



Training Impact Task Force Report

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Overview

To support the ongoing training of public health professionals, the [Public Health Training Impact](#) initiative was launched in the fall of 2011 to identify methods and tools to improve and measure the impact of training. This effort is guided by the [Training Impact Task Force](#) (Task Force), which consists of 11 experts in training and evaluation. Task Force members were drawn from academia, government, and the private sector, and work both inside and outside of the field of public health. The Public Health Training Impact initiative will produce a set of strategies and methods intended to guide trainers, public health organizations, and sponsors of training through the training and evaluation process, as well as a collection of resources, such as tools, examples, and literature, supporting implementation of the approaches identified. These products are expected to be completed by the fall of 2012.

Current Activities

The Task Force has held five working meetings via conference call to draft the [set of strategies and methods](#) for enhancing and evaluating the impact of training for public health professionals. Strategies and methods have been developed in the areas of assessment, motivation, design, delivery, and evaluation of training. This draft tool was distributed for public review and comment through the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council) and the Public Health Foundation. Comments received are informing the development of a final draft, which will be available for review by the Task Force by the end of July. Relevant literature on training and evaluation identified through numerous searches is being organized and will be available by the end of August.

Next Steps

Following Task Force review and approval of the strategies and methods tool, the tool will be shared with the Council for approval. A final version of the tool is anticipated to be completed and available by the end of September. The Task Force will convene for one final meeting to conclude its work and discuss approaches for disseminating the results of this initiative.

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