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Interorganizational Sharing

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A collaborative study including Dr. Gulzar Shah at Georgia Southern University Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health examines The Extent of Interorganizational Resource Sharing among Local Health Departments: The Association with Organizational Characteristics and Institutional Factors. Resource sharing, arrangements between local health departments (LHDs) for joint programs or to share staff, is a growing occurrence. The post-9/11 influx of federal funding and new public health preparedness responsibilities dramatically increased the occurrence of these inter-LHD relationships, and several states have pursued more intrastate collaboration.

Results of the study suggest that about one-half of all LHDs are engaged in resource sharing.

The extent of sharing was lower for those serving larger populations, with city jurisdictions, or of larger size. Sharing was more extensive for state-governed LHDs, those covering multiple jurisdictions, states with centralized governance, and in instances of financial constraint.

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Shah's other recent publications:

Shah, Gulzar H., Kay Lovelace, Glen Mays, (2012). Diffusion of Practice-based Research in Local Public Health: What Differentiates Adopters from Non-Adopters? *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice JPHMP*. 8(6):529-534, November/December 2012.doi: 10.1097/PHH.0b013e3182602e5b

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