

# Public Health Nursing 2010: Portals to Excellence in Practice – Part 2

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*Virtual Office of Public Health Nurses*

# Consider DPH's Mission & the Various Roles of Nurses



# CT's Virtual Office of Public Health

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## □ Vision:

- To promote the health of populations in CT by supporting excellence in public health nursing practice

## □ Mission:

- To foster professional development through collaborations and education of nurses working in public health





# The VOPHN's Purpose

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- ❑ To foster a collective voice for nurses working in public health
- ❑ Identify and promulgating best, evidence based practice
- ❑ To promote a public health workforce based on core competencies and the integration of the Public Health Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice (2007, ANA)

# Today's Agenda

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# Learning Objectives

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- ❑ At the conclusion of the conference participants will be able to:
  - ❑ Describe the pathophysiology of sickle cell disease
  - ❑ Discuss interventions that can improve the quality of life of individuals affected by sickle cell disease
  - ❑ Identify two psychosocial characteristics of victims of human trafficking
  - ❑ Identify two resources available to assist victims of human trafficking
  - ❑ Discuss the standards of care considerations during prolonged public health emergencies
  - ❑ Describe an effective collaborative effort that engages system partners and student nurses

# Recognizing Strengths & Opportunities

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- Relatively small state with a large “Brain Trust”
- Timing (e.g., national efforts, public need, aligns with other state association initiatives)
- Leadership capacity
  - Executive support
  - Visionary
  - Participatory
- Untapped opportunities by
  - Pooling resources
  - Partnering and collaborating



# Challenges?

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# Interventions & Progress Update

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- Information sharing:
  - Web-page link for the VOPHN in conjunction with the DPH homepage
  - Distribution list for participants in conferences and meetings
  
- Strengthening collaborations
  - Schools of Nurses
  - Professional Associations
  
- Providing continuing education opportunities (CEUs)
  
- Enhancement of an orientation and mentoring program for nurses new to public health

# Today's Focus

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- Provide context and an educational opportunity
- Identify best practice considerations
- Illustrate the broad scope of programs/activities public health nurses are involved and influence





## For Additional Information

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- American Nurses Association (ANA) via <http://nursingworld.org/books>
- American Public Health Association (APHA), PHN Section via <http://www.apha.org/extranet/phn>
- Association of Community Health Nursing Educators via <http://www.achne.org>
- Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nurses (ASTDN) via <http://astdn.org>
- Connecticut Association of Public Health Nurses via <http://caphn.org>
- Connecticut Department of Public Health via [www.dph.state.ct.us/](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/)



# Thank you!

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