

POPULATION HEALTH INNOVATION LAB

a program of the Public Health Institute



OUR MISSION

The Population Health Innovation Lab (PHIL) designs, catalyzes, and accelerates innovative approaches that advance health, well-being, and equity.

OUR APPROACH

PHIL brings startup thinking to community health. We leverage the assets the Public Health Institute has amassed over its more than 55 years at the forefront of public health—nationally ranked researchers, diverse and proven programs, strong infrastructure, and a wide network of partners—to improve health, well-being, and equity in a community.

We see innovation as a process: move fast, try new things, measure results, and find what works. Repeat. Share. Scale. Since 2015, we have partnered with funders, community-based organizations, government stakeholders, or directly with communities themselves to co-create solutions that move beyond symptoms to address root-cause issues. We bring the science, you bring local expertise, and together we use a proven system of change theories to get results.

OUR SERVICES

- Communications Support
- Meeting Design and Facilitation
- Multisector Collaborative Development and Support
- Research and Evaluation
- Technical Assistance
- Trainings and Learning Opportunities

“[PHIL is] not convening for the point of strategy...
[they are] helping people identify solutions.”

– PHIL Collaborator



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OUR IMPACT AREAS

Preventing & Responding to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

PHIL has extensive experience bringing together multisector collaboratives to find evidence-based ways of preventing and responding to ACEs. Our work through [PRACTICE: Preventing and Responding to ACE-Associated Health Conditions and Toxic Stress in Clinics through Community Engagement](#) awards \$19.5 million to 25 teams, from 15 California counties, to strengthen partnerships, develop new and sustainable evidence-based services, and expand the workforce to fill identified gaps and address toxic stress and ACE-associated health conditions in their communities.

Working with stakeholders from six northern California counties, PHIL supported the establishment of the [Northern ACEs Collaborative](#), a multisector collaborative to identify and address opportunities for policy and systems change that mitigate issues of ACEs, trauma, and domestic violence. NAC has assembled data and evidence that highlight the unique needs of the region and focus on data related to ACEs and its long-term impacts on ACE-associated health conditions for partners to utilize in their work.

Supporting Accountable Communities of/for Health (ACH)

PHIL is a leader in the ACH movement and has provided strategic support in launching ACHs in multiple states. Through the [Aligning Systems for Health](#) project, PHIL partnered with ACHs across Washington and California to learn which aligning approaches work when, where, for whom, and why. PHIL's research contributed to the evidence base that was used by local and state-level leaders to successfully advocate for the ACH model in Washington and California. In Washington, research contributed to successfully advocating for a [Medicaid Transformation Project extension](#) that provides continued financial support to ACHs. In California, research contributed to successfully advocating for a new \$15 million dollar budget line item to support the 13 existing ACHs serving California communities and further expand the ACH model across the state.

PHIL has supported the [California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative](#) (CACHI), bringing together clinical providers with public health departments, schools, social service agencies, community organizations, and others to improve health and promote health equity in targeted California communities. Throughout this work, PHIL has designed and facilitated a learning lab and curated an ACH Resource Center with unique materials, methodologies, curriculum, and other resources to support the ACH model.

Bringing Together Multisector Collaboratives (MSCs)

PHIL brings together MSCs to collaborate and network with one another. Our team has supported MSCs like the [Northern ACEs Collaborative](#) and Leveraging Collaboration to End Domestic Violence. As part of the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) 6|18 Initiative](#), PHIL created a change package of resources needed to assist groups to organize and engage in MSCs that increase the engagement of employers, health plans, and providers in efforts to expand the coverage and delivery of key heart health strategies and other preventive services.



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