

Addressing Tuberculosis Among People Experiencing Homelessness

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Today's Webinar

- We have reserved time at the end for Q&A
- Due to the high number of participants, you are in “listen only mode”
- A recording of today's webinar and the presentation slides will be posted on www.usich.gov



TB Among People Experiencing Homelessness

- Homelessness is a public health issue
 - TB is known to be associated with crowded living conditions and for those living in poverty
 - TB rates are 10 times higher for people experiencing homelessness compared to the general population
 - Best solution is making instances of homelessness rare and brief
 - Also a need to mitigate the health risks to people currently experiencing homelessness.



Purpose

- Overview of work being done at the national and local level to prevent and address TB among people experiencing homelessness and those working with homeless populations
- Provide examples of how some practitioners have successfully addressed TB and established screening programs
- Builds on [Preventing and Addressing Tuberculosis among People Experiencing Homelessness](http://usich.gov/usich_resources/fact_sheets/tb) fact sheet (http://usich.gov/usich_resources/fact_sheets/tb)



Presenters

- **John Lozier, Executive Director, National Health Care for the Homeless Council**
- **Donna Wegener, Executive Director, National Tuberculosis Controllers Association**
- **Krista Powell, Medical Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- **Julie Higashi, TB Controller, San Francisco Department of Public Health**
- **Kate Shuton, Shelter Health and Homeless Family Coordinator, San Francisco Department of Public Health**

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Welcome and Introduction

John Lozier, Executive Director

National Health Care for the Homeless Council

www.nhchc.org

Homelessness and Poor Health are closely associated

- Pre-existing problems that precipitate homelessness
- Barriers to health care
- Violence and environmental exposures

Tuberculosis

- A major killer worldwide
- A disease of poverty
- Airborne transmission
- **Preventable, treatable, curable**
- Danger of drug resistance

Essential Partners in TB Control

- Public Health TB Control Programs
- Shelters
- Primary Care
 - Health Care for the Homeless
 - <http://www.nhchc.org/resources/grantees/national-hch-grantee-directory/>



National Tuberculosis Controllers Association

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Donna Hope Wegener, Executive Director
www.tbcontrollers.org

TB Public Health Programs

- Essential Partners in TB Control
 - Legislative mandate to protect the public's health
 - Reporting authority
 - Expertise in diagnosing and treating TB
 - Conduct contact investigations
 - Administer DOT
 - Every state has funded TB program

Accessing TB Public Health Programs

The screenshot displays the website for the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA). The page title is "State, Big City, and Territory TB Program Contacts". It features a map of the United States with state abbreviations. Below the map, there are lists for "States", "Big Cities", "Territories", and "Other Referral Sources".

NTCA National Tuberculosis Controllers Association

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STATE

FEATURED ITEMS

State TB Correctional Liaisons

State, Big City, and Territory TB Program Contacts

States:
AK | AL | AR | AZ | CA | CO | CT | DE | FL | GA | HI | IA | ID | IL | IN | KS | KY
LA | MA | MD | ME | MI | MN | MO | MS | MT | NC | ND | NE | NH | NJ | NM |
NV | NY | OH | OK | OR | PA | RI | SC | SD | TN | TX | UT | VT | VA | WA | WI |
WV | WY

Big Cities:

>> Baltimore	>> Houston	>> San Diego
>> Chicago	>> Los Angeles	>> San Francisco
>> Denver	>> New York City	>> Washington, DC
>> Detroit	>> Philadelphia	

Territories:

- >> American Samoa
- >> Federated States of Micronesia
- >> Guam
- >> Northern Mariana Islands
- >> Puerto Rico
- >> Republic of Marshall Islands
- >> Republic of Palau
- >> U.S. Virgin Islands

Other Referral Sources:

- >> Federal Agencies