



Building Capacity for HIA through Training and TA

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OPHI improves the health of Oregonians through advocacy and support of effective public health policy and systems change. We are a nonprofit organization that leads Oregon's movement for a sustainable and equitable public health agenda. As a member of the National Network of Public Health Institutes, we give Oregon's public health system an independent voice for prevention, strategically convene partners around common goals and collective action, and place cutting-edge action research into the hands of policymakers, practitioners and communities where it can do the most good.

OPHI's Impact

Our work addresses the interconnected systems that influence public health. We engage the collective strengths of many individuals, organizations and communities. Because of our work since 1999:

- Children in public schools and childcare settings have more options for healthy food and physical activity during the day
- Employers across the state are building a culture of health for their employees and their families
- Civic leaders are spearheading policy and planning efforts to create healthy, equitable communities
- Local breastfeeding coalitions around Oregon are networked and speaking out to promote, support and protect baby's first food
- Farmers and neighbors have come together to create farmers markets that bring healthier food to underserved communities
- Community residents are realizing their vision for walkable, bikeable streets and thriving town centers that bring communities together

OPHI and HIA

- HIAs on transportation, land use, housing, energy policy.
- Serve on multiple HIA advisory committees: wind energy, sugar sweetened beverage policy
- Training and TA nationally
- Initiated Oregon HIA Network in 2008

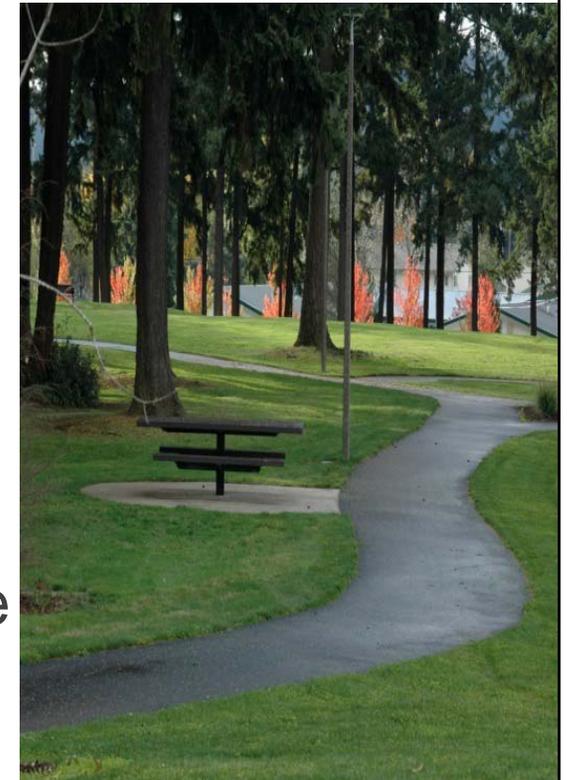


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Building HIA Capacity of Public Health Institutes



- PHI model is a good fit for HIA
- Trained 10 PHIs in 2011
- SC and WI PHIs received funding and technical assistance to conduct an HIA
- Round II: Building HIA and HIA training capacity for Kansas Public Health Institute and Health Resources in Action



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Integrating HIA into the National Prevention Strategy



- Consider prevention and health within NPC departments
- Strategy: Integrate health criteria into decision-making, across multiple sectors



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Training and TA to NPC Agencies



EPA Region 1: Assessing air quality improvement strategies at local school and community center

HUD: Amendment of Designated Housing Rule for elderly and disabled

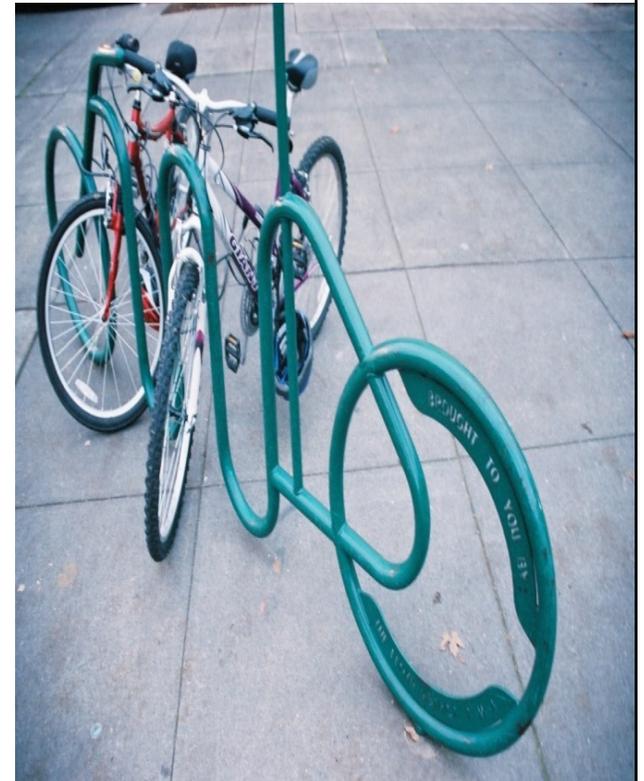
EPA Region 10: HIA of the Boone Boulevard Green Street Project

DOT: Georgia Multimodal Transportation Terminal Rapid HIA

Our approach to trainings



- Meet the team, where they are
- Know the audience
- Establish clear goals
- Determine case study approach
- Customize curriculum
- Meeting facilitation and adult learning techniques



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Curriculum

- 6 Stages of HIA
- Core competencies: Equity, Stakeholder Engagement, Managing the Process
- R'ship to Health in All Decisions
- Iterative nature of HIA, relationship among steps
- Worksheets and small group exercises



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Our approach to technical assistance



- Meet the team, where they are
- Contract to clarify expectations and deliverables
- Screening: Understand timeline, decision makers
- Managing the process
- Anticipate what's ahead



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