

The ABCs of APHA

The ABCs of APHA is a comprehensive guide that details some of the acronyms frequently used by APHA and its staff. Use this document to learn more about what these acronyms stand for and how they can enhance your journey as an Affiliate leader!

<p><u>AJPH: American Journal of Public Health</u> APHA's peer-reviewed journal. Affiliated public health associations get online access to the journal every month.</p>	<p><u>AOC: Affiliate Online Community</u> Online platform (that exists within APHA LEAD) for Affiliates to connect with other Affiliate leaders, collaborate and share resources and best practices.</p>
<p><u>AoU: All of Us Research Program</u> A National Institutes of Health program dedicated to gathering health information from one million or more people living in the U.S. to accelerate medical research and improve health. APHA and some of its Affiliates receive grant funding to promote the program to a diverse audience of public health professionals – for both enrollment and research.</p>	<p><u>ARGC: Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council</u> Primary contact between APHA and each Affiliate. Also, represents their Affiliate as an informed voting voice on the Governing Council. Every Affiliate elects one ARGC who must be or become an APHA member.</p>
<p><u>CE: Continuing Education</u> APHA's Continuing Education programs provide credits for public health professionals to maintain/renew licenses.</p>	<p><u>CHW: Community Health Worker</u> Community health workers are trusted members within a community who work for or volunteer with the local health care system in both urban and rural settings. They usually share commonalities such as ethnicity, language and socioeconomic background with the residents they serve. CHWs bridge the gap between communities and healthcare, making sure everyone gets the support they need for better public health.</p>
<p><u>CoA: Council of Affiliates</u> Formed to encourage communication and coordination between Affiliates and APHA, often referred to as the “bridge” between APHA and all Affiliates. Works collaboratively with APHA staff and hosts monthly meetings. Also, organizes and conducts several activities for Affiliates</p>	<p><u>ECPs: Early Career Professionals</u> Individuals who graduated in the last 24 months and are transitioning into the workforce. Also a type of APHA membership that includes exclusive benefits and is available for three consecutive years.</p>

<p>every year at APHA's Annual Meeting, including scientific sessions and Affiliate Day.</p>	
<p><u>GC: Governing Council</u> The representative legislative body of APHA and Affiliate. It consists of voting and nonvoting members of APHA who decide the policies and priorities for the organization and who represent different constituencies within APHA.</p>	<p><u>ISC: Intersectional Council</u> Represents interests and common concerns of the Sections, Forums and Student Assembly in matters relating to administration, internal management and inter-component communications. The ISC facilitates relations and collaborations between the Member Units and other relevant bodies of the Association, such as the Executive Board, Council of Affiliates (COA), and the Caucus Collaborative (CC). For example, they work with the CoA to host the CoA-ISC Candidates Forum, where APHA executive board candidates meet for small group discussion and Q&A.</p>
<p><u>ISC-SC: Intersectional Council Steering Committee</u> Between APHA's annual meetings, the affairs of the ISC are conducted by a Steering Committee (SC) consisting of fourteen members. This group works within the APHA strategic plan and identify specific goals and objectives that best fit the purpose of the ISC.</p>	<p><u>JEDI: Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion</u> A workgroup within the CoA that connects Affiliates to resources and tools to support their justice, equity, diversity and inclusion efforts. Also, engages Affiliates to assess needs related to JEDI and propose strategies for assessing progress. Access the toolkit or sign up to be a speaker.</p>
<p><u>KIMC: Keep It Moving Challenge</u> APHA's annual fitness challenge to promote physical activity, movement and health during National Public Health Week. Begins on January 1 each year and runs through the last day of NPHW.</p>	<p><u>MoU: Memorandum of Understanding</u> An agreement between APHA and each state/regional Affiliate that outlines the APHA-Affiliate relationship and clarifies business practices. Affiliate leaders should refer to this document to see what their responsibilities are to APHA and vice versa.</p>
<p><u>NH: The Nation's Health</u> APHA's newspaper. Some articles are shared with PHN, but many are exclusive for subscribers. PHN and NH is always looking</p>	<p><u>NPHW: National Public Health Week</u> An annual celebration of all things public health, where the importance of public health is highlighted and awareness about key public</p>

<p>for stories about what APHA Affiliates are doing in their states.</p>	<p>health issues is promoted. It occurs in the first full week of April and all APHA Affiliates are encouraged to get involved, either by attending APHA-hosted events, hosting their own events or sharing resources.</p>
<p><u>PAI: Policy Action Institute</u> A two-day event that brings together public health leaders, students and advocacy experts to discuss proven and proposed policy solutions to tackle today’s most pressing health threats at the local, state and federal levels. If you are interested in learning more about advocacy, this is an excellent event for members of your Affiliate to attend.</p>	<p><u>PHA: Public Health Authority</u> Advocacy efforts to further public health by using tools such as community engagement, data collection, research, laws/regulations and sharing information and guidance with those who need it most. APHA’s Alliance for Disease Prevention and Response is your go-to for public health authority-related resources or technical assistance.</p>
<p><u>PHERN: Public Health and Equity Resource Navigator</u> Navigation tool for Affiliates interested in advocacy and public health authority. Includes 1,600+ resources focused on the COVID-19 pandemic, advancing equity and building a resilient, robust, sustainable public health system for the future.</p>	<p><u>PHN: Public Health Newswire</u> Public Health Newswire is part of The Nation's Health, APHA's hub for public health news. The open access site features breaking news, op-eds, guest articles and more and is home to APHA's Annual Meeting Blog.</p>
<p><u>RWJF: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation</u> Health, health equity and social determinants of health funder. RWJF provides grants to APHA Affiliates and uses its platform to promote and amplify impactful health equity practices and policies.</p>	