



The Network
for Public Health Law

Ideas. Experience. Practical answers.

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Who We Are and How We Can Help

Selected Topic Resources

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Let's Q&A!!!!

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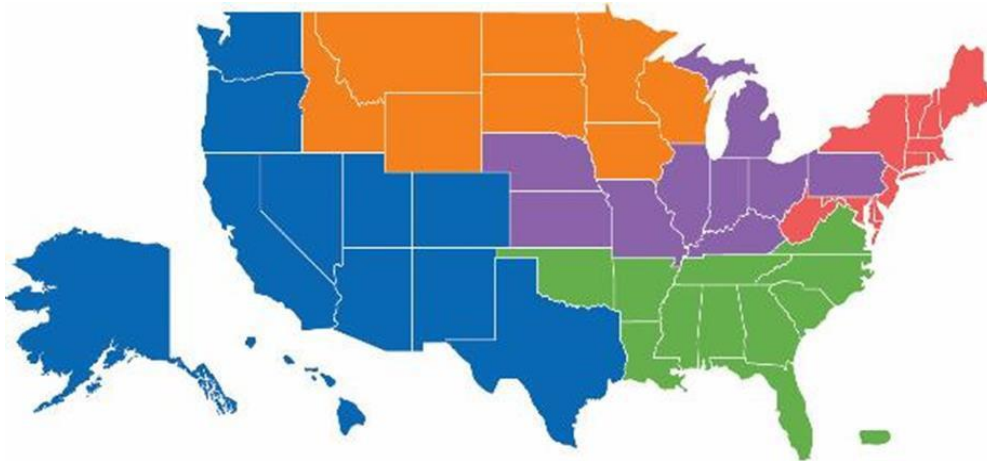
About the Network for Public Health Law

We believe in the power of public health law and policy to improve lives and make our communities safer, healthier, stronger and more equitable. We know that understanding, navigating and using law and policy can transform our communities so we work to help public health leaders, policymakers, researchers, educators, advocates and health care providers do just that.



National Reach

Through our National Office and five Region Offices, the Network provides legal technical assistance, consulting, trainings and resources to local, state, and national health agencies and organizations across the United States. *Stay tuned for upcoming changes!*



Eastern Region Office - University of Maryland Carey School of Law (Me!)

Mid-States Region Office - University of Michigan School of Public Health

Northern Region Office - Network's National Office in Edina, Minnesota

Southeastern Region Office - University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health

Western Region Office - Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Comprehensive Public Health Law Expertise

Attorneys in each Network Region have extensive knowledge of:

