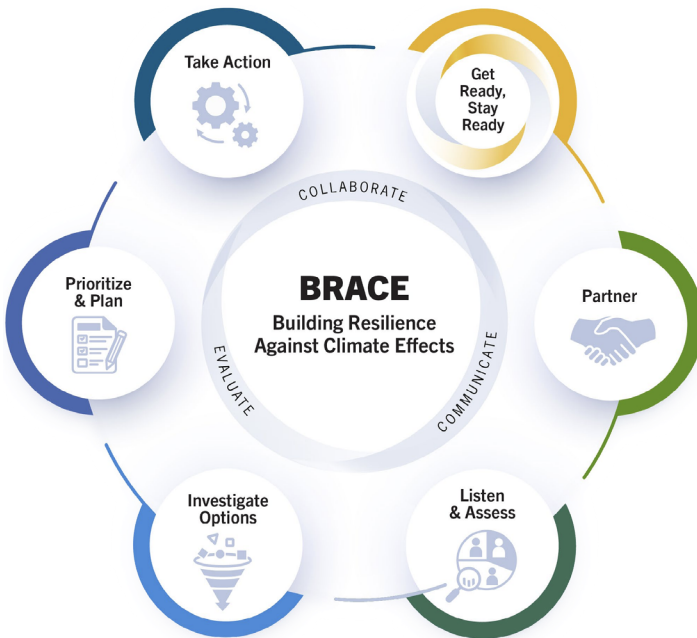


Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) Fact Sheet

Overview

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's **Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (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 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, 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 and assess progress. Share findings and lessons learned.

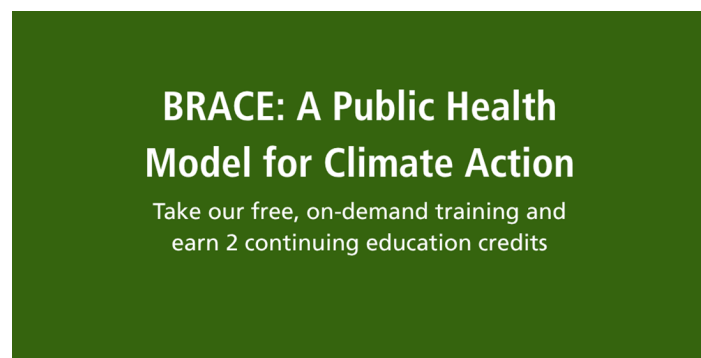
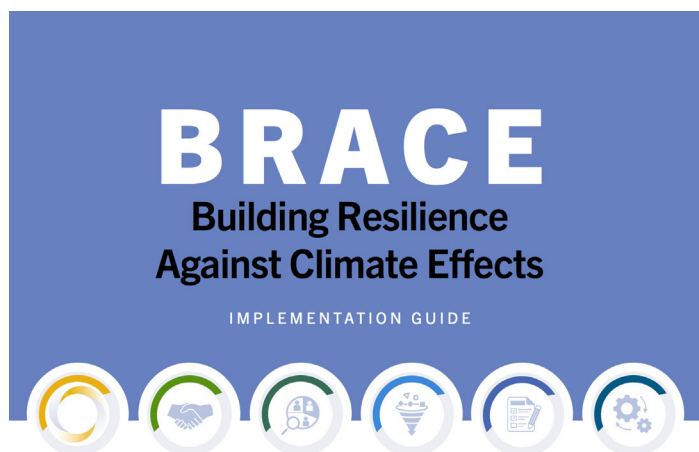
Resources

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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