KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

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Agency Mission
To improve the health and safety of people in Kentucky through prevention, promotion, and protection.

Top Five Priorities
1. Opioid dependencies and related issues (e.g., neonatal abstinence syndrome, harm reduction syringe exchange programs, naloxone rescue)
2. Obesity/diabetes prevention
3. Cancer prevention and detection
4. Tobacco-Free Kentucky
5. Preparing for emerging diseases (e.g., Ebola, Zika virus)

Structure and Relationship with Local Health Departments
The state/territorial health agency is under a larger agency—sometimes referred to as a “superagency” or “umbrella agency”—and has a mixed relationship with local health departments.

- 61 Independent local health agencies (led by staff employed by local government)
- 0 State-run local health agencies (led by staff employed by state government)
- 0 Independent regional or district offices (led by non-state employees)
- 0 State-run regional or district offices (led by state employees)

Organizational Structure
The health official does not report directly to the governor. The state does not have a board of health.

Planning and Accreditation
The state/territorial health agency has developed the following within the past five years:

- ✔ Health Assessment
- ✗ Health Improvement Plan
- ✗ Strategic Plan

The state/territorial agency plans to apply for accreditation, but has not yet registered in e-PHAB.

Agency Finance (FY15*)

Source of Funding

Federal Funding Sources

Agency Workforce
The state/territorial health agency has 510 FTEs. There are no state/territorial health agency workers assigned to local/regional offices.

Total Revenue FY15: $344,341,595
Total Federal Revenue FY15: $180,007,145

*FY15 was defined as 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015.