

American Public Human Services Association

APHSA is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization representing appointed state and local health and human service agency commissioners. APHSA was founded in 1930 as the American Public Welfare Association and changed its name to APHSA in 1997. APHSA is the only association of the nation's top government human service executives from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories—and their key state program managers, plus hundreds of county-level directors of human services throughout the nation—for the exchange of knowledge, data, best practices, policy review and development, networking and advocacy. APHSA houses nine affiliate organizations, whose members are the administrators which operate human service agency divisions or departments in the states and for the most part report to a state commissioner. The affiliates cover a variety of program specializations such as child welfare and income assistance programs as well as support functions such as program evaluation and staff training.

APHSA is committed to carrying out our work through strong connections and partnerships among the many areas of government and the broader community that affect the well-being of our citizens.

VISION:

Better, Healthier Lives for Children, Adults, Families and Communities

MISSION STATEMENT:

APHSA pursues excellence in health and human services by supporting state and local agencies, informing policymakers, and working with our partners to drive innovative, integrated and efficient solutions in policy and practice.

OUR VALUES:

Member Focus and Service; Continuous Improvement; Innovation; Respect; Collaboration and Accountability.

OUR GOALS:

- 1. To be the voice and credible broker for the health and human service fields**
- 2. To provide a high level of support to our members; establish and maintain high standards for our field; and help agencies improve their performance**
- 3. To achieve operational excellence as an association in our own right**