

# Topics in this Issue

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## Native Americans

**American Indian/Alaska Native Health Resource Sampler.** <http://nmlm.gov/pnr/samplers/natamer.html>. List of resources relating to American Indian/Alaska Native health compiled by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region staff. Resources are organized under general and cultural resources, government resources, some traditional medicine resources, other resources, Native American mailing lists, and information resources from the National Library of Medicine.

**Health and Nonprofit Corporations.** <http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dph/targets/ha2010/volume3/native.htm#health>. A listing of the various health and nonprofit corporations in Alaska.

## Workforce Improvement

**Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals (Tool).** <http://trainingfinder.org/competencies/>. This Web page links to work done on the Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice. Includes the most recent list of Core Competencies for public health professionals, revised early in 2004.

**The Guidebook for Performance Measurement.** Patricia Lichiello. Turning Point Project. December 1999. [www.turningpointprogram.org/Pages/pmc\\_guide.pdf](http://www.turningpointprogram.org/Pages/pmc_guide.pdf). This excellent publication describes what performance measurement is, discusses why it is important to measure performance, lists the key components required to design an effective performance measurement process, and outlines how to report results.

**The Public Health Workforce Enumeration 2000.** <ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/bhpr/nationalcenter/phworforce2000.pdf>. This document, prepared for the Health Resources and Services Administration by the Center for Health Policy at the Columbia University School of Nursing, is a valuable resource for providing a best estimate of the size and composition of the

public health workforce at the local, state, and national levels. It includes workers in official agencies and voluntary organizations.

## Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

**Animal Health.** Washington State Department of Agriculture. <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/AnimalFeed/BSE.htm>. The Washington State Department of Agriculture created this site to answer the public's questions about BSE. Topics include a description of BSE, preventing its spread, food safety, BSE and livestock feed, BSE and human health, BSE in Canada, protecting pets from BSE, and links to related resources.

**Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy in Washington State: Information and Updates.** [www.fas.usda.gov/bse04.htm](http://www.fas.usda.gov/bse04.htm). Statements, technical briefings, press releases, and other documents relevant to BSE in Washington State.

## Community Coalition Building

**Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) (NACCHO).** [http://mapp.naccho.org/MAPP\\_Home.asp](http://mapp.naccho.org/MAPP_Home.asp). Registered public health professionals can obtain access to the MAPP protocol for use in their health departments to improve the health of their communities.

**Building and Maintaining Community Coalitions on Behalf of Children, Youth, and Families.** Joanne Keith, et al. March 1998. <http://crs.uvm.edu/nncoc/collab/buildcoal1.html>. This project report was written for the Community Coalitions in Action, Institute for Children, Youth and Families, Michigan State University. The report documents examples of collaborative efforts in Michigan that addressed the needs of children and youth in the late 1980s and early 1990s. A framework for understanding community collaborations is described and an in-depth review of thirteen collaborations is provided as they demonstrate best practices.

**Strength in Numbers: A Guide to Building Coalitions.** August 2003. [www.communitycatalyst.org/acrobat/Guide-Building-Coalitions.pdf](http://www.communitycatalyst.org/acrobat/Guide-Building-Coalitions.pdf). Commu-

nity Catalyst "is a national advocacy organization that builds consumer and community participation in the shaping of our health system to ensure quality, affordable health care for all." Three major sections in this 24-page PDF document are: 1. Introduction to Community Coalitions; 2. Organizing a Community Coalition; and 3. Factors that Affect Coalition.

## Geographic Information Systems

**Public Health GIS News and Information.** [www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/gis/gis\\_publichealthinfo.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/gis/gis_publichealthinfo.htm). Public Health GIS News and Information is a bimonthly, electronic report on disease control and prevention through the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology. The report, which began in 1994, "provides timely information on a variety of GIS topics, including technical and outreach assistance; notification of relevant professional meetings, events, and conferences; communication from GIS users; Web developments; and public health GIS literature."

## Geriatrics and Aging

**AgeSource Worldwide.** [http://research.aarp.org/general/agesource\\_home.html](http://research.aarp.org/general/agesource_home.html). AgeSource Worldwide is a new online database produced by AARP. Search it for information on clearinghouses, databases, libraries, directories, statistical resources, bibliographies and reading lists, texts, and Web "metasites" focusing on aging or closely allied subjects. Topics covered range from Alzheimer's disease to wills and estate planning. 🐾

## More Resources Online

For a list of more annotated resources, see our Web site at [www.nwcp.org/nph/f2004/](http://www.nwcp.org/nph/f2004/).

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