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## APHSA Partners with ESN for Collective Impact in the U.S. and Europe

The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) has formed a strategic partnership with The European Social Network (ESN), the leading network for local public social services in Europe. The partnership will enhance the work of both associations who share a core allegiance of working to advance the well-being of all people and build stronger communities.

APHSA is a membership organization in the United States (U.S.) representing governmental health and human service agencies throughout the states and territories, as well as many agencies who operate at the county and city level. APHSA connects its members to national policymakers and human-serving organizations across a wide circle of stakeholders in the health and human services sector, as well as key partners in education, housing, employment, and more.

“APHSA has been working to build well-being from the ground up for nearly 90 years and partnerships have always played a vital role in our impact. However, our partnership with ESN is the first of its kind—our next foray into acting global,” said Tracy Wareing Evans, APHSA President and CEO.

With a network of 140 member organizations in 35 countries, ESN is the guiding leadership Network for Social Services in Europe. Members include national associations of directors, departments of social welfare of government, regions, counties and municipalities, funding and regulatory agencies, universities and other research and development organizations. ESN brings together the organizations that plan, finance, research, manage, regulate, and deliver local public social services, including health, social welfare, employment, education and housing.

“ESN has been working for nearly 30 years on knowledge and partnership building across Europe to improve the lives of the most vulnerable in our communities. Our partnership with APHSA is the first of its kind with colleagues in the USA and we are very much looking forward to this as the next step for working globally,” said Alfonso Montero, ESN CEO.

APHSA and ESN understand and value the importance of promoting global learning platforms and specifically knowledge building, exchange, and cooperation between the U.S. and Europe. Through collective learning across their networks, both associations are prioritizing the well-being and health of

The American Public Human Services Association advances the well-being of all people by influencing modern approaches to sound policy, building the capacity of public agencies to enable healthy families and communities, and connecting leaders to accelerate learning and generate practical solutions together.

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the workforce; building a culture of evidence and supporting the use of data; promoting whole family engagement and person-centred approach; as well as community empowerment and social inclusion. Using shared research and showcasing specific success stories, APHSA and ESN will help to advance each other's missions and transform health and human services globally.

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*The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) is a bipartisan, nonprofit membership organization representing state and local health and human service agencies through their top-level leadership. Through a member network and three national Collaborative Centers, APHSA seeks to influence modern policies and practices that support the health and well-being of all children and families and that lead to stronger communities. APHSA connects its members to national policymakers and human-serving organizations across a wide circle of stakeholders in the health and human services sector, as well as key partners in education, housing, employment, and others. APHSA also helps members build more capacity for their teams through access to professional education and development conferences, technical expertise, publications, and their Organizational Effectiveness practice. To learn more about APHSA, please visit [www.aphsa.org](http://www.aphsa.org).*

*The European Social Network (ESN) is the independent network for local public social services in Europe. It brings together the organizations that plan, deliver, finance, manage, research, and regulate local public social services, including health, social welfare, employment, education, and housing. We support the development of effective social services and social care policy and practice through the exchange of knowledge and expertise. To learn more about ESN, please visit [www.esn-eu.org](http://www.esn-eu.org).*