



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES

## **PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS IN FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS**

There are many public health functions that are to be implemented in Federal Departments other than Health and Human Services and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. An analysis of the Presidents FY 2011 Budget proposal revealed the following items associated with public health functions in ten Federal Departments.

### ***Department of Agriculture***

- *Nutrition*: provides access to healthy foods and nutritional quality
- *Nutrition*: provides child nutrition in schools
- *Nutrition*: provides research on obesity and world hunger
- *Physical Activity*: provides research on obesity
- *Environmental Health*: protects watersheds and ecosystems
- *Environmental Health*: preserves clean air through biofuels
- *Environmental Health*: protects communities through control of wildfires
- *Environmental Health*: Protects fresh water system from agriculture toxic run offs
- *Access to Healthcare*: protects health of pregnant mothers through the Women and Infants and Children's' program
- *Food Safety*: protects Americans from food borne diseases

### ***Department of Education***

- *Nutrition*: provides school lunch and breakfast programs
- *Physical Activity*: provides physical education and extracurricular physical activity
- *Access to Health*: funds health education programs through generic education
- *Access to Health*: provides for school counseling, nursing and school health programs
- *Substance Abuse*: provides for drug free school programs
- *Violence Prevention*: provides for gang and bully prevention programs

### ***Department of Energy***

- *Environmental Health*: reduces air pollutants and low carbon emissions
- *Environmental Health*: provides for safe storage of nuclear and radiological materials
- *Environmental Health*: protects of ground water aquifers through MTBE storage

- *Environmental Health*: develops carbon capturing technology and advance Vehicle technology

### ***Department of Housing and Urban Development***

- *Community Prevention*: provides for rental assistance for decent housing
- *Community Prevention*: provides for vouchers and grants for homeless families and those at risk of homeless including people with disability
- *Community Prevention*: improves the physical health condition of public housing stock
- *Community Prevention*: increases linkage between built environments and health
- *Health Disparities*: provides housing assistance for native Indians, Elderly, people with disability and AIDs

### ***Department of Interior***

- *Environmental Health*: supports the President's plan to create a clean energy future for an improved environment
- *Environmental Health*: conserves landscapes and ecosystems that lack adequate protection
- *Environmental Health*: increases funding for Land and Water conservation
- *Environmental Health*: protects federal lands for public recreational enjoyment
- *Environmental Health*: prepares responsibly for wildfires
- *Environmental Health*: assists local communities in increasing water availability by reuse of treated wastewater
- *Environmental Health*: promotes progress in restoration of sensitive ecosystems such as the California Bay-Delta
- *Environmental Health*: develops performance measures and tools to identify restoration activities
- *Environmental Health*: proposes management of surface mining activities that protect water systems from toxic materials

### ***Department of Justice***

- *Violence Prevention*: supports retention of police officers in communities
- *Violence Prevention*: provides for evidence supported initiatives to combat violence in local communities
- *Violence Prevention*: supports women victims of violence, including domestic abuse and sexual assault victims
- *Substance Abuse*: supports a comprehensive approach to combating drugs
- *Substance Abuse*: provides for residential substance abuse treatment programs in State and local prisons and jails.
- *Community Health*: increases public safety efforts in tribal areas

### ***Department of Labor***

- *Worker Safety*: supports and safe and healthy work places

- *Worker Safety* rebuild worker protection programs to assure resources to meet responsibilities to protect health of workers and working conditions
- *Community Health*: helps States provide paid family leave to workers
- *Worker Safety*: increases funding for OSHA and the Mine Safety and Health Administration

### ***Department of Transportation***

- *Mission*: support improvement of life quality which includes promoting and protection of health
- *Unintentional Injuries*: develops of a smarter infrastructure that will promote population safety from unintentional injuries
- *Unintentional Injuries*: establishes a new federal transit safety program with stringent oversight
- *Environmental Health*: proposes an approach to reduce greenhouse gases
- *Environmental Health*: enhances pipeline and hazardous materials safety
- *Community Health*: proposes to strengthen built environments to improve health through physical activity

### ***Veterans Affairs***

- *Health Disparities*: provides for the unique health needs of women veterans with specialized medical and counseling services
- *Healthcare Access*: continues to enroll previously ineligible low income veterans into VA healthcare
- *Healthcare Access*: continues to implement a virtual lifetime records that enables VA to maintain a complete health record and directly improve accuracy and timeliness of veterans benefits
- *Community Health*: works to reduce veterans homelessness
- *Mental Health*: continues to emphasize specialized care for Veterans with psychological and cognitive health needs ( Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome)

### ***Environmental Protection Agency***

- *Mission*: The Agency is committed to protecting human health and the environment to implement air, water, waste, and chemical programs
- *Mission*: The agency provides research, regulation, and comprehensive enforcement of public health functions
- *Environmental Health*: enhances the Clean Water and Drinking Water revolving fund
- *Environmental Health*: supports efforts to mitigate climate change through clean energy technologies and policies to reduced gas greenhouse emissions in the U.S.
- *Environmental Health*: advances restoration of Great Lakes and other imperiled waters such as the Chesapeake Bay and the Mississippi River Basin from toxins
- *Environmental Health*: assists States and Tribes with clean air and water efforts through State water pollution control grants

- *Environmental Health*: increases funding for contaminated brownfield clean-ups