

TITLE: Planning for Climate Change: New Tools and Success Stories

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ABSTRACT: There is growing awareness of the ways in which climate change is affecting our health here in Oregon--more drought declarations, more wildfire and smoke events, and more harmful algal blooms. We're also seeing an increase in the number of decision-makers grappling with how to meet climate action goals, with some strategies having the potential to result in considerable public health benefits. Oregon's Public Health System has very little capacity to work on climate change, but there are ways that we can integrate more climate change considerations into current public health practice and planning. This session will introduce a new tool for incorporating climate into the Community Health Assessments (CHAs) and Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs). We will also hear how Crook County Health Department has included climate change in their department's strategic plan and how Benton County Health Department has found success in using the "Health in all Policies" approach to incorporate health into their county's broader climate planning initiatives.

- OBJECTIVE(S):**
1. Explain how climate change can be integrated into existing public health practice
 2. Identify specific strategies for integrating climate change into public health plans
 3. Name specific examples of how local health departments are planning for climate change