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Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) Receives Outstanding Affiliate Award

American Public Health Association Council of Affiliates Honors IPHA at Annual Conference

This week, Iowa Public Health Association was honored with the American Public Health Association (APHA) [Council of Affiliates' Outstanding Affiliate of the Year Award](#) at the APHA annual meeting in Minneapolis. The Affiliate of the Year award celebrates an APHA Affiliate that has made significant contributions through innovative programs and activities that impact the public's health. The Affiliate of the Year Award is given to an APHA Affiliate that provides a model for other Affiliates for work or project(s) of high value to public health such as innovative workforce development programming or impactful advocacy for public health policy within its state.

Since 1925, IPHA has been the independent voice for public health in Iowa, leading the state in public health efforts demonstrating that progress toward health equity can be made even in the most challenging of times. Its 12 volunteer board members represent academic, governmental, and private sector public health professionals from across the state. Along with staff, the IPHA leadership team serves over 500 members, the public health workforce, and Iowa communities through education, advocacy, and partnership development.

IPHA is also a leader amongst its national peers. IPHA is regularly sought to provide technical assistance and mentoring in areas of policy advocacy, vaccine confidence, coalition development, and association management. Some of IPHA's signature events include the annual Public Health Conference of Iowa (April 1-2, 2025), the annual Public Health Legislative Forum, the biennial Public Health Candidate Forums, and this year, the inaugural Iowa Immunization Summit. IPHA is the host agency of Iowa Immunizes, Iowa's statewide immunization coalition.

"IPHA exemplifies outstanding service in every aspect of our work. Our innovative programs, commitment to health equity, support for professional development, and effective advocacy display why I am proud to be part of IPHA and wholeheartedly accept this honor for the APHA Council of Affiliates Outstanding Affiliate of the Year Award," said Kady Reese, President of IPHA.

As IPHA prepares to celebrate a centennial anniversary next year, you can learn more about stories of public health wins from the past and get involved in the festivities by visiting www.iowapha.org.

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Photo caption: Iowa Public Health Association was honored as 2024 Affiliate of the Year at by the American Public Health Association

Left to Right: Abigail Chihak, Joy Harris, Kady Reese, Dr. Peter Wallace, Kim Novy, Denise Strehlow, Lina Tucker Reinders, Dr. Anjali Deshpande, Deborah Thompson, and Elizabeth Faber



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