

SUCCESS STORIES

The Team-Based Training Institute draws together groups that represent state, regional or local constituencies ready to tackle problems that require a think-tank approach. We do not do the work for them, but we provide the physical space, privacy, time, proven planning process, technical assistance, content expertise and team building needed to support truly successful team initiatives.

The 2008 teams included:

- ★ Two teams from SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), a state level team and a Region 7 team, are attending the 2008 TBTI to develop fatality management plans which will help coordinate responses across the state's regions during a disaster.
- ★ The DHEC Region 4 team, which in 2007 began developing a plan to implement Behavioral Health Teams in each of ten counties. In 2008, this team returned to refine their plan into a model that can be shared with others regions across the state.
- ★ A DHEC Central Office team, which is developing protocol for a unified, coordinated response to reported environmental and community health/emergency issues. A team representing both "sides" of their agency (health services department and environmental quality control department) is working on a plan to coordinate responses to these issues for use across the entire DHEC agency.
- ★ An interdisciplinary team of scientists representing NOAA, Clemson University Livestock & Poultry Health, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, US Geological Survey, the Department of Natural Resources, DHEC and others. The team is developing an Environmental Surveillance Network for Coastal South Carolina which will provide a front-line, real-time observational framework to identify adverse environmental responses to unusual events such as harmful algal blooms and marine infectious disease outbreaks.

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About Us

The University of South Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness' (USC-CPHP) team-based training strategies are the basis of its unique systems change strategy. By providing linkages between academic and practice partners, the Center strengthens the preparedness capacity of the public health workforce. The USC-CPHP brings stakeholders together to deal with significant issues. It provides critical networking and collaboration opportunities, performs comprehensive evaluation of projects based on the Center's logic model, and disseminates Center products to reach target audiences.



Mission

The USC Center for Public Health Preparedness promotes emergency preparedness by building public health capacity and strengthening public health systems through development and use of evidence-based practices.

Team-Based Training Institute QUICK FACTS

The Team-Based Training Institute (TBTI):

- ★ TBTI team members unite for a six-month-long, intense learning experience during which they plan and develop a significant preparedness initiative
- ★ TBTI team initiatives are designed to strengthen readiness to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from all hazards
- ★ TBTI teams are coached to function more effectively to achieve their goals
- ★ TBTI integrates National Preparedness Guidelines with a proven planning process, ensuring that team initiatives align with national priorities
- ★ TBTI provides teams with consistent technical assistance and access to additional subject-matter experts if needed
- ★ TBTI teams present final "draft" products to Expert Panelists who review their initiatives and make recommendations for success
- ★ TBTI teams incorporate the recommendations made by the Expert Panelists into the final products they share with the preparedness community



How we accomplish it ...

Team-Based Training Purpose and Goals

Through the use of systematic project planning, team development, content expertise and technical assistance, the Center's unique team-based approach is designed to strengthen individual, organizational, and inter-organizational capacity of public health and its community partners to address emergency preparedness issues. The ultimate goals of the team-based training approach are:

- ★ enhanced public health emergency preparedness
- ★ workforce development, and
- ★ systems change.

Evaluating TBTI

Evaluation is built into every USC-CPHP activity. The TBTI is evaluated through comprehensive process and outcome evaluations. The TBTI is enhanced using continuous quality improvement and lessons learned. The accomplishments of the teams that attend our training certainly attest to the quality of our evaluation philosophy.

