

# The 10 Essential Public Health Services Toolkit: Website Introduction

From spring 2019 to September 2020, the Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI) partnered with the de Beaumont Foundation to review and revise the 10 Essential Public Health Services (EPHS). The Futures Initiative brought the Essential Services national framework in line with current and future public health practice. This effort engaged the public health community in activities to collect information and build consensus for an updated 10 EPHS framework that reflects current and emerging public health practice needs.

The 10 EPHS framework was developed in 1994 by a federal working group. It serves as the description of the activities that public health systems should undertake in all communities. Health departments and community partners around the nation organize their work around the Essential Public Health Services framework, schools and programs of public health teach it, and the framework informs descriptions and definitions of practice.

The framework has provided a roadmap of goals for carrying out the mission of public health in communities around the nation. However, the public health landscape has shifted dramatically since 1993, and in 2019 many public health leaders agreed it was time to revisit whether and how the framework could better reflect current and future practice and how it can be used to create communities where people can achieve their best possible health. The version shared on our website include the most up-to-date framework.