

# CAPHN

## THE CAPITAL AREA PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK

The mission of the **Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN)** is to promote, protect, and improve the health and well-being of communities within the Capital Area of New Hampshire through the proactive, coordinated, and comprehensive delivery of essential public health services.

### CAPHN Service Area

Allenstown, Andover, Boscawen, Bow, Bradford, Canterbury, Chichester, Concord, Deering, Dunbarton, Epsom, Henniker, Hillsboro, Hopkinton, Loudon, Northwood, Pembroke, Pittsfield, Salisbury, Warner, Washington, Webster, Weare, Windsor.

### CAPHN initiatives

- Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)
- Substance Misuse Prevention - Capital Region Community Prevention Coalition (CRCPC)
- Suicide Prevention
- Emergency Preparedness
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- School-Based Influenza Vaccination Services

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To learn more about the Capital Area Public Health Network or how you can get involved with any of its initiatives, contact Shannon Bresaw, MSW, CPS, Director of Public Health Services & Prevention, at [shannon@capitalprevention.org](mailto:shannon@capitalprevention.org) or call 603-224-3840 x228.

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# Keeping your community safe and healthy!

# GET INVOLVED WITH A CAPHN INITIATIVE TODAY!

Interested in making sure that your community is healthy and safe? Become a volunteer for one of the Capital Area Public Health Network's Initiatives!

## Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

The role of the PHAC is to advise the CAPHN by identifying and prioritizing regional public health priorities based on assessments of community health; encouraging the development of evidence-based programs, practices and policies; advancing the coordination of services among partners; and promoting community engagement on public health issues.

### Who is a good PHAC Representative?

An ideal PHAC member will be a decision-maker from your organization or municipality. We are looking for leaders who can represent their community or sector concerning public health needs, priorities and solutions.

## TOGETHER WE WILL ADVANCE THE COMMON GOOD.

"As the head of a public safety agency, my time is best invested with those people and organizations that can work collaboratively in our community to prevent problems before they occur. The Public Health Advisory Council is an excellent forum for such discussions and for building strategies that focus a community's resources on effective solutions to pressing needs."

-Dan Andrus  
Fire Chief, City of Concord

## Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The CAPHN provides leadership and coordination to improve the readiness of partners to mount an effective response to public health emergencies and threats. This work includes the maintenance of a Regional Public Health Emergency Annex, which includes plans for response to and recovery from public health emergencies that impact communities in the region. In addition, the CAPHN partners with hospitals, municipal emergency management directors, and other governmental, public health, and health care entities to plan for public health emergencies and ensure the provision of public health, medical, and behavioral health services before, during, and after an incident.

The CAPHN works with local Emergency Management Directors within the region to strengthen and develop regional sheltering plans to respond to the needs of the communities during events.

## Substance Misuse Prevention

The CAPHN works to reduce substance misuse among youth and young adults in the Capital Area by mobilizing key sectors of the community to implement evidence-based prevention strategies.

### Current strategies include:

- Youth Leadership Councils
- Life of an Athlete
- Project Success
- Prescription Drug Take Back Initiatives
- Social Marketing Campaigns

## Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

The CAPHN coordinates efforts to recruit, train, and deploy a volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) during public health emergencies. The MRC supports local emergency responders to provide emergency public health services throughout the region.

### MRC volunteers help in emergencies

- Conducting assessments
- Staffing vaccination clinics
- Staffing emergency treatment centers
- State and national deployment opportunities

### Become one of our MRC Volunteers

MRC volunteers include medical, public health, and general professionals.

