Public Health Departments typically fall outside the service realm of academic and hospital libraries that offer full-text access to information for researchers, faculty and students. Budgets do not address desktop access to the public health literature and they typically do not have access to assistance with searching and information management.

In expanding the Public Health Information Access project (PHIA), **the goal is to better understand the usefulness of providing public health departments with access to selected licensed e-resources.** This project links public health departments with virtual and in-person resources to improve information access.

Public Health Departments (PHDs) in eight  states participate in the project by hosting a Digital Library Page offering desktop access to licensed resources made available through specialized pricing.   With continued funding plans are under way to increase the number of state public health departments participating in the project.

The project offers training and access to the following resources:
- PubMed, implementation of LinkOut for full-text access
- 45+ full text titles from Annual Reviews, NEJM, Springer Verlag, Oxford University Press, University of Chicago
- Stat!Ref contains access to: *ICD-9-CM, DSM-IV-TR*, *Infectious Diseases,* Med*ical Epidemiology*, the *ASM Manual of Environmental Microbiology* and other well-known public health titles
- CABI's Global Health Database related to the environment, ecology, food safety, social science and psychology resources.
- EndNote X4 for bibliographic management to improve quality of publishing and managing bibliographies
- Subsidized interlibrary loan or article deliver will be available through a designated local library

*Objectives of this Project*
1. Reinforce understanding of NLM's products and services
2. Expand access to licensed trusted information e-resources
3. Provide for the use of a citation manager (EndNote) to save, manage and retrieve public health information
4. Train public health departments on the use of tools and resources introduced through the project
5. Provide interlibrary loan to participating public health departments
6. Assess the use of these resources and tools, evaluating the metrics, value of resources and services introduced, and improvement in information literacy skills against core competencies in public health

**Public Health Department Commitment**
- Contact persons:  Administration, IT, Lead
- Sign-off on licenses
- IT capacity to create, load, update, digital library page
- Facilitate EndNote citation management installations
- Host two half-day training sessions
- Participation in assessments

**Resource Library Commitment**
- Facilitate relationships with PHDs
- Act as provider for document delivery
- Provide Instruction: in-person and follow-up consultation for PubMed, Partners in Public Health website, EndNote (or citation management tool), other information products



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