



COUNCIL ON LINKAGES BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

2006 LINKAGES AWARDS CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

The Linkages Awards are presented annually by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council) to recognize exemplary community-based collaborative activities between public health practice agencies and academic institutions of higher learning. ***This year the Council is placing a special emphasis on highlighting collaborative efforts to strengthen recruitment and retention efforts.***

Who should submit an abstract:

Public health practice agencies (state and local public health agencies, managed care organizations, community-based organizations, etc.) engaged in collaborative activities with academic institutions of higher learning (e.g. universities, colleges, and schools of public health, nursing, and medicine). This includes joint population-based activities in research, technical support, education, and training. It does not include clinical residencies or rotations. Preference will be given to collaborations that are focused on enhancing recruitment and retention efforts. All abstracts must be jointly authored by the practice and academic institutions. See the following page for abstract submission specifications.

What's at stake:

Cash awards and commemorative plaques will be presented to the public health practice agencies of those collaborations receiving the top three scores. The awards are as follows:

First place:	\$1,000
Second place:	\$500
Third place:	\$250

Details:

Award winners can choose to accept their awards at either the National Association of County and City Health Officials Annual Conference on July 26-28 in San Antonio, Texas, or at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Annual Meeting on September 12-15 in Atlanta, Georgia. (The Council can not provide additional funds to cover travel expenses associated with attending the meeting. However, award winners are welcome to use their cash prizes for travel costs.) Award winners must develop graphic representations/posters of their projects for display at the conference during which they accept their award. Findings should be illustrated through charts, photographs, diagrams, and some text highlighting key points. Complete papers cannot be posted. In addition to the poster session, project descriptions will be exhibited on the Council's website.

Submission deadline: April 7, 2006

If your abstract is chosen for a cash award and poster presentation, you will be notified via telephone by May 19, 2006.

All abstracts will be posted on the Council website. To view abstracts that have been submitted in the past, visit <http://www.phf.org/Link/database-of-linkages.htm>.

If you have questions, please contact Jessica Kronstadt at the Council via phone: (202) 218-4423; fax: (202) 218-4409; or e-mail: jkronstadt@phf.org.

Abstract Submission for Linkages Awards for Collaborative Activities Between Public Health Practice Agencies and Academic Institutions of Higher Learning

1. Abstract must be printed within the confines of one 8.5" x 11" page, no smaller than one-inch margins, and no smaller than 10 pt. type, no borders.
2. Please single space all lines with an indent for each paragraph.
3. Title should be brief. Authors' names should then be listed, with titles and degrees. List agencies and institutions involved. Joint authorship between agencies and academic institutions of higher learning is required. Please provide one phone number and e-mail address for a person who can be contacted for additional information.
4. Organize the body of the abstract in the following manner:
 - a. Type of Activity and Name of Agency and Academic Institution Involved
 - b. Description of Project, Its Development, and Outcomes
 - c. Successes, Difficulties, and "The Unexpected"
 - d. Benefit to the Agency and the Community and Impact on Recruitment/Retention Efforts
5. Abstracts will be peer reviewed and scored based on the following criteria:
 - Demonstrates linkages between academic institutions of higher learning and public health practice agencies
 - Highlights a successful effort to improve worker recruitment or retention
 - Contains each of the required components listed in item #4, above
 - Shows potential to serve as a model for encouraging other linkage activities
 - Quality of writing and presentation
6. Standardized abbreviations and numerals rather than words are encouraged. Please do not underline for emphasis.
7. The abstract, including a cover sheet, must be ***e-mailed or faxed*** to Jessica Kronstadt at the address below and **must be received by April 7, 2006**. The abstract cover sheet must include the name, title, department, agency/institution, street address, phone, fax, and e-mail address, of the main contact person.

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