
PHS Actions for Building Capacity

THIS PART OF THE PLAN PRESENTS a large array of actions to be carried out by PHS agencies, and is organized to correspond to the core functions of assessment, policy development, and assurance. Within each section, PHS agency actions are presented in sequence for each of the strategies designed to strengthen that function. The actions are followed by the identification of one or both of the time periods during which the action either begins or continues, as for example, **1990-91** and **1992 and beyond**.

Four major actions occur repeatedly throughout the assessment, policy development, and assurance processes:

- Writing and periodically reassessing implementation plans for what will be done to improve capacity and to direct research on prevention during the 5-year period from January 1991 through December 1995.
- Conducting research to develop new methods and techniques in laboratory, epidemiology, biomedicine, and behavioral sciences for incorporation into the public health system.
- Establishing evaluation measures to document progress in building capacity and to identify needs for new research initiatives and changes in strategic directions.
- Providing leadership and assistance in upgrading the knowledge and skills of public health workers at local, State, and national levels.