



A NEW RESOURCE COMING SOON

FOR STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH AGENCIES

ASTHO is pleased to announce the development of its STAR Center: A support hub created to enhance administrative and organizational readiness at state and territorial health agencies.

While much progress has been made towards improving health agency operations, work remains to be done. The STAR Center will connect health officials and their teams to peers, resources, and consultants who can help leaders modernize and strengthen their agency's infrastructure and processes—all with an emphasis on using evidence-backed capacity indicators and best practices for managing change. Whether you're looking to more efficiently hire and onboard staff, scale-up agency services and equipment, or effectively utilize funding, the STAR Center is here to help.

Our **core goals** include:

- ✓ Connecting agency leaders to subject matter experts with proven knowledge in administrative readiness and organizational excellence through a peer assessment program.
- ✓ Providing technical assistance to modernize administrative and organizational capacity.
- ✓ Sharing model practices taking place in states and territories.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for agencies to review their capacities against evidence informed indicators. In turn, the center will help agencies better accept, deploy, and manage critical public health funding.

As we work with leaders and their teams, the Center will utilize a five-phase process to strengthen agency culture, systems, and operations:

Vision setting

Establish a vision for success.

Engagement

Invest in leaders and generate health agency support.

Assessment

Assess systems and identify areas for improvement.

Planning

Develop and implement a change plan.

Evaluation

Measure impact and drive improvements for the future.

Agencies that engage with the ASTHO STAR Center will be better positioned to improve administrative readiness and efficiently deploy funding. Center activities will help agency leaders better utilize administrative policy levers, engage federal funders on change efforts, and advocate for the connection between administrative readiness and health equity.

Benefits of the center will also extend across agency staff levels. Together, we'll create common terminologies and definitions around administrative readiness. We'll invest in the development of business acumen and financial management skills for staff. Finally, we'll work with state health officials and their teams on concrete, actionable plans to modernize agency systems and processes.

Questions on how the STAR Center can help your agency reach its goals? We're here to talk.



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