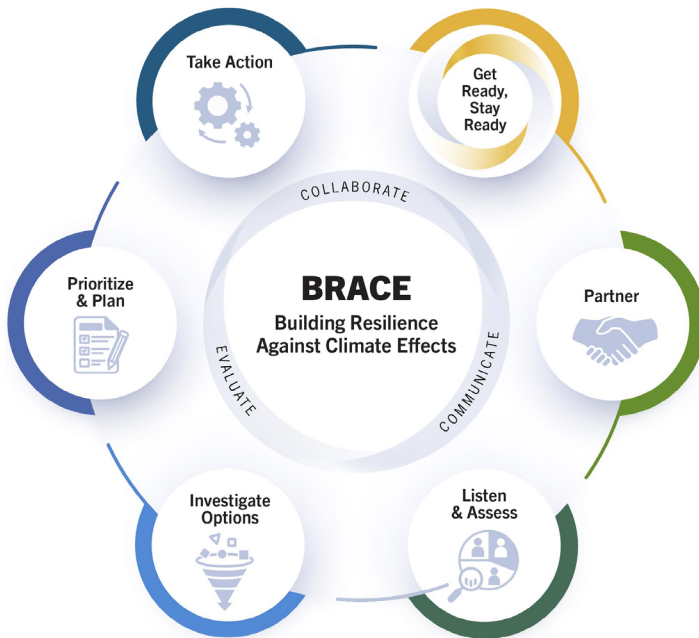


# Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) Fact Sheet

## Overview

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's **Building Resilience and Climate Equity (BRACE)** framework is designed to support public health and well-being in the context of climate change. BRACE helps health professionals and health departments partner with communities to assess climate and health threats, co-develop effective strategies responsive to community needs and act to promote health and climate resilience.

- **The framework's flexibility allows it to be adapted to suit the needs of those using it**, which could include state, territorial, local and tribal health department staff, community-based organizations and other cross-sector partners.
- **BRACE recognizes that climate action will need to reduce the widening disparities in climate change harms** to achieve meaningful and sustainable resilience and create opportunities for all people to thrive.



## Six Elements of BRACE

### 1. Get Ready, Stay Ready



Take stock of organizational readiness and local context and identify potential opportunities and partners; reassess over time. Begin by considering community history and local perspectives, then assess their capacity to engage in public health climate action.

### 2. Partner



Establish and build partnerships. Include communities that are disproportionately affected and work across sectors. Engage new and existing cross-sector and community partners, especially those who are disproportionately affected by climate change, Tribes and those who are already working in this area.

### 3. Listen & Assess



Learn about the needs and strengths of affected communities by engaging partners and assessing relevant climate threats and health impacts and mitigation opportunities.

### 4. Investigate Options



Identify potential adaptation and mitigation strategies to promote climate resilience and reduce health threats to communities that are disproportionately affected.

## 5. Prioritize & Plan



Select strategies and develop plans for action, communication and evaluation. Building directly from the previous element, co-develop a prioritization process with partners to select one or more climate action strategies.

## 6. Take Action



Implement plans and adjust as needed, monitor progress and assess progress. Share findings and lessons learned.

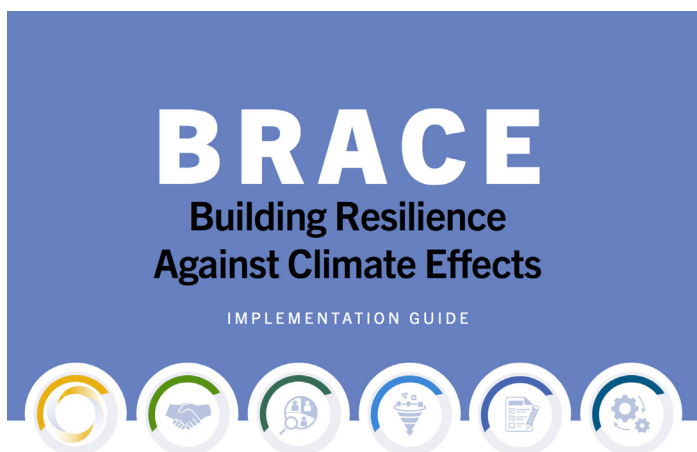
## Resources

### Implementation Guide

This extensive guide, published in January 2025, provides practical, flexible, and action-oriented approaches to accommodate a range of contexts and organizational capacities. It also includes examples, worksheets, case studies, and resources to help you implement BRACE. [Access the Guide](#) and resources at [APHA.org/BRACE](https://www.apha.org/BRACE).

### On-Demand BRACE Training

APHA's [Center for Climate, Health and Equity](#), in partnership with ecoAmerica, developed an on-demand training featuring the updated BRACE framework and implementation guide that aims to empower health professionals in advancing climate resilience. Earn 2 CE credits and [enroll](#) for free to take this self-paced two-hour training.



### More Resources

For more information about the history and development of BRACE, [read](#) the American Journal of Public Health article "A Flexible Framework for Urgent Public Health Climate Action."

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