

Climate and Health Equity Coalition: Kick-Off Meeting

Office of Climate and Health
Yale Center on Climate Change and Health
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Agenda

- Introductions and Ice Breaker
 - DPH Staff and Project Partners
 - Coalition Members
- BRACE Description and Grant Objectives
- BRACE Milestones and Timeline
- Role of Coalition Members
- Climate Impact Compendium
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Ice Breaker

Name	Organization
Role in Climate Change	Fun Fact

Introductions

What is BRACE?

- The Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) framework is a five-step process that allows health officials to develop strategies and programs to help communities prepare for the health effects of climate change.
- BRACE involves incorporating complex atmospheric data and both short- and long-range climate projections into public health planning and response activities, which allows health officials to more effectively anticipate, prepare for, and respond to a range of climate sensitive health impacts.



BRACE Grant Objectives

- Enhance Program Management & Leadership;
- Enhance & Expand Partnerships;
- Compile Evidence & Best Practices to Develop & Implement Adaptation Plans;
- Build Climate Resilience through Implementation of Adaptation Actions; and
- Identify, Use & Disseminate Lessons Learned on Effective Adaptation Actions.

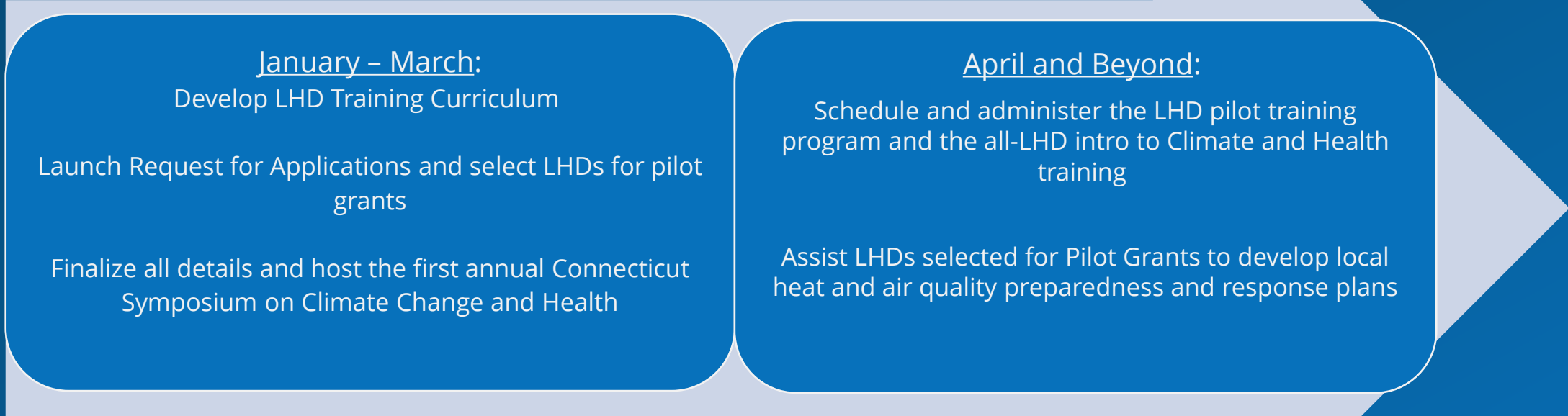
Adaptation Actions

- Adaptation Action #1: Develop and implement an educational program for local health departments in socially vulnerable communities to reduce resident exposure to the health effects of climate change.
- Adaptation Action #2: Develop guidance for local heat and air quality response plans (including alerts and communication strategies) and support local implementation through trainings and capacity building.

