



**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 1,600 members, and the Learning Community and its resources and tools have been accessed over 4,000 times in 2023. [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council) staff also continue to regularly receive requests for assistance related to AHD partnerships, responding to 19 requests from 15 organizations in 13 states and DC since the beginning of the year.

Webinars and Conferences

AHD partnerships were highlighted earlier this month during the latest AHD Learning Community webinar, [How Academic Health Department Partnerships Support Recruitment and Retention](#). The webinar featured three guest speakers from health departments and academic institutions who shared their experiences working to recruit and retain staff. The September 18th webinar saw 284 registrants and more than 150 participants joined the live webinar.

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 Ron Bialek at rbialek@phf.org.