

FOUNDATIONAL AREA:

# Linkage to Medical, Behavioral, and Community Resources

## SPECS

Public health agencies don't have the resources to physically provide all the programs and services needed in a community. They depend on a strong network of partners, each with specific areas of expertise.

When public health and its partners work together, they build a strong foundation for well-being that ensures every member of the community has access to the programs and services they need to reach their full potential and live healthier lives.



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## DISCUSSION

1. How does [Public Health 3.0](#) define our agency's role?
2. How well do our community partners understand what we do?
3. How could we strengthen our relationship with community partners and service providers?
4. How could community-clinical linkages support efforts to address gaps identified in our latest Community Health Assessment?

## APPLICATION

1. Identify organizations that can [support a community-clinical linkage](#).
2. Engage stakeholders and identify champions in each organization.
3. Discuss and agree on goals and objectives for the linkage.
4. Develop a plan for how to coordinate and manage the linkage.

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## RESOURCES

- [Hospital Community Linkages, BHNSTL](#)
- [Clinical-Community Linkages, AHRQ](#)
- [Clinical-Community Relationships Measures Atlas, AHRQ](#)
- [Clinical-Community Evaluation Roadmap, AHRQ](#)
- [Community Linkages for the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, CDC](#)
- [Integrating Services for Community Health, SOPHE](#)
- [Strengthening Community-Clinical Linkages, ASTHO](#)