BRACE: Milestones

Project Component:	Milestone Completion:
<p>LHD Director Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created with guidance from CDC 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminated among LHDs in December Due date for final submissions: 02/06 30% of Local Health Directors have participated
<p>Climate and Health Equity Coalition</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coalition convened and finalized Kick-Off Meeting: 01/30
<p>Yale - Climate and Health Equity Symposium</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Date: March 6th from 12:00-1:30 Objectives finalized
<p>Yale - CT DPH Pilot Grants for Local Heat and Air Quality Preparedness and Response Planning</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Timeline established for RFP announcement, opening and closing, and the grant period Request for applications in review with DPH agency
<p>Partner Meetings Established</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bi-weekly planning meetings with YCCCH and CT DPH OCH Quarterly meetings will be scheduled for Coalition members

BRACE Timeline



Climate and Health Equity Coalition

Purpose

- Share resources and expand the network of people engaged in climate work, at the local health level, in Connecticut.
- Support health adaptation activities at the local health level.
- Advise the monitoring, evaluation, implementation, and dissemination of the BRACE activities to advance health adaptation and resiliency planning in Connecticut.
- Build the community's capacity to address climate-related health equity.
- Provide oversight on the adaptation activities.

Coalition Commitment

- Member Effort: Quarterly Meetings (1-1.5 Hours)
- Two Subcommittees:
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Implementation and Dissemination
- Coalition Tasks:
 - Provide technical/strategic advisory on the development, implementation, dissemination activities and evaluation of Adaptation Action Project Plans.
 - Review draft of Climate Impact Compendium, provide feedback, identify knowledge gaps, and advise on usage and dissemination.
 - Review climate and health curriculum materials for Local Health Departments/Districts (LHDs), identify gaps, and offer feedback.

