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SUCCESS STORY

**Georgia Partnerships to Improve Infant Mortality Rates**

The Georgia Department of Public Health (GADPH) has leveraged partnerships with local health departments, birthing hospitals, the Georgia OB/GYN society, the pediatric community, and nonprofit organizations to reduce the infant mortality rate among high-risk populations. Utilizing these partnerships, GADPH implemented targeted interventions designed from community needs assessments that led to better birth outcomes and healthier babies. Read the full story [here](#).

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

**The Department of Population Medicine Provides Future Medical Professionals with Population Health Skills**

The Department of Population Medicine (DPM) resides within the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute and is an appointing department of Harvard Medical School (HMS). DPM directs the HMS Clinical Epidemiology and Population Health course and is home to the Primary Care and Population Medicine Residency Program. The goal of DPM's Center for Population Health Education is to develop innovative curricula to provide future medical professionals with the skills needed to understand the population context of health and illness, actively participate as part of public health systems, and apply population-level strategies. These efforts include the Pop Med Portal, an online platform for sharing content and ideas that further teaching population health concepts and skills to future healthcare professionals.

QUICK LINKS

- All Partners List
- Capturing Successes Tool
- Recent Tweets Using #PCPHIntegration
- Strategic Map

INTEGRATION RESOURCES

**Community Health Needs Assessment Toolkit.** The Community Health Needs Assessment toolkit developed by Community Commons is a free web-based platform designed to assist hospitals and organizations seeking to better understand the needs and assets of their communities and collaborate to make measurable improvements in community health and well-being. The toolkit's resources support a rigorous assessment of communities’ determinants of health and current health status, identifying resources that exist in communities, and fostering public dialogue and collective action at scale.

**Clinical Informatics: Prospects for a New Medical Subspecialty.** This May 2013 *JAMA* article by Don E. Detmer and
Edward H. Shortliffe discusses the growing interest and acceptance of informatics. Clinical informatics consists of a body of knowledge, methods, and theories focused on the effective use of information to improve the health of individuals and populations. The National Institutes of Health has supported informatics development since 1972, but recent additional efforts have been added to applied clinical informatics, increasing the role this field may play in public health and healthcare in the future. Full free text available.

**Supporting Alignment and Accountability in Community Health Improvement: The Development and Piloting of a Regional Data-Sharing System.** This 2014 Public Health Institute (PHI) report describes the Community Health Improvement Data Sharing System (CHIDSS), a project implemented by PHI and the National Network of Public Health Institutes to develop and field test an online set of tools to advance community health improvement practices. The project focuses on the assessment, planning, and implementation by hospitals, local health departments, and other stakeholders using the developed tools and templates. The CHIDSS tools are intended to be used by a variety of organizations involved in community health improvement, both private and public. Free full text available.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Newly Released RFI to Support High-Quality Career Pathways Systems*

The Departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services have announced the release of a Request for Information (RFI) to support the development of high-quality career pathways systems. The RFI solicits information and recommendations from a broad array of stakeholders in the public and private sectors, as well as in state, regional, tribal, and local areas. The departments will analyze the career pathways information collected from the RFI to: 1) inform and coordinate policy development, strategic investments, and technical assistance activities; and 2) improve coordination of federal policy development with investments at the state, tribal, and local levels. The RFI and instructions on how to respond are available [here](#). Comments to the RFI can be made through June 9.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**ASTHO-Supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative Meetings**

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All Partners Call

June 23, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Workforce Committee Meeting

June 25, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Communications Committee Meeting

July 11, 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm ET
Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5273153

Conferences, Meetings, Presentations, and Other Important Dates

IOM Roundtable on Population Health Improvement: Opportunities for Progress at the Interface of Health and Education

June 5
Washington, DC
Learn more and register

America’s Health Insurance Plans Institute 2014

June 11 - 13
Seattle, Washington
Learn more and register

2014 National School-Based Health Care Convention

June 29 - July 2
Seattle, Washington
Learn more and register or follow the event on Twitter #SBHC14

National Association of County and City Health Officials Annual Conference

July 8 - 10
Atlanta, Georgia
Learn more and register

2014 Community Health Institute & Expo

August 22 - 26
San Diego, California
Learn more

ABOUT THE ASTHO-SUPPORTED PRIMARY CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

The ASTHO-supported Primary Care and Public Health Collaborative is a partnership of more than 50 organizations that seeks to inform, align, and support the implementation of integration efforts. This initiative began with the
creation of the Primary Care and Public Health Integration Strategic Map, which filled the need for a strategic approach to integration in follow-up to the IOM report Primary Care and Public Health: Exploring Integration to Improve Population Health. For more information on the strategic map and our integration efforts, visit our website.

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