



Northwest Center for Public Health Practice

Promoting excellence in public health practice for 20 years.

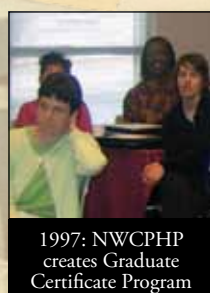
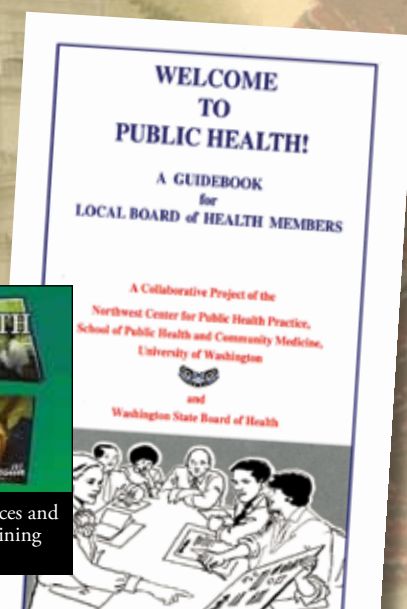
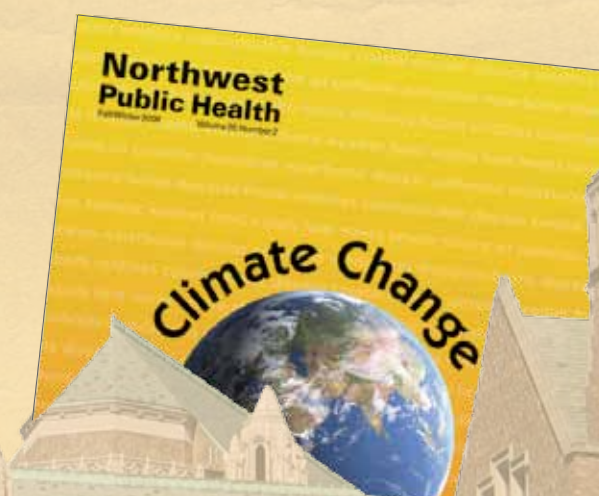
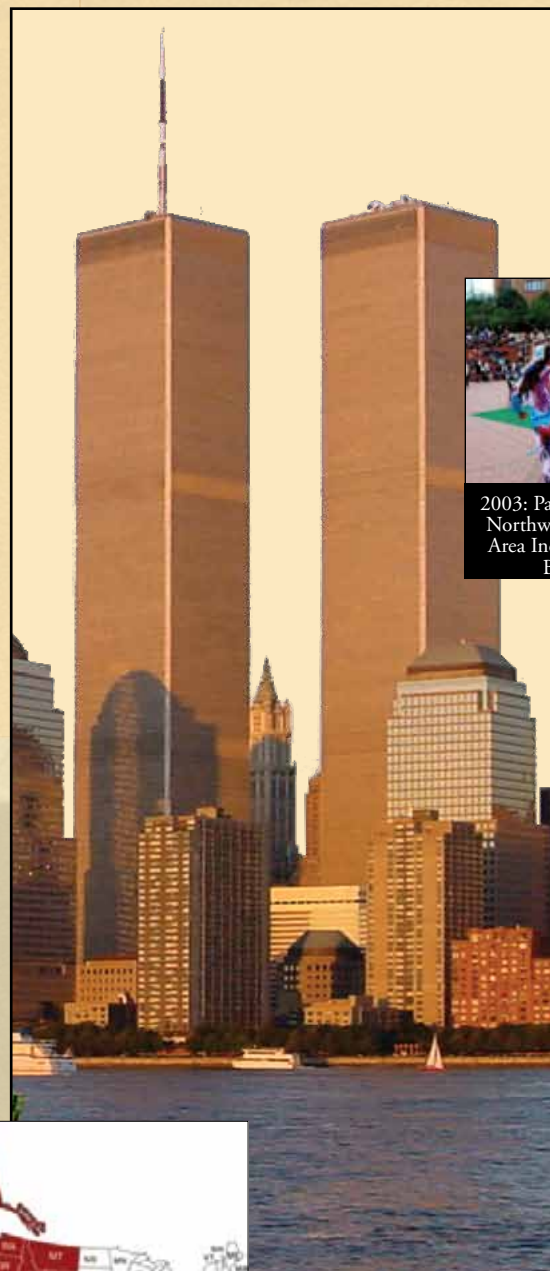


Photo of early 1990s computer training courtesy Panhandle Health District, Idaho. Photos of Deans Gil Omenn and Patricia Wahl courtesy Dean's Office, University of Washington School of Public Health. Photo of American Indian Day in Portland, Oregon, courtesy the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. Underlay photo of the University of Washington courtesy Hsio-Ying Lo. Vaccine photo courtesy CDC PHIL.

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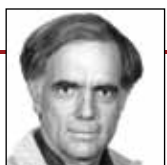
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NWC PHP Directors



Mark Oberle
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The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWC PHP) was founded by the University of Washington (UW) School of Public Health (SPH) in 1990. Dean Gil Omenn was a strong supporter (shown above left with artist Marvin Oliver who designed the black, white, and red soulcatcher logo).

NWC PHP immediately sent out surveys to public health practice in the northwest to evaluate public health training needs. Based on the results, NWC PHP held its first annual Summer Institute for Public Health Practice in 1991. NWC PHP went on to provide a variety of trainings, research, and evaluation. In 1993, the Washington

State Legislature undertook health care reform, which NWC PHP documented. As the mid-'90s approached, NWC PHP made sure to meet practice needs with computer and informatics trainings (computer training at a public health department in Idaho is shown above). NWC PHP also produced a well-received guidebook in 1996 for local board of health members. In 1999, Patricia Wahl became the Dean of the School of Public Health. She expanded NWC PHP to benefit academia and practice. (Dean Wahl shown above center)

After the events of September 11, 2001, the emphasis of public health dramatically changed. NWC PHP expanded from its

Washington-focus to really engage with the six-state region. NWC PHP formed a Regional Network Steering Committee to create a regional strategy for public health workforce development and in 2003 the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board joined to represent the needs of tribal public health.

The next few years saw a diversification of training, research, and evaluation. NWC PHP started the Northwest Public Health Leadership Institute in 2003 and the monthly webinar series Hot Topics In Preparedness in 2004. In 2008 NWC PHP was funded by the CDC to create the Northwest Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Center and assumed responsibility for producing the school's journal, *Northwest Public Health*. A more complete timeline is available online at www.nwcphp.org. Thank you to all who have made these 20 years possible.

The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWC PHP) is proud to be celebrating 20 years.

The NWC PHP and School of Public Health logo, the soulcatcher designed by Marvin Oliver, is a Native symbol of physical and spiritual well-being.

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