

NORTH CAROLINA

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Danny Staley started his career in public health in 1992 after graduation from Appalachian State University with a degree in health education, followed by a master's degree in community health administration and wellness promotion. He served as a health educator and later as health director in Alexander County. In 1996, he joined the staff at Appalachian Health District.

In June 2011, Staley joined the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health as deputy director and chief operating officer. His duties with the department include providing consultation and strategic planning and implementing goals for the division and providing assistance to local health directors on management, legal, and fiscal problem areas. Staley also assists local health department boards in leadership transition and recruitment.

Staley has been involved across the state in professional groups to advance the practice of public health. He is past president of the North Carolina Health Directors Association. He has presented to legislative committees on various public health topics, including obesity, tobacco use prevention, and public health infrastructure.