

The Multi-State Learning Collaborative: Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement

The **Multi-State Learning Collaborative: Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement (MLC)** brought state and local health departments together with other stakeholders—including public health institutes, health care providers, and universities—to improve public health services by implementing quality improvement (QI) practices. The MLC was managed by NNPHI and supported by the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) (RWJF). During the MLC's six years, QI teams in each of the 16 participant states prepared for [public health accreditation](#) and applied QI practices to achieve [specific and measurable goals](#), such as increasing immunization rates or increasing the number of adults exercising in a community. The MLC helped foster learning, comradeship, and momentum for accreditation; promote a new focus on infrastructure in public health departments; and grow the movement toward a culture of QI. When the MLC came to a close in April 2011, there were countless legacies, including the galvanization and preparation of health departments across the country for national accreditation.

NNPHI, the MLC participants, and the field of public health practitioners will continue to build upon the improved knowledge, practice, partnerships, and policy that resulted from the MLC.

MLC Resources:

- [Public Health Performance Improvement Toolkit](#): Online collection of tools, trainings, and related resources that have been developed by public health practitioners through their work in public health improvement and in preparation for national voluntary accreditation.
- [Stories and Topical Briefs](#): These topical briefs summarize key lessons learned by health departments engaged in quality improvement (QI) and accreditation preparation efforts and provide recommendations for practitioners.
- [QI Storyboards](#): Click on this link to find all of the storyboards that have been submitted by the MLC projects, as well as resources on how to develop your own storyboards.
- [Meeting and Webinar Materials](#): Click here for an archive of materials from previous in-person conferences, where innovative practices in the fields of performance improvement and accreditation were shared, and recordings and notes from webinars that cover a plethora of performance improvement topics.

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