

NATIONAL COORDINATING OFFICE



The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is committed to building a new Culture of Health in our country that will enable all in our society to live longer, healthier and more productive lives.

Connection and cooperation among health related sectors is essential for building a Culture of Health. Connected information systems and access to shared data from different sectors can improve communities' capacity to plan, monitor, innovate, and respond for health improvement. Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH) is a new national initiative supported by RWJF to foster multi-sector collaborations sharing data and information to improve the health of their communities. DASH will also identify barriers, opportunities, promising practices and indicators of progress to move this emerging field toward action.

DASH's immediate focus is to develop a deeper understanding of the field. The environmental scan will identify existing and emerging multi-sector collaborations and develop indicators of progress for the field through a literature review, key informant interviews and a survey. The DASH National Coordinating Office is led by the Illinois Public Health Institute, in partnership with the Michigan Public Health Institute, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. If you would like more information about the environmental scan or other DASH activities, please contact info@DASHconnect.org.

The DASH National Coordinating Office executes activities that support grantee collaborations and the field:

Monitoring the environment, including an environmental scan to document existing and emerging multi-sector collaborations, and developing indicators of progress for the field

Providing technical assistance and facilitating a learning collaboration to support grantees and other stakeholders in the field

Communicating lessons learned, promising practices, barriers, opportunities, and indicators of progress among grantees and with stakeholders across the country

Convening a DASH advisory group of thought leaders to provide guidance on the selection of grantees, expertise on emerging research, and input on communications to the field

Networking across various sectors, leaders, partners, grantees, and stakeholders to build relationships within the field and connect grantee collaborations to expertise and resources