18 in Atlantic City can be found here:
https://www.njaccho.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=317722&item_id=3003894

Regional Transformation Convenings
Regional Resiliency Trainings
Expanding Your Public Health Tool Kit: Systems, Skills and Stories

Sept/Oct/Nov

New Jersey Rural Health Transformation: New Website + Year Two Webinar

New Jersey Rural Health Transformation: New Website and Year Two Plans
The New Jersey Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is entering an important new phase, and we're excited to share two updates: **a new website is now live here, and we invite you to join our webinar New Jersey Rural Health Transformation at 8/24/26 4pm-5pm EST to share plans for the program's second year (register here for the Zoom webinar).**
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Visitors can:

- **Define rural** — Learn what qualifies as rural in New Jersey and who is eligible for the program.
- **Explore NJRHTP initiatives** — Learn more about the investments and activities supporting rural health transformation.
- **Check program status** — Follow the program's progress as it moves through its five-year funding period.
- **Find answers** — Explore frequently asked questions about the program.
- **Connect with the team** — Find contact information and ways to get in touch.

The website also provides an at-a-glance look at the scale of the Rural Health Transformation Program:
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This Year's award
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11 counties
Target areas
1,026,026
Rural residents across New Jersey
Explore the new web site by visiting**: https://nj.gov/rural-health-transformation/**
Looking ahead: Year Two
New Jersey is also preparing for the program's second year. Join us for an upcoming webinar to learn more about Year Two priorities, plans, and opportunities.
NJ Rural Health Transformation Program: Year Two Outlook
Date: Monday 8/24/26
Time: 4-5pm EST
Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z79OEUr2QNuDDv6dGEYLgQ
The webinar will provide an opportunity to hear about:

- Plans and priorities for Year Two
- Progress and lessons learned from the program's first year

- How New Jersey is building on its initial investments
- What communities, providers, and partners can expect in the year ahead
- Opportunities for continued engagement with the Rural Health Transformation Program

Building on Year One

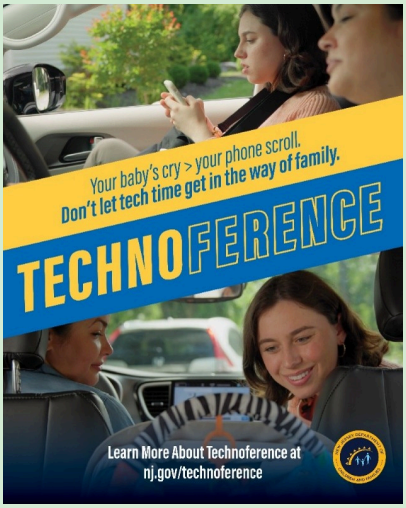
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These awards are part of New Jersey's larger five-year Rural Health Transformation Program, supported through a federal investment from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Read about the first-round of funding **here.**

We invite you to explore the new website, learn more about the program's first-year investments, and join us for the upcoming Year Two webinar as New Jersey continues working to expand access, improve health outcomes, and strengthen the rural health care workforce.

New Jersey Department of Human Services Commissioner Dr. Stephen ChaNew Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Raynard E. Washington

Sept/Oct



"Technoference" and relational health in the family

There is growing concern about the overuse of digital devices - not just by children and youth, *but by adults, too* - and its effects on the quality of parent-child relationships. With this lens, the NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF) has launched a website, **DCF | Technoference** with many resources and a **public service awareness campaign** video related to **Technoference** — the everyday interruptions in interpersonal interactions between parents/caregivers and their children, caused by digital devices — and its growing impact on **relational health, family dynamics, and child development**.

New Jersey Department of Children and Families

The New Jersey Lung Force Walk will take place Saturday, September 26, 2026, at TD Bank Ballpark and we would love to have you join us. Yes, the venue has moved and we are looking forward to holding it at the ballpark. Hours are 8:30 am- 12:30 pm.



Public Health Info : New Jersey Rural Health Transformation: New Website + Year Two Webinar

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On Thursday, Sept. 24, health and public health workers across the country will take part in **SOS for Health**, a national day of action to push back on the cuts and rollbacks hitting our field, including Medicaid and ACA cuts, attacks on science and research and cuts to public health funding.

APHA is proud to be leading this effort, alongside other national health organizations.

Host an event

Events can be as simple as a few colleagues gathering with signs outside your workplace or as large as a full rally. We have put together a host toolkit with everything you need to get started, from choosing an event type to promoting it locally.

Host Toolkit Register your event

Registering puts your event on the map so other members and the public can find it, and connects you with Public Citizen's team for onboarding support. Don't forget to **sign up to join** the host training webinar on Wednesday, September 2 or Wednesday, September 9 at 8 pm ET.

Find an event near you

Events are being organized in communities across the country. You'll be able to visit **SOS For Health** shortly to see what's happening near you. Events are being added over the coming weeks, so check back often.

This is a nonpartisan activity
This day of action is organized as 501(c)(3) activity.

Questions? Reach out to **candela.vazquez@apha.org**.

In solidarity,
The Campaign for the Public's Health

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