



**Join the MCH Workforce Development Center this fall
to begin an exploratory workforce development journey!**

Working in a Title V agency in 2022 is no easy task; from the COVID-19 pandemic to the naming of racism as a public health crisis, the MCH workforce remains committed to supporting the health of families and communities. If you want to support your Title V team and partners with the skills and tools they need for this complex work, **consider joining a cohort of your Title V peers this fall for Phase One of the National MCH Workforce Development Center's 2023 Learning Journey.** Increase your workforce capacity, learn new skills and tools, and make progress on a real-life public health challenge of importance to you.

The 2023 Learning Journey offers the opportunity to engage over three stages.

Phase One, October to December 2022 – Join Center staff for a series of virtual conversations and workshops designed to help you clarify the workforce skills you and your team hope to gain and to identify a real-life public health challenge you wish to address.

Phase Two, January to August 2023 – Work with a team of colleagues and partners to learn new skills and tools designed to help you make progress on your challenge. Participants will attend a four-day Learning Institute in Chapel Hill, engage through a webinar series, and benefit from the support of active coaching and in-state consultation.

Phase Three, September to December 2023 – In this optional phase, teams will receive support to sustain and/or spread lessons learned during Phase Two.

Letter of Interest

The Center invites state/jurisdictional Title V agencies interested in participating in Phase One of the Learning Journey to submit a letter of interest by Tuesday, October 11th 2022 to Thea Calhoun (dorothea_calhoun@unc.edu). If you think the 2023 Learning Journey might be right for you and your colleagues, please prepare a short letter of interest to include:

- Names and email addresses of at least two potential team co-leads
- Ideas about the workforce development needs of your potential team members (If you are not this far along, that's fine.)
- An idea for the real-life challenge your team might want to work on to practice the skills and tools from the Center (If you are not this far along, that's fine.)
- A statement attesting that you and your organization will make a good faith effort to participate fully in all Phase One Learning Journey activities, including the welcome webinar, two half-day systems workshops, coaching, evaluation activities, and other opportunities as appropriate

Eligibility

A state/jurisdiction Title V program must be the lead participant. Only one letter of interest per state/jurisdiction will be considered. All states and jurisdictions are eligible and encouraged to apply, even if they have participated in a previous cohort or received assistance from the Center in the past. Team membership should be at least 50% Title V professionals. The other 50% may be Title V professionals or state or

community-level partners, people with lived experience, or others with expertise or perspectives to advance the work.

Timeline

Learning Journey participants should plan to actively engage and work with staff from the Center according to the timeline below. All Phase One activities take place virtually and do not require in-person participation.

September 16, 2022	Open Call for Letters of Interest
September 29, 2022 3:00 pm ET	Informational Call for Potential Applicants – Optional Join via zoom, https://uncsph.zoom.us/j/7986879658 , Meeting ID: 798 687 965
October 11, 2022	Letters of Interest for participation in Phase One of 2023 Learning Journey due via email at 5:00pm ET
October 14, 2022	Accepted teams notified
October 26, 2022 3:00pm ET	Welcome Webinar for 2023 teams in Phase One
November 15 and 17, 2022 12:00 to 5:00pm ET	Systems Exploration Workshops
Dates TBD by coaches and teams	Exploratory Conversations for Phase One
December 2, 2022 5 p.m.	Applications for Phase Two of Cohort 2023 due via email

*If, at the end of the two-month exploratory phase, your team feels ready to move to the next phase of the Learning Journey, your coach will help you develop an application before the December 2nd deadline.

** All Center training and consultation services are free of charge.

National MCH Workforce Development Center Overview

Major transformations in the public health landscape offer opportunities to improve public health systems, state/jurisdiction and community health care delivery, and ultimately, key health outcomes for MCH populations. Title V programs are uniquely positioned to help lead and influence major health system transformations as they affect children, youth, women, families and communities.

As defined by the Center, transformed health systems improve health and well-being along the life course by: 1) ensuring that equitable health opportunities exist for all, 2) focusing upstream on prevention and the structural determinants of health, 3) building meaningful, cross-sector partnerships, 4) increasing access to effective, respectful, and affordable care and supports, and 5) diversifying and strengthening the capacity of the workforce to lead transformational change.

The MCH Workforce Development Center offers a range of tools and resources to strengthen MCH workforce capacity and skills in **three strategic skill areas – change management, systems integration, and evidence-based decision making and applied implementation**. In addition, **family and community engagement** and **health equity** are cross cutting priorities that are integrated into all Center activities. To learn more about the Center’s work with states and territorial Title V programs and their partners, click [here](#).