

**Evidence-Based Decision Making in Public Health
Prevention Research Center of St. Louis**
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The main goal of this course is to describe an evidence-based approach to decision making in contemporary public health practice. The course is designed to increase participants' understanding of evidence-based principles and to increase the utilization of systematic approaches in day-to-day public health practice. The material in this course applies to all public health and senior services practitioners seeking to use resources effectively and efficiently. Completion of this course will help local public health administrators meet the requirements of the Missouri Voluntary Accreditation Program.

Course Description

To develop effective programs and policies, public health professionals must apply principles of scientific reasoning and use data and information systems systematically. This course will discuss a comprehensive approach to program development and evaluation in a way that actively involves participants. Participants will learn how to access and interpret existing data systems and methods of using data to impact decisions and policies. The course takes a hands-on approach, using information that is readily available to busy practitioners. It will rely mainly on problem-based learning and include lectures, practice exercises, and case studies. Participants will be expected to be actively involved.

This course is offered through a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Prevention Research Center of St. Louis (jointly sponsored by Washington University and Saint Louis University). Dr. Ross Brownson is the course coordinator. The course will be conducted at the Saint Louis University School of Public Health, 3545 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis. Times: 8:00AM - 4:45PM for the 1st two days, 8:00AM-12:30PM on the final day. Participants are expected to attend the full 2 ½ days.

Space will be allocated for both state and local managers/decision makers. Participants must cover

their travel expenses: mileage, lodging and some meals. A block of rooms is reserved at a nearby Drury Inn until December 22 (phone: 314-646-0770, block name: EBPH course). In order to expedite class time, lunch will be provided on-site.

To register for this course go to:

<http://www.zipsurvey.com/LaunchSurvey.aspx?suid=33551&key=33520802>

Registration deadline is December 22, 2008

Class is limited to 35 participants

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