

Michigan Association for Local Public Health



Practice
Exchange





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Introduction

The Practice Exchange was implemented by the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) in partnership with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) under the Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure for Improved Health Outcomes” Grant awarded to MDCH.

To promote cost-effectiveness and assure accountability Local Health Departments implement successful strategies that are known to work. By structuring activities utilizing a best practice approach has shown to increase the effectiveness of programs.

It is also essential to understand the special characteristics of a community when determining what existing best practices or strategies should be implemented. When the resources are available to address a health problem, a community may begin to choose an appropriate program or strategy.

The purpose of the practice exchange is to aggregate Michigan Local Health Departments’ practices for prevention and intervention strategies and making them available in one place. Through sharing of practices on the MALPH website will improve networking, coordination, standardization, and cross-jurisdictional cooperation for the efficient delivery of public health services (e.g., resource sharing) to effectively and efficiently implement new innovations.

The Practice Exchange can be found on the MALPH website at www.maliph.org.





Submission Process

The [submission form](#) will guide applicants through the submission process. Read the sections thoroughly. Write answers specific to the questions asked. All sections need to be completed. Answer each section separately; do not combine sections. Please make sure to answer all questions in complete sentences. When published on the website, others will be able to provide feedback.

The submission form is divided into three sections:

1. Practice Overview

- Submitter Information
- Practice Information
- Contact Person(s)
- Quality Improvement
- Accreditation
- Abstract

2. Practice Description

- Overview
- Justification of Practice
- Inputs, Activities, Outputs and Outcomes of the Practice
- Administration, Operations, Services, Personnel, Expertise and Resources (non-monetary resources) of the Practices
- Lessons Learned and/or Plans for Improvement
- Available Resources

3. Practice Evaluation Information

- Evaluation Process
- Impact/Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Demonstrated Sustainability
- Collaboration/ Integration
- Additional Objectives/ Rationale



Beyond these sections, MALPH encourages to consider an “X-Factor” when assessing your practice. The “X-Factor” should include variables related to leadership, political, acceptability, available resources, feasibility and implementation that are specific to the program and environment, which will influence the acceptability/ adaptability of the practice. Include this information in all sections where appropriate. MALPH also encourages adding hyper-links where appropriate when information is published in an online format for reference.



Why Submit?

- Share success with your peers. MALPH Practice Exchange provides an opportunity for you to enhance the local public health field by sharing your successful program, challenges, lessons learned with your peers, as well as policy makers and public health advocates.
- Contribute to successful program replication. The practice exchange helps facilitate peer to peer technical assistance to support program and policy replication and promotes collaborations across jurisdictions.
- Get expert feedback from your peers offering suggestions to strengthen program and evaluation activities, and to move more emerging and promising programs towards a best practice.

Eligibility

All Michigan Local Health Departments and appropriate public health entities are eligible to submit their program practice(s).

Submission Dates

MALPH will accept submissions year round. The submissions will be reviewed as they are submitted to ensure all the information necessary is included. Once a submission is finalized the document will be published onto the MALPH website to share and highlight local public health initiatives.

For additional information regarding the submission criteria contact Lynda Horsley, Performance Improvement Coordinator, at LHorsley@MALPH.org or 517-485-0660.

