



Academic Health Department Learning Community Report

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Overview

The [Academic Health Department \(AHD\) Learning Community](#) supports the development of [AHD partnerships](#) between public health practice organizations and academic institutions. As a national community of practitioners, educators, and researchers, the AHD Learning Community stimulates discussion and sharing of knowledge; the development of resources; and collaborative learning around establishing, sustaining, and expanding AHD partnerships.

AHD Learning Community Engagement

The Learning Community continues to see sustained interest and engagement from the public health community. The Learning Community has more than 1,500 members, and the Learning Community and its resources and tools have been accessed over 1,400 times since the last [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council) meeting. Council staff also continue to regularly receive requests for assistance related to AHD partnerships, responding to 6 requests from 6 organizations in 6 states during the same time period.

Webinars and Conferences

The AHD Learning Community held a webinar in April 2024 as part of the AHD Webinar Series. The webinar, [The Public Health Camp – Building an Academic-to-Practice Pipeline at Public Health – Seattle & King County](#), took place during National Public Health Week and featured guest speakers from [Public Health – Seattle & King County](#) who shared their experiences with their Public Health Camp pilot project and other initiatives of their AHD partnership.

In addition, in June, Council staff provided an introduction to AHD partnerships during the Workforce Pop-Up webinar series hosted by the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#) and held a town hall session on AHD partnerships at the [2024 Public Health Improvement Training](#).

Planning is underway for future webinars in the [AHD Webinar Series](#), as well as sessions at the 2024 [Public Health Learning Forum](#) and [American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo](#) this October. Council Staff will also be conducting a webinar in September for the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) on AHD partnerships and the work being done to support their development. Additional details will be available soon and will be shared through the *Council on Linkages Update*.

More information about the AHD Learning Community and its activities is available through the [AHD Learning Community](#) section of the Council website or by contacting Mayela Arana at marana@phf.org.