

# Planning Services

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Protecting & Improving  
the Health of Iowans



Keeping Iowans healthy means fewer sick days for schoolchildren, more people working productively, reduced risk for diseases and injuries, lower health care costs, and longer, more fulfilling lives for everyone. IDPH programs and partners provide the direct services that protect and improve the health of Iowans. The Bureau of Planning Services provides a variety of services that support employees, programs, and partners in improving their ability to identify important health issues, plan and manage actions to address them, and improve the quality of their services.

## Did you know?

You can view Iowa's top health issues at <http://idph.iowa.gov/healthy-iowans> and read about some of the important actions Iowa is taking to address them in [Healthy Iowans: Iowa's Health Improvement Plan 2017-2021](#).

## Why is Planning Services important to protecting and improving the health of Iowans?

- Planning Services coordinates local (CHNA&HIP), state (Healthy Iowans), and department (Strategic Plan) assessment and planning activities that improve the function of public health for all Iowans.
- Planning Services works on improving the public health system through quality and performance improvement, and preparing for national public health accreditation. These activities contribute to increasing our ability to meet the health needs of Iowans.
- A highly trained and competent workforce strengthens the health infrastructure. This infrastructure allows IDPH to prevent epidemics and the spread of disease; protect against environmental hazards; promote healthy living; prevent injuries and violence; and prepare for, respond to, and recover from health emergencies. In addition, professional development has been shown to improve employee satisfaction, enhance performance and reduce turnover.

## Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

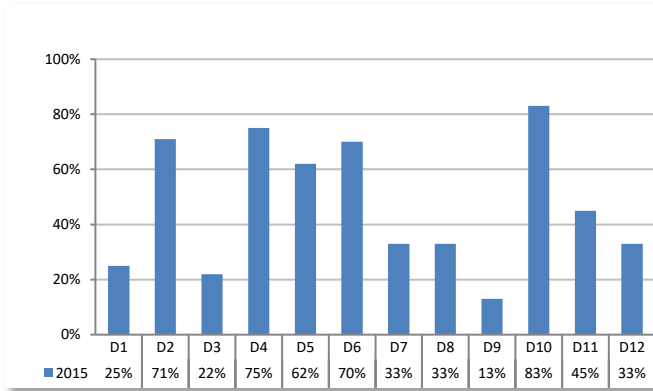
Strengthen the health infrastructure

## What do we do?

- Help set health goals, create plans to meet them, and then track the progress toward meeting those goals.
- Provide information to the public about the department's administrative rules.
- Help IDPH programs set targets and measure their progress in meeting their program goals.
- Coordinate planning for changes in Iowa's public health system.
- Help local agencies and IDPH prepare for national public health accreditation.
- Coordinate quality improvement activities department-wide and for programs.
- Provide technical assistance to communities in assessing their needs and writing health improvement plans.
- Handle all human resources issues including benefits, payroll, employee relations, and employment policies.
- Offer trainings that improve performance of IDPH employees and enhance their knowledge base.
- Coordinate a state process to make sure that the planning for new or changed institutional health services will be cost-effective.

## How do we measure our progress?

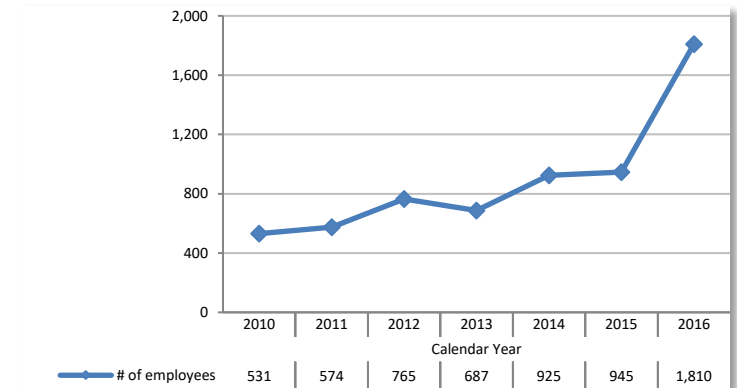
### 1 Percent of national public health standards met—by domain.



Data Source: IDPH PHAB Self-Assessment. "D" = Domain.

**How are we doing?** IDPH conducted a self-assessment of the department's ability to meet national public health standards (PHAB). Twelve domain teams were established to identify where the department meets the standards. At the time of the survey, IDPH met 48% of the standards. Work plans developed by domain teams are being used to increase the percentage of measures IDPH meets. IDPH plans to apply for national accreditation in 2017.

### 2 Number of IDPH employees that participate in internal trainings.



Data Source: Planning Services data. Data are available annually. Employees can attend more than one training per year.

**How are we doing?** In 2016, monthly "Bus Stop" sessions were added to the in-house training calendar to provide information on accreditation requirements, improve communication, and promote quality improvement. Total participation at the Bus Stops (January-November) was 668, or an average of 61 per month. Apart from the Bus Stops, there were over 80 additional training sessions offered. The total participation at those sessions was more than 1,100 (including 6 sessions for leadership development and 17 sessions of new employee orientation.) Overall, participation in IDPH in-house trainings was the highest in the department's history.

## What can Iowans do to help?

1. All Iowans should learn about important public health issues and policies. Visit the IDPH homepage at <http://idph.iowa.gov>.
2. All Iowans can participate in assessing health needs and planning improvements. To learn more, go to <http://idph.iowa.gov/chna/hip> and <http://idph.iowa.gov/healthy-iowans>.
3. All Iowans can learn more about public health and the wide variety of careers and services in the field. To learn more, go to <http://idph.iowa.gov/employment>.

## Expenditures

General fund and federal indirect funds: K09-0969/0979; K19-1963; K21-2211; 0153-0992/0994/0996/2110/2242

	State Fiscal Year 2015 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2016 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2017 Estimate
State funds	\$355,343	\$365,961	\$400,357
Federal funds	\$1,269,134	\$1,682,225	\$1,757,000
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$1,624,478</b>	<b>\$2,048,186</b>	<b>\$2,157,357</b>
FTEs	13.61	15.03	17.20

**Note:** Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.