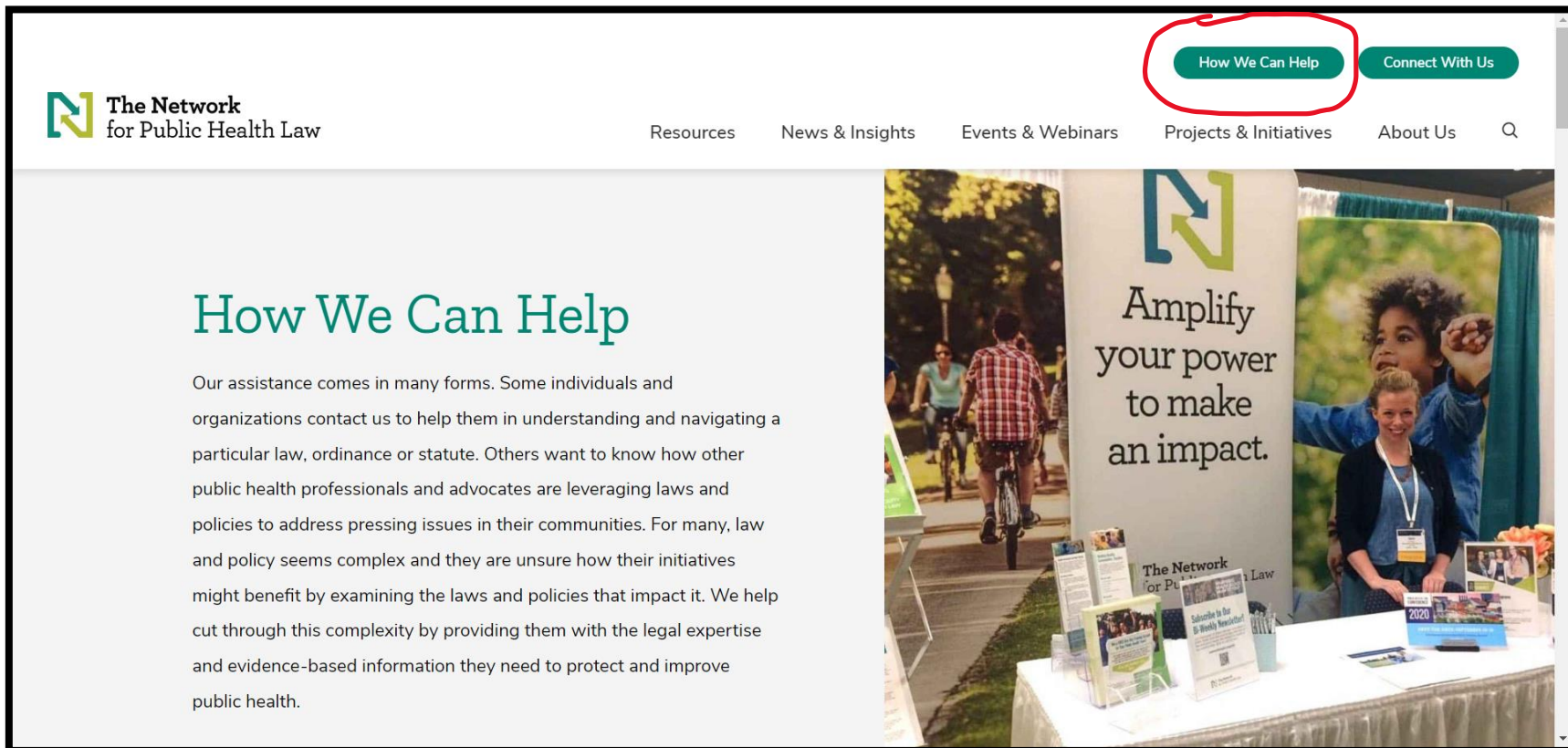
- Public health law “nuts and bolts.”
- Legal levers to advance health policy.
- Public health agency authority:
 - Constitutional, statutory, regulatory, executive orders;
 - Limits on authority;
 - Due process requirements.
- How public health agencies implement and enforce public health measures:
 - Impact on health equity;
 - Successes in other jurisdictions.
- The most promising local and national public health efforts using law and policy to improve the health of communities.

Request Assistance

Our law and policy experts can help you identify the key considerations central to your unique challenges and provide law and policy pathways you can leverage to make a difference.

- understand public health law—PHL 101 trainings
- find answers to specific legal questions (TA; not direct advice)
- use law to strengthen your public health programs and policies, and address emerging public health issues
- find resources, such as legal briefs, fact sheets, surveys of laws in all 50 states, or other available data
- benefit from the best practices of others
- connect with additional experts in public health law, including attorneys in the Network's other regions

How to Access Assistance--Process



The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo and navigation links: Resources, News & Insights, Events & Webinars, Projects & Initiatives, and About Us. A red circle highlights the 'How We Can Help' button in the top right corner. The main content area features the heading 'How We Can Help' and a paragraph describing the types of assistance provided. To the right, there is a photograph of a booth with a sign that reads 'Amplify your power to make an impact.' and a table with various materials.

