



## Welcome to the Community

We are proud to welcome you to the growing community of NYSHealth grantees. NYSHealth is committed to being responsive and fostering conversation between grantees and other health leaders across New York State. We encourage you to call or e-mail us at any time. Here is some information that we hope you will keep handy about additional resources available to you as an NYSHealth grantee.

### Keep in Touch

#### Tell Your Story

We love opportunities to talk up our grantees. Help us promote your work by telling us how it's going, including both triumphs and lessons learned.

#### Keep us up on your project!

##### Some ideas for what to send along:

- Photos
- Anecdotes
- News
- Press releases
- Questions
- Risks, Problems, Challenges

#### Open Door Policy

We're your biggest cheerleaders! We want to see you succeed, and we know that taking risks can mean not everything goes as planned. Come to us with anything and everything.

*Please alert us if there is a change in project directors.*

### Online Resources

Our online [Grantee Resources](#) include forms and tools for you to use throughout your grant.

- [Grant Reporting Guidelines and Forms](#)  
Guidelines and forms for your interim and final grant reports and budgets.
- [Sustainability Toolkit](#)  
Tools to help integrate sustainability strategies and practices into all stages of the grant process.
- [Tools and Guidelines for Planning Effective Project Evaluations](#)  
Practical and realistic strategies to consider in planning, designing, and implementing an evaluation plan that can improve the outcomes and impact of a project.

### Stay Connected

- Sign up for [eNews updates](#)
- Like us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow us [@nys\\_health on Twitter](#)
- Follow your [fellow grantees on Twitter](#)
- Email [info@nyshealth.org](mailto:info@nyshealth.org) to add your organization to the Twitter grantee list

### Events & Meetings

- Our NYC office has meeting space, and we encourage our grantees to make use of it. Contact your program officer to host an event in our conference room or arrange to use a spare office when you're in town.
- NYSHealth also posts relevant [event listings](#) online. If you'd like us to share your event, contact your program officer with details.



## About Us

### Our Mission

To improve the health of all New Yorkers, especially the most vulnerable.

### How We Do Our Work

The New York State Health Foundation seeks to improve New York State's health care system and the health of all New Yorkers. To have a tangible, meaningful impact, we strive to be focused and purposeful in our work; to establish and adhere to clear goals and strategies; and to have systems in place to measure our progress. We are committed not only to making grants, but also to making a difference beyond our grant dollars: informing health care policy and practice, spreading effective programs that work to improve the health system, serving as a neutral convener of health leaders across the State, and providing technical assistance to our grantees and partners.

### Our Guiding Principles

1. Establish and adhere to clear, focused goals and strategies
2. Be open and transparent about our activities, successes, and failures
3. Engage health experts and community leaders to help us set priorities and choose grantees
4. Be statewide in focus
5. Be a learning organization interested in measuring outcomes, communicating results, and diffusing successful ideas for implementation throughout our State and beyond
6. Invest in programs with sustainable and replicable prospects
7. Leverage our resources to maximize the impact of our grant support
8. Have processes that are user-friendly and responsive to the public
9. Encourage our staff to perform at high levels and grow in abilities over time

## Measuring Our Impact

As we strive to create social change, it is vital that we hold ourselves accountable to using a logical and focused approach to achieve specific goals and outcomes. Toward that end, we are committed to tracking and measuring our impact in our areas of programmatic focus and progress on indicators related to our organizational effectiveness.

### Grant Outcome Reports

After an NYSHealth project has closed, we write a grant outcome report to capture the initiative's impact. With input from the grantee and NYSHealth program staff, grant outcome reports take an honest look back at the program, document the work completed, and share lessons learned, including how we might have better supported support our grantee's efforts. [Previous grant outcome reports](#) are available online.