

## Health Service Grantees Fight Infection Through Education

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### Targeted Infection Control Training for Healthcare Workers



On October 1, 2022, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Communicable Disease Service awarded over \$1 million in federal funds to support the prevention and spread of communicable diseases through surveillance, education, treatment, prevention and infection control. NJDOH received this funding under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Facility Infrastructure and Strike Team Project (FSI). NJDOH awarded sub-grants to the following four recipients for the project period of October 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024:

- Health Care Association of New Jersey (HCANJ)
- Rutgers Project ECHO (RPE)
- New Jersey Association of City and County Health Officials (NJACCHO)
- New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA)

This infection prevention and control (IPC) funding was awarded as part of a competitive process, with awardees focusing specifically on IPC training to frontline healthcare personnel in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and other long-term care (LTC) settings

throughout New Jersey. Awardees are required to assess healthcare personnel training needs to create, promote, deliver and evaluate basic and advanced IPC trainings, offer trainings both online and in-person, develop a train-the-trainer program, and target areas of high need to address healthcare disparities. Each awardee is tasked with offering a targeted focus on their organization's area of expertise to build IPC capacity statewide.

Training topics are based on practices that prevent the spread of infectious disease, as well as advanced training topics. Training modalities include in-person, online (live and asynchronous), and train-the-trainer.

Below is a highlight of each awardees' work and their respective training schedules for you and your colleagues to be able to participate in their trainings. For more information about the FSI Project, click the button below to read our press release.

[FSI Grant Press Release](#)

## Health Care Association of NJ: Adding a Personal Touch



The Health Care Association of NJ (HCANJ) offers a unique approach which focuses on in-person training for all levels of healthcare staff to improve infection control awareness in SNFs and LTCs. HCANJ offers engaging on-site training to workers covering multiple shifts and departments, often in disparate populations who would not normally be able to seek out education due to the current workforce shortages.



HCANJ provides a vast array of educational and instructional programs, including those programs for recruitment and retention of staff, employee and resident safety, regulatory compliance, leadership and management training, the implementation of quality improvement, measurement and management systems, nursing best practices, infection control and other healthcare-related topics. In order to target disparate and underserved minority populations, HCANJ is equipped to provide live translation of trainings. Click below to see HCANJ's current trainings:

[HCANJ Program Flyer](#)

[HCANJ On-Site Training Opportunities](#)

[Click here for HCANJ's Website](#)

**Rutgers Project ECHO  
Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living and Long -Term Care Facility  
Infection Prevention and Control**

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It is estimated that 1 to 3 million serious infections occur every year in skilled nursing, assisted living, and LTC facilities. Rutgers Project Echo (RPE) is led by a team of multi-disciplinary leaders working in these types of facilities. RPE consists of a series of IPC training modules to help strengthen the skills of healthcare workers and enable them to develop quality IPC programs that meet regulatory standards and provide tools to detect, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 and other infectious pathogens.

The mission of Rutgers Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is to build learning communities to overcome health disparities, improve public health, and advance the well-being of individuals.

Check out RPE's myriad of training topics offered by clicking the buttons to their webpage and training schedule below.

[RPE Registration Form](#)

[RPE Training Schedule](#)

[Visit RPE's Webpage](#)



## Local Health Departments Take the Lead

NJACCHO is uniquely and strategically positioned to implement the Facilities Strike Team infection control training project to empower healthcare workers at Skilled SNFs and LTCs in NJ. NJACCHO employs evidence-

based foundational training to provide necessary IPC skills to healthcare workers, patients, their families, and their communities, thus creating a bulwark against COVID-19 and other communicable diseases in NJ.

NJACCHO has created a train-the-trainer program to comply with the requirements of the FSI grant work. NJACCHO has created Professional Service Agreements to conduct this training with 15 local, 5 county, and 10 municipal/regional health departments in NJ. For more information about NJACCHO please click the buttons below to view their website and register for their upcoming trainings.

[NJACCHO Trainings](#)

[NJACCHO Website](#)



### I-PAC: Infection Prevention & Control for LTC

The Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey, a nonprofit affiliate of the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA–HRET NJ), is offering IPC training and tools to a broad range of healthcare workers and support staff from SNFs and other LTC organizations throughout NJ. NJHA is leveraging its membership network, continuing education credentialing, and subject matter expertise in the areas of long-term care operations, patient safety, infection prevention, and emergency management, to deliver these modules.

For more information about IPC training modules offered by NJHA–HRET NJ click the button below:

[NJHA IPAC Trainings](#)