

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT ROUND I & II

Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to announce the establishment of the Pennsylvania & Ohio Public Health Training Center (POPHTC), which will serve public health practitioners and academicians in Pennsylvania and Ohio. The Training Center is a collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Public Health Practice, Ohio State University's School of Public Health, and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). There are eight Training Centers based in schools of public health in universities across the nation. HRSA has funded the projects for five years.

The primary goal of this project is to strengthen the public health system by offering training that upgrades the professional competencies of the workforce. Public health agencies and contracting organizations carry out the *Ten Essential Services*. (These services and competencies are outlined on the enclosed document.) *By partnering with you – one of the organizations that provides public health services in Pennsylvania and Ohio – we are prepared to provide dynamic, meaningful and practical training to your workers.*

We are writing to invite you to participate in the POPHTC project. The following are enclosed for your review:

- A description of the Pennsylvania & Ohio Public Health Training Center in more detail
- A list of the benefits to you and a description of your possible contributions to the project
- A "Letter of Interest" for you to return

After reading the enclosed literature, please fill out the "Letter of Interest" and return it to us in the envelope provided by March 30, 2001. Please return this letter whether you are interested in participating at this time or not. If you wish to participate in the Pennsylvania & Ohio Public Health Training Center project, we will contact you to provide additional information and to further evaluate your needs.

Resources are limited; however the Training Center will attempt to address as many training needs as possible over the five years of the project. Workforce participants will be selected based on criteria including, but not limited to, geographic location and disadvantaged population service area status.

If you have additional questions, please contact Joan Haley in Pennsylvania or Joanne Thompson in Ohio. Joan can be reached by phone at 412-624-8701 or by e-mail at [jeh96@pitt.edu](mailto:jeh96@pitt.edu). Joanne can be reached by phone at 614-293-9747 or by e-mail at [thompson.1112@osu.edu](mailto:thompson.1112@osu.edu).

Thank you for considering partnering with us to provide training to the public health workforce. We are excited about the opportunities that this project holds and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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