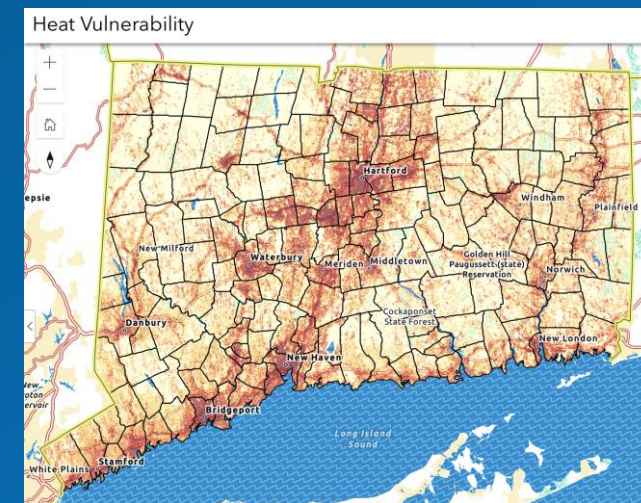
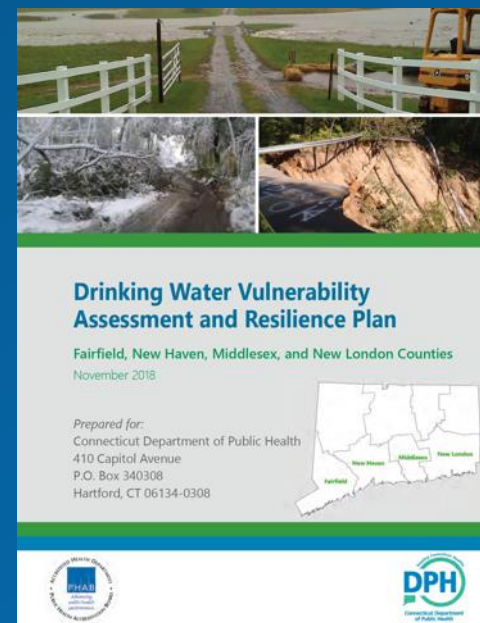
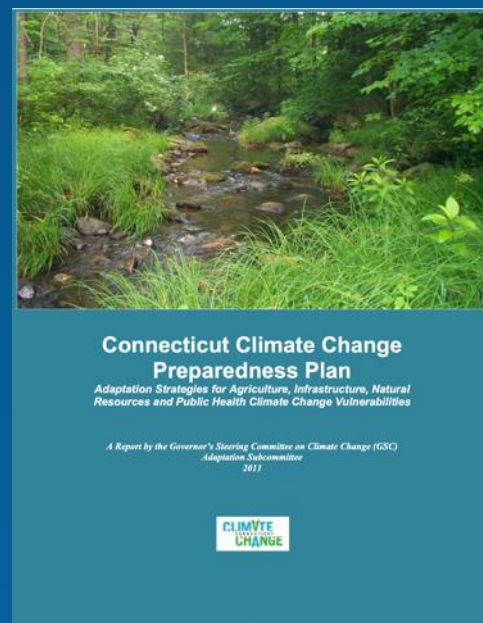
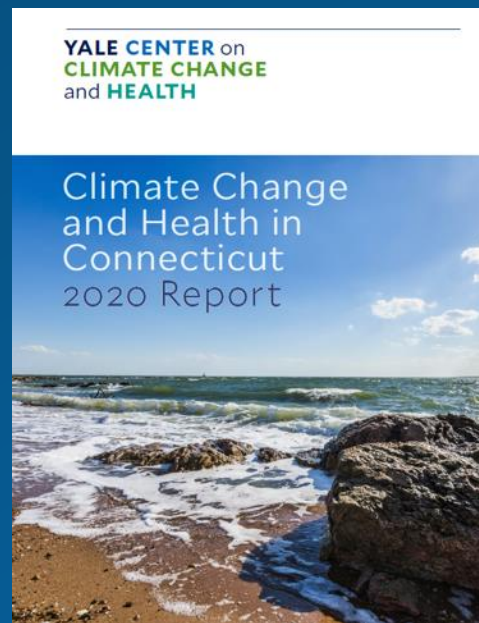
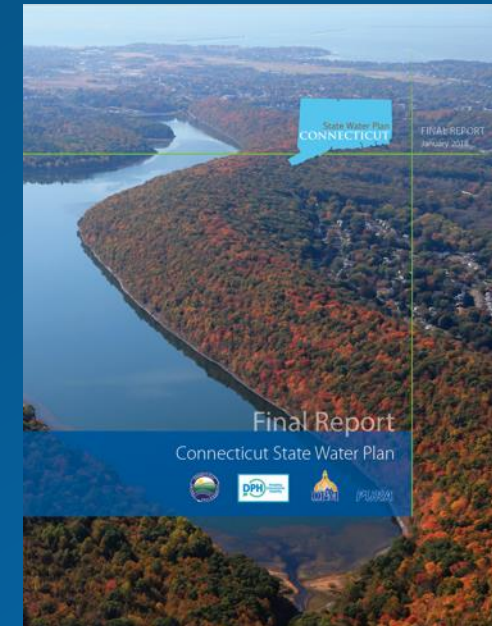
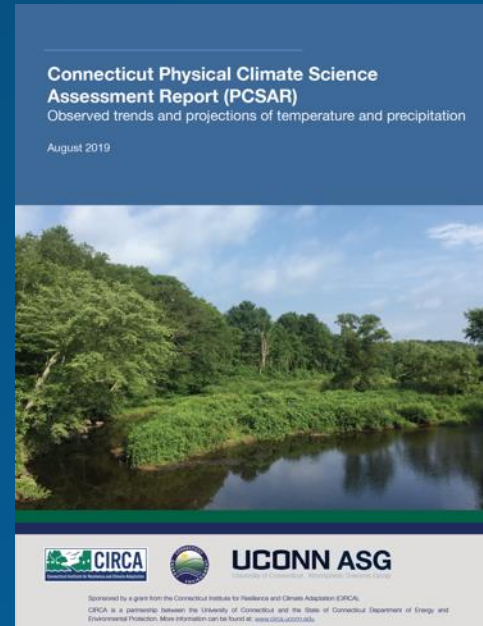
Climate Impact Compendium

What is it? A directory of climate and health resources, including journal articles, state and federal reports, and more.

Available at OCH website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/dph/environmental-health/climate-and-health>

Need coalition members' expertise to: review, provide feedback, identify knowledge gaps, and advise on usage and dissemination.



Meeting Wrap-Up

- Questions?
- Next Steps:
 - Request for Applications sent out to LHD community and reviewed by panel
 - Coalition Materials for Dissemination:
 - Finalize and Schedule Quarterly Coalition Meetings
 - Symposium Info & Registration (March 6, 12pm-1:30pm): <https://m.yale.edu/cc74>
 - Coalition Survey
 - Summary of Kick-Off Meeting