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How We Can Help

Our assistance comes in many forms. Some individuals and organizations contact us to help them in understanding and navigating a particular law, ordinance or statute. Others want to know how other public health professionals and advocates are leveraging laws and policies to address pressing issues in their communities. For many, law and policy seems complex and they are unsure how their initiatives might benefit by examining the laws and policies that impact it. We help cut through this complexity by providing them with the legal expertise and evidence-based information they need to protect and improve public health.

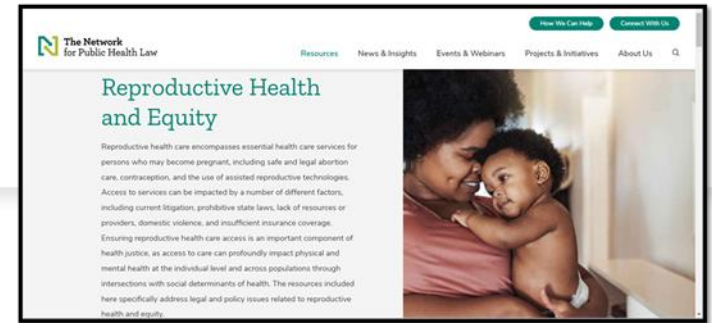
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Public Health Law 101

- ✓ **Federal—Tribal—State—Local**
- ✓ **Source and scope**
- ✓ **Executive—Legislative—Judicial**
- ✓ **Interplay; Checks and Balances**
- ✓ **Preemption**
- ✓ **Federal over State/Local; State over local; Tribal over??**
- ✓ **Administrative Law**
- ✓ **Executive branch power; Departments and Boards of Health**





Reproductive Health Care Access Maternal Health Equity

Work Specific to Local Public Health Agencies (Funded by Kresge Foundation)

New Team Member: Joanna Suder, National Office, jsuder@networkforphl.org

Anyone interested in being interviewed?

Post-*Dobbs* Decision

Tracking state laws on abortion access, including court decisions (dueling Mife cases)

Primers on abortion access

Federal law response

Maternal Health Equity

Law and policy pathways to equity in birth outcomes

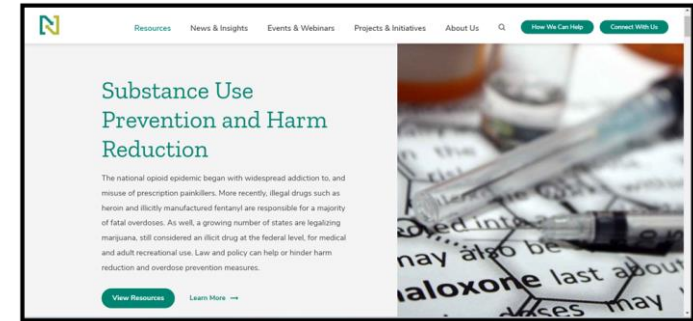
Coming Soon: State-specific factsheets on Black maternal health (NJ included!)

Networkwide Collaborative Effort

Contact Kathi Hoke at khoke@law.umaryland.edu

Substance Use and Harm Reduction Resources

- ✓ Naloxone
 - Standing orders
 - Use of Expired
 - Access for minors
 - Availability in workplaces, schools, public places
- ✓ Overdose Review Panels/Fatality Review Teams
- ✓ Removing Barriers to OAT (opioid agonist treatment)
- ✓ Paraphernalia laws
- ✓ Syringe Programs
- ✓ Good Samaritan Laws



Harm Reduction Legal Project

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Protection for Public Health Officials: Threats of Harm

Nationwide, state and local public health officials working to protect the public from COVID-19 are on the receiving end of threatening and harassing conduct for simply fulfilling their duty to protect the public health. In response, the Network examined whether states and Washington, D.C., have criminal statutes to address individuals who impede public health officials' duties with such behavior. The Network developed a [50-state resource](#) outlining these statutes. There is a related [webinar](#).

