

Georgia Rural Health Association

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What is your public health story?

<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/healthiestnation/>



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- To advocate for conditions in which all people and communities can be healthy.
- To promote the scientific foundation of public health practice and policy
- To assure a continuous voice broadly representing public health in Georgia.



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Public Health in “Disarray”

- “In recent years there has been a growing sense that public health as a profession, as a governmental activity, and as a commitment of society is neither clearly defined, adequately supported, nor fully understood.”
- “..current capabilities for effective public health action are inadequate.”
- “By its very nature, public health requires support by the public, its beneficiaries.”

- *The Future of Public Health*, IOM, 1988



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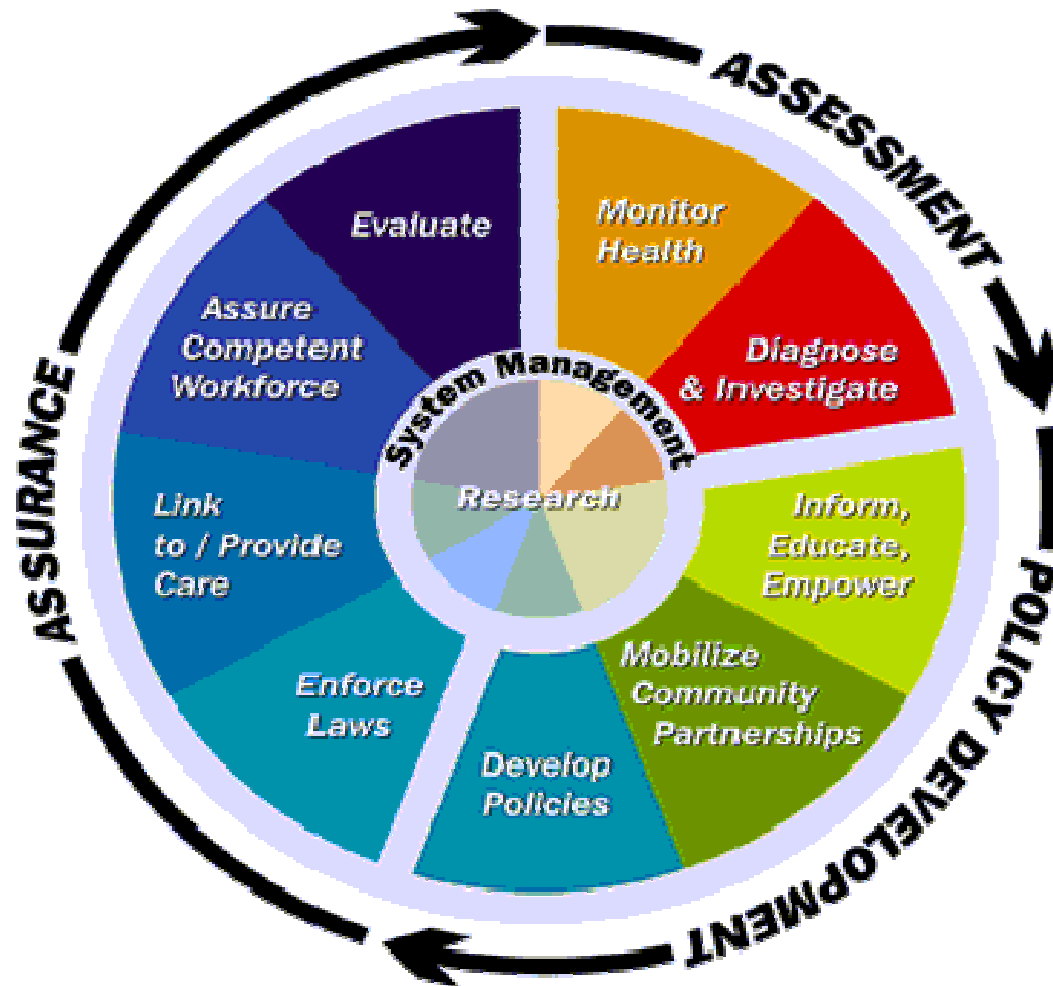
IOM's Future of Public Health

- Public Health Mission
 - "...assuring conditions in which people can be healthy."
- Substance of Public Health
 - "...organized community efforts aimed at the prevention of disease and the promotion of health."



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Public Health Core Functions and Essential Services





PUBLIC HEALTH IN AMERICA

Vision:

Healthy People in Healthy Communities



Mission:

*Promote Physical and Mental Health and Prevent
Disease, Injury, and Disability*

Public Health

- Prevents epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protects against environmental hazards
- Prevents injuries
- Promotes and encourages healthy behaviors
- Responds to disasters and assists communities in recovery
- Assures the quality and accessibility of health services

Essential Public Health Services

- Monitor health status to identify community health problems
- Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community
- Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues
- Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
- Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce
- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services
- Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems

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