



State/Territory Report

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Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:

- Completed update of PHN orientation program;
- Developed Nurse Practitioner Forums to provide CE and pharmacy credits for our APNs;
- Published updated Infection Control Manual;
- Responded to four ICS events: E.coli outbreak, ice storm, H1N1 and tornado outbreak;
- Preparing for PHAB beta-site visit;
- Exploring pros and cons of implementing an electronic health record that will link all of the county health departments;
- Implementing a plan to increase vaccination rates of 19-36 month olds;

Oklahoma is experiencing a severe revenue shortfall, along with several other states. We currently have a hiring/promotion freeze and a severe shortage of nurse practitioners.