## Current awareness and national resources

"Climate change is effecting health in our community and we need to take action now"

# What's happening?

- Interagency Climate Change and Human Health Workgroup
- Centers for Disease Control Climate Change Program
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Climate Change Collaborative
- National Association of City and County Health Officials Climate Change Workgroup
- American Public Health Association Climate Change Focus Area
- State, Regional, Local efforts

# Interagency Climate Change and Health Workgroup

- Working with NOAA, CDC, EPA to ensure scientific information about the impacts of climate change is easily accessible so decision-makers can build adaptive capacity into their plans and activities.
- Creating a Monitoring and Evaluation Data
   Surveillance Workgroup to develop an accessible national portal that will hold climate-related data

## Centers for Disease Control

# Increasing visibility of climate change by:

- Funding several capacity building grants
- Supporting webinars with APHA developing climate change handbook
- Developing a climate-ready framework



# **ASTHO**

- Survey State Health Officers on the state's capacity to address climate change impacts
- Create an mp3 to orient new State Health Officers
- Refine messages and creating key talking points
- Distribute existing educational resources and articles
- Advocate with ASTHO Board



# **APHA**

#### Webinar Series and Handbook:

"An Overview of Climate Change Science and Impacts to Human Health"

"A Look at US Regional PH Impacts"

"The Public Health Role in Climate Change Communication and Effective Messaging Strategy"

"An Eye Toward PH Adaptation Strategy"

# **NACCHO**

"Raise awareness about climate change and get tools into the hands of local health departments"

- Distribute to list serve: climate change 101 letter,
   GMU PowerPoint, policy statement
- Solicit for tools and case studies
- Review materials, create toolkit, distribute
- Support promising practices to apply for model practice awards
- Advocate as priority issue with Board



## **NACCHO** Demonstration Sites

• Thurston County, WA: Workforce Development Education and Strategic Planning Activity

 Orange County, FL: Workforce Assessment and Workshop Template for Planning/PH Audience

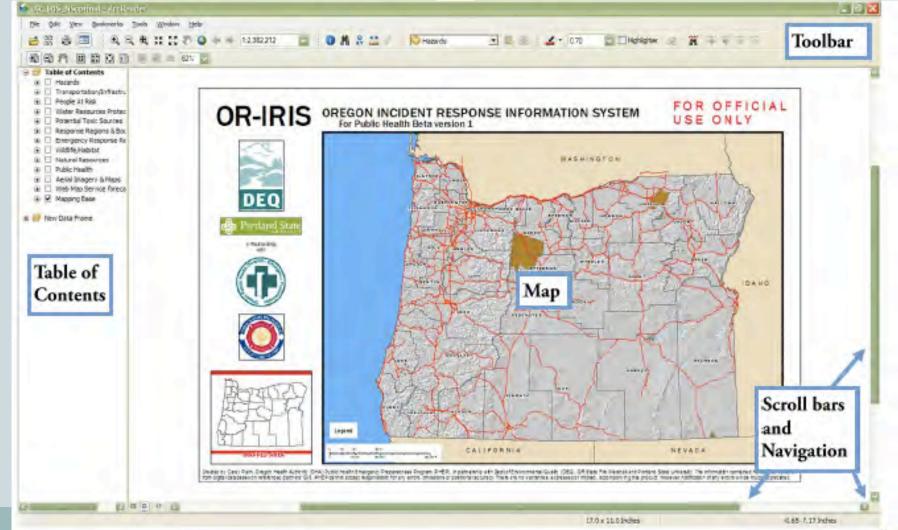
 Mercer County, IL: Public Messaging about Extreme Heat Events

## Tools and Resources

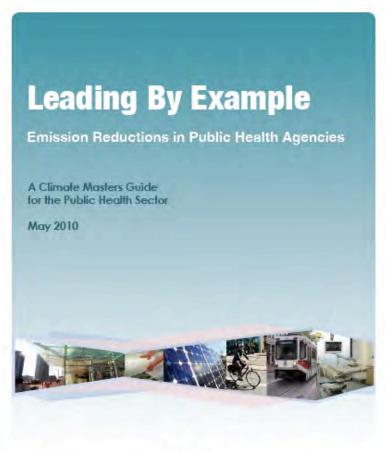
- A self-assessment tool developed by the Orange County Health Department (Florida) to improve workforce readiness
- An extreme heat public messaging campaign for farmers in the Midwest developed by Mercer County, IL.
- An educational PowerPoint presentation prepared by George Mason University laying out the public health impacts of climate change and the role of LHDs.

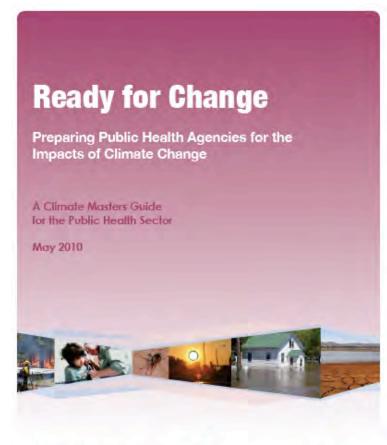
# CDC Capacity Building Grant in Oregon

- Receive training in the areas of climate change, mitigation, adaptation, public health hazard vulnerability assessments, health impact assessment
- Work collaboratively to develop climate change adaptation tools
- Pilot test these tools in their communities and the tools will be refined based on their feedback
- Share the climate change adaptation tools and products and lessons learned from the process with local health departments and tribal governments



# CLI: Guidebooks for Public Health

























# Some key recommendations

- Conduct ongoing health monitoring of climate change impacts on local communities
- Provide opportunities to educate and train public health leadership and the public health workforce
- Build local research capacity and technical expertise within Health Departments
- Educate and empower community members with preparedness information

## Efforts at the local level

# Multnomah County Health Department Report:

- Introduction to the public health perspective
- Overviews of the likely effects of climate change in Multnomah County
- Health equity issues related to climate change,
- Public health's role in climate action planning.
- Review of potential public health "co-benefits" and unintended detriments to health that may result from implementing the Climate Action Plan action items

Questions?
Ideas?
Thoughts?
What stuck out?
What is useful to your work?