

ASTHO Vision Award Winners

Programs equal to or greater than \$250,000

2018 Texas Department of State Health Services: Texas Zika Public Awareness Campaign

In 2016, Zika was identified as an emerging public health risk in Texas. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) took action to implement a comprehensive, integrated campaign intended to empower Texans to take simple steps to protect themselves, their families and their communities from the spread of Zika.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health: Public Health Data Warehouse

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a public health emergency in March 2014, in response to the crisis of opioid addiction and overdose. The number of opioid-related deaths had increased by 450% between 2000 and 2016. The passage of state legislation referred to as Chapter 55 in August 2015, and the subsequent reauthorization known as the Public Health Data Warehouse (PHD) in 2017, allowed the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) to link and study multisector datasets at the individual level that were relevant to fatal and non-fatal opioid-related overdoses.

Programs less than \$250,000

Tennessee Department of Health: Tennessee Livability Collaborative

The Tennessee Livability Collaborative is a working group of 13 Tennessee state agencies with a mission to improve the prosperity, quality of life, and health of Tennesseans through state department collaboration in the areas of policy, funding, and programming.

South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, Upstate Region: Upstate Training Center

Established in April 2017, The SC-DHEC Upstate Training Center (UTC) was established to improve and standardize the orientation and onboarding process for new employees for the region, in response to new employee and supervisor feedback regarding a lack of coordinated, specialized training within the region. Using a holistic and hybrid educational approach consisting of classroom instruction, mentoring, one-on-one observations and e-learning, the UTC trains all employees in the Nutritionist, Public Health Nursing, and administrative staff disciplines, ensuring they are more confident and competent in their roles as they leave the training center to be deployed at their health department.