

# Connecting Climate Change and Public Health through Cal BRACE



# Cal BRACE Project

## Educating and Engaging Stakeholders

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- Within your health department
- With City and County partners
- With health care sector partners
- With community partners
- Broader regional climate change planning



# Capacity Building and Stakeholder Involvement

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- BRACE is not only about the “products” but is also about capacity building, education and stakeholder engagement on climate change and health
- Climate change is a long term issue; let’s use Cal BRACE as an opportunity to build a good foundation, involve our staff and partners
- Build on existing engagement strategies, but also go beyond ? (new climate change partners)

# Local health department capacity building through BRACE

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- How can you:
  - Assess staff knowledge, interest, needs
  - ID which core staff will work on BRACE –where does climate change “fit” into your PH programs?
  - ID linkages that can be made to climate change – mitigation and adaptation
  - What resources will be needed to help build departmental capacity to take on climate and health planning?

Note: CDPH Cal BRACE will be working along side you on these efforts, can provide resources and materials

# Where can BRACE fit into your partnerships?

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- Review your existing partnerships and coalitions for opportunities to educate and involve people in BRACE activities
  - Already engaged in some climate action
  - Thinking about climate change
  - Not engaged but hearing more about it
  - Not supportive of specific climate change planning
- How can BRACE bring a new focus on the human health impacts of climate change ?



# Many Local Government Partnerships

- Your local government
  - Local Climate Action (mitigation) req'd by CEQA
  - Disaster mitigation increasingly must address climate
  - Responding to real world events (drought, wildfire)
- Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)
  - Resilient Communities for America
    - ✓ Mayor Kevin Johnson, Sacramento is co-chair
- Rockefeller Foundation's Resilient Cities Initiative
  - Funded Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and SF



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A graphic with a yellow background on the left containing the text "Is your community preparing for the impacts and costs of climate change?". To the right is a photograph of a "ROAD FLOODED" sign on a road, with a young girl in an orange shirt sitting on a bench in the foreground.

Is your community preparing for the impacts and costs of climate change?

ROAD FLOODED

Start now with ICLEI's Climate Resilient Communities Program for local governments

# Regional Climate Adaptation Collaboratives in California

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San Diego Climate Change Collaborative

Resilient Sacramento

Bay Area Climate & Energy Resilience Project



# Community Education

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- Recent CDPH focus groups and PHI interviews showed many public health professionals and lay advocates are not well informed on climate change as a public health issue, but *are* concerned about the issue and want to know more about how they can get involved.
- Think about how you can use BRACE to share climate and health information in different community health planning efforts
- Focus on solutions and actions that can also improve health, health equity and build resilience

# Public Opinion and Climate Change

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- Californians and the Environment: PPIC\* Survey, June 2013
  
- Climate change is very or somewhat serious threat to state's future and quality of life (79%)
  - Very Serious threat?
    - Latinos, 67% (group with highest belief that its happening now – 73%)
    - African Americans, 63%
    - Asians, 38%
    - Whites, 40%
    - < 55 years of age

# Share what we know about climate change and health impacts in your local area

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- *Make climate change local at each step*
  - Climate and Health Profile
  - Vulnerability Assessment
  - Forecasting Health Impacts
  - Identifying Effective Interventions
  - Evaluation
- *Make climate change personal and concrete*
- *Identify actions people/community can take*