Component of the Public Health Authority Work

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Public Health Authority



Public health agencies use their authority for more than preventing epidemics and the spread of disease; they serve many other critical functions, such as preventing injuries, testing children for lead exposure, promoting healthy behaviors, responding to disasters, advancing health equity and more. Act for Public Health provides direct support to public health departments and others through consultation, training, legal technical assistance, research, and resources to address legislation that weakens their ability to protect the communities they serve.

Act for Public Health Collaborative

Website: www.actforpublichealth.org

Network's Resource Collection

[Public Health Authority](#)

Emerging State-specific Resources (Kathi and Brooke as lead)

Network lead attorney, Darlene Briggs, National Office

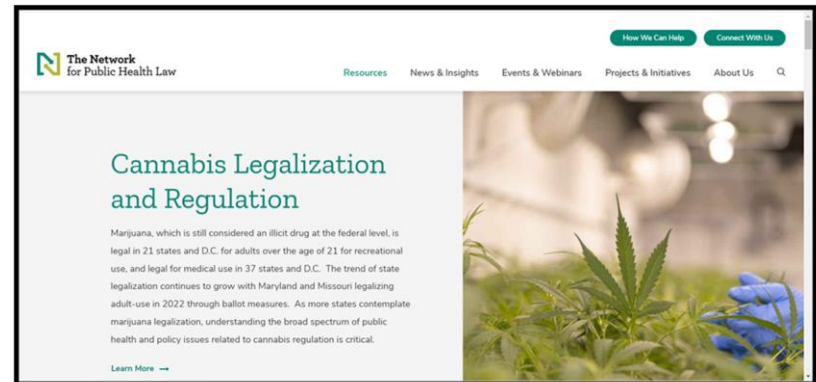
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Cannabis Resources

Cannabis Regulation Resource Collection

- ✓ State regulation of consumption sites
- ✓ Regulation of Home Grow
- ✓ State Zoning Restrictions
- ✓ THC Limits
- ✓ Product Labeling
- ✓ Packaging Requirements
- ✓ Product Standards
- ✓ Youth Access
- ✓ State Regulation of Ads

And much more!



Sign Up to Receive Cannabis Quarterly to stay up-to-date!

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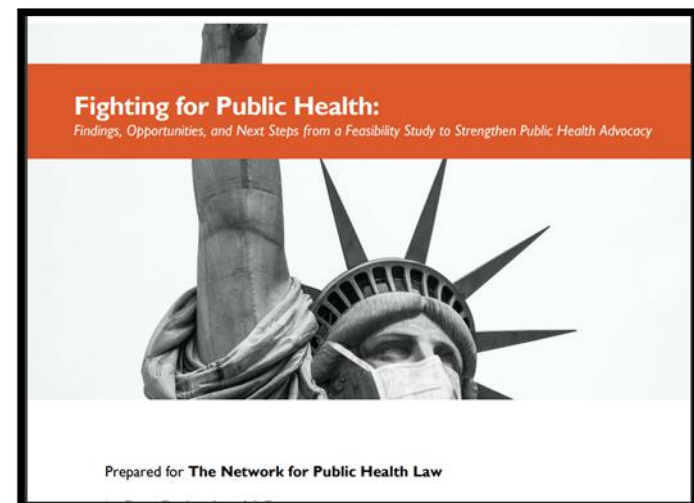
Advocacy

Trainings on Advocacy v. Lobbying

General and state-specific trainings

Fighting for Public Health: Findings, Opportunities, and Next Steps from a Feasibility Study to Strengthen Public Health Advocacy

[Report](#) and Related [Webinar](#)



Other Stuff!

Data and Privacy

Health Equity

Emergency Legal Preparedness

Injury Prevention

Food Safety and Security

***School Health: Working with NJ on school nurse issues**

Healthy and Affordable Housing

Climate Change

Vaccination Law and Policy

Infectious Disease Prevention and Control

Enforcement of Public Health Laws, including Environmental Regulation

Public Health on Tribal Lands

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Shameless plug for our National Conference!



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