

## CalBRACE Step Four: Developing and Implementing a Climate and Health Adaptation Plan

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An important guidance for any public health agency is an adaptation plan (strategy) for climate change and health. Plans can be unique and tailored to a jurisdiction's unique priorities and resources for enhancing resilience and adaptive capacity. Based on knowledge developed in the previous steps, and with the selection of suitable interventions that address health impacts, gaps in critical public health functions/services, begin to outline the plan.

### Sample plans

- [The Health Element of the Santa Clara County General Plan](#) was prepared at the direction of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors as a new element, incorporating and updating certain existing subject matter and policies from the existing Health and Safety Chapters, and building a renewed emphasis on collaborative, comprehensive approaches to planning for community health including climate change. See page 54 for climate change references.
- [Oregon North Central District Climate Adaptation Plan 2013](#)  
This climate adaptation plan addresses climate threats using the BRACE framework, and specifically looks at the health threats of drought.
- [Climate and Health Action Plan Jackson County Public Health Medford, Oregon - August 2013](#)  
The plan provides an initial framework for approaching the issue of the health impacts of climate change in Jackson County. The approach favored building collaborative relationships at every stage of the two-year initiative, with a goal of stimulating similar initiatives in the future.
- [Climate Change and Public Health Preparation Plan Multnomah County Health Department An assessment of public health impacts of climate change and actions to protect our health](#)  
The Multnomah County/City of Portland Climate Action Plan identified “Climate Change Preparation” as one of its eight key action areas with the objective to “adapt successfully to a changing climate”. Adaptation means, “to adjust to a new situation or environment” such as an increase in consecutive days over 95 degrees.

### Health Equity, Environmental Justice and Tribal Resources

- **[Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Planning Tool Kit](#)**  
This "toolkit" is a collection of templates and other resources developed by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) to assist tribes in their climate change adaptation planning process. The materials provided are not "one-size-fits-all" solutions, and users are encouraged to modify the materials to better represent the needs and priorities of their own tribe. The primary users of these materials will be the tribe's climate change working group.
- **[Community-Based Climate Adaptation Planning: Case Study of Oakland, California](#)**  
This **[case study](#)** catalogues adaptation strategies that can be implemented at the local level, and discusses their advantages and disadvantages, and identifies social equity concerns. It identifies trends and best practices in climate adaptation planning processes, focusing specifically on their efficacy in engaging the broader community and in addressing the needs of all residents, especially the most vulnerable

Other Resources

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