



Office of Policy and Practice Alignment (OPPA)

OPPA Overview

OPPA works to strengthen the public health system in Wisconsin. OPPA has partnerships within state, local, and Tribal governmental public health agencies, across academic institutes, and with community-based organizations and other partners. Together, we promote equitable health outcomes through policy, systems, and environmental change.



What does OPPA do?

Through the subject-matter expertise and lived experience of its staff, OPPA:

- ❖ Facilitates the **State Health Assessment (SHA)** and **State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)**.
- ❖ Collects and analyzes **population-based data**.
- ❖ Manages and distributes passthrough **funding** and helps to strategize how to spend **grant** money.
- ❖ Reviews and certifies local health departments through the Department of Health Services (**DHS 140 program**).
- ❖ Assists with system-level public health work areas including **community health assessments** and **improvement plans (CHAs and CHIPs)**, **strategic plans**, and **workforce development plans**.
- ❖ Leads **performance excellence** (quality improvement and performance management) for DPH and provides technical assistance to partners.
- ❖ Offers **technical assistance, training, communities of practice, and learning communities**.
- ❖ Provides guidance on **statutes and rules**.
- ❖ Connects partners to and helps them **navigate state agencies** across DHS.
- ❖ Convenes and assists with facilitating **coalition- and partnership-building**.
- ❖ Works with partners to integrate **health equity**.
- ❖ Provides support for the **Wisconsin Public Health Council**.

How can OPPA help you?

Reach out to OPPA at dhsopparequest@dhs.wisconsin.gov! We'll connect you to the right person or team to assist with your public health needs.

What Can OPPA Do for You?

Assure consistent and accountable public health

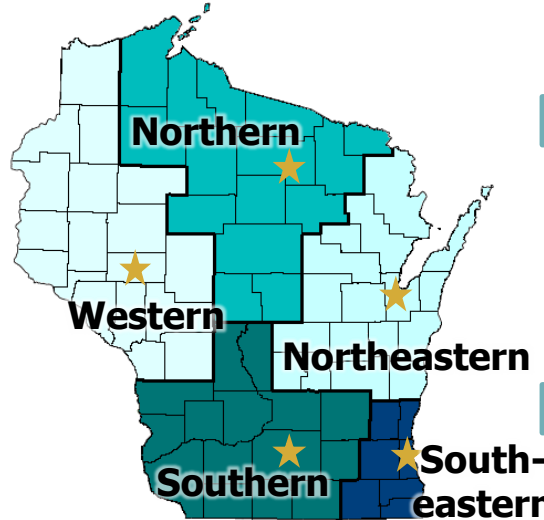
- DHS 140 reviews
- Programs and essential services consultation
- Statute and rule orientation and guidance

Provide leadership in building system capacity

- Accreditation readiness
- CHA, CHIP, and strategic planning assistance
- Workforce development
- Federal and state funding and grant support

Assure Foundational Public Health Services

- Foundational Capabilities expertise
- Connect to experts on Foundational Areas
- Technical assistance and thought partnership



- Convene collaborative teams
- Listen and respond to local and regional needs and concerns

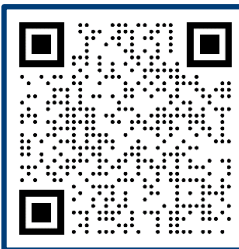
Respond to local public health

- Communicate regional needs with partners
- Link to DHS programs and community partners
- Facilitate academic partnerships

Link public health system partners

- Develop strategies to fit population-specific needs
- Health officer and board of health training
- Health equity and narrative training

Provide custom statewide support



Scan the QR code to connect with:

Regional directors
Public health nursing consultants
Public health strategists

Data analysts and strategists
Health equity strategists
Other OPPA public health experts

