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Because we provide legal and strategic support to so many pioneering local and state health departments, health advocacy organizations, attorneys working on public health issues, and community coalitions around the country, we are helping drive many of the nation’s cutting-edge public health initiatives.

We believe that our legal knowledge can help bring justice to public health, as we support our partners in reducing health disparities. When all people are healthier, the communities they live in are happier, safer, more vibrant places.

Founded in 2000, the Center is located at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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The Public Health Law Center helped us use tribal sovereignty as it is intended – to protect the health, safety and welfare of tribal citizens within tribal territory. Every time we share our experiences with other tribes, we recommend the Public Health Law Center.

- Rae O’Leary
Founder of the Canli Coalition
Cheyenne River Reservation

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE

Helping our partners shape local, state and national policies that prevent heart disease, cancer, lung disease, diabetes, and other chronic diseases

Creating publications, presentations, and resources that help others understand the legal opportunities and barriers to improve the nation’s health

Bringing together and collaborating with the nation’s leading public health experts to find strategic solutions to pressing health problems

Defending groundbreaking new policies by assisting government attorneys and writing expert friend-of-the-court briefs in important legal cases

Tracking and interpreting public health law in all 50 states

OUR EXPERTISE INCLUDES

Tobacco Control

- Smoke-free and tobacco-free policies
- E-cigarette regulation
- FDA regulation of tobacco
- Federal, state, and local authority
- Sales restrictions, including prohibiting menthol
- Raising tobacco taxes
- Eliminating price discounts
- Raising the minimum legal sales age to 21
- Retail environment
- Marijuana regulation and tobacco control
- Litigation issues
- Housing

Healthy Eating/Active Living

- Food systems and food access
- Food systems policy analysis
- Child care and out-of-school time
- Local land use and planning
- Food and beverages in public places
- Water
- Healthy schools
- Bicycling and walking
- Taxation
- Hospitals and worksite wellness
- Sugary drinks and sodium
- Food safety and liability

Cross-Cutting Public Health Areas

- Tribal public health
- Health equity
- Health in All Policies
- Health Impact Assessments
- First Amendment
- Local control and Preemption
- The legislative and policy process

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Improving Health Through the Power of Law.
OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE

- Action on Smoking and Health
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council
- American Cancer Society
- American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- American Heart Association
- American Indian Cancer Foundation
- American Lung Association
- Americans for Nonsmokers’ Rights
- Association for Nonsmokers - Minnesota
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
- Center for Agriculture and Food Systems
- Center for a Livable Future
- Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Child Care Aware of America
- ClearWay Minnesota
- CounterTools
- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center
- Healthy Eating Research
- Healthy Food America
- Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
- Kansas Health Foundation
- Minnesota Department of Health
- NAATPN
- National Association of Attorneys General
- National Association of City and County Health Officials
- National Association of Local Boards of Health
- National Indian Health Board
- Network for Public Health Law
- North Dakota Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control Policy
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity
- Tobacco Control Network
- Truth Initiative
- University of Minnesota Extension
- YMCA of the USA

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It’s pretty incredible. I would not be as far as I am with food and farm councils today if it wasn’t for these resources. I feel like I’m in debt to the Public Health Law Center.

- Missty Lechner
Advocacy Project Director
American Heart Association Midwest Affiliates

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