

News & Updates



December 2025

Greetings!

Hoping that you all had a good Thanksgiving weekend however you celebrated the holiday and that you were able to take some time to rest.

Many of you have shared your successes and challenges since our program launched in February. The LPHNC program team wants to extend our gratitude to all of you for your ongoing commitment and service to your communities.

We want to share an update on some of our initiatives and introduce this *LPHNC Program News & Updates* format. We will be sending this out monthly to start so that we can keep you up to date about our efforts, ongoing meetings to support PHN practice, and more.

Wishing you all a peaceful and healthy Holiday season.

Public Health Nurse Resource Library

We are pleased to introduce the Public Health Nurse Resource Library (Padlet). This PHN Resource Library is a compilation of resources to support you and your colleagues in your work. Content is organized by topics including resources for Maternal Child Health, Vaccination, Public Health Nurse Practice, and more!

To explore the Padlet double click [HERE](#)

We welcome your feedback!

Email us at: iphnc-program@umass.edu

Save the dates! Upcoming Webinars and Meetings



OLRH Special Topic Webinars:

- **Tuesday, December 9th 3:00 pm / Clinical Liability for Public Health Nurses**
- **Tuesday, January 20th 3:00 pm / HIPPA**

You can access these webinars using the same link as the OLRH monthly webinar series. If you have not yet registered for this webinar series, use [this link](#).

Communities of Practice & Networking Meetings

Monthly Maternal Child Health Workgroups:

Please reach out for more information or additional resources. Meetings are open to all local public health partners!

- **Chassea Robinson, Northeast Region PHN Consultant: 1st Tuesday of each month.**
- **Anne Mistivar, Western Region PHN Consultant: 2nd Thursday of month.**

New Nurse Network:

Please reach out for more information or additional resources. Open to all new nurses.

- **Alyssa Kaiser, Southeast Region PHN Consultant.**

Please reach out for more information about meetings: LPHNC-program@umass.edu



MHOA 2025 Conference Presentation

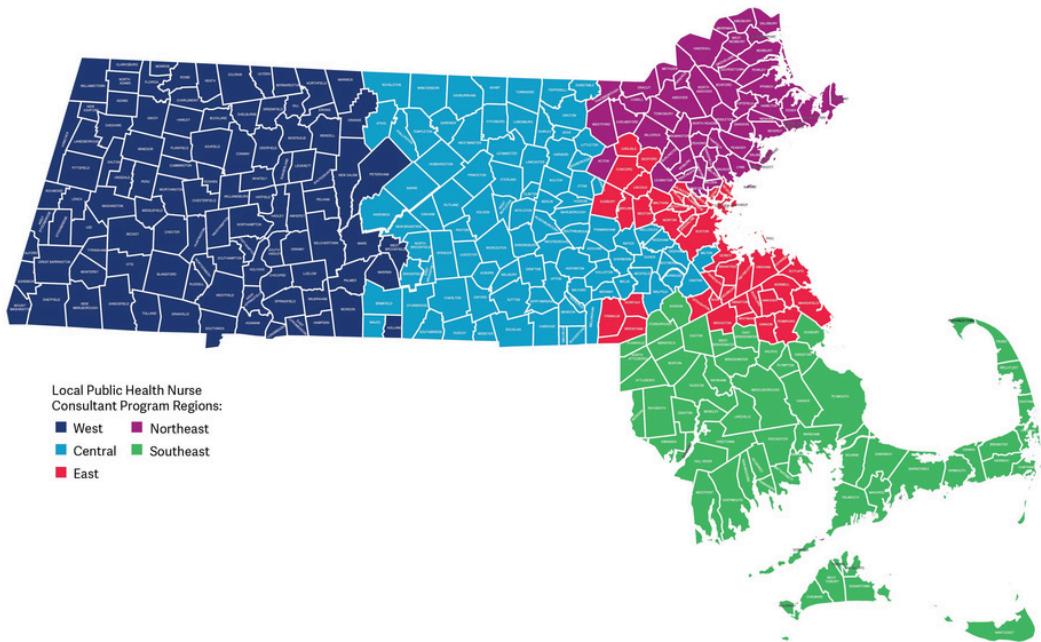


The Local Public Health Nurse Consultant Program presented an in-depth overview of how mentorship strengthens the public health nursing workforce. The session highlighted mentorship's vital role in improving workforce retention, supporting diversity and developing strong, confident public health nurse leaders. It also emphasized the Communities of Practice as an effective model for collaboration, mentorship and connection.

A look back in time ...



The board game, Candy Land, was developed in 1948 by retired school-teacher Eleanor Abbott while she was recovering from polio in a hospital in San Diego. It was developed for and tested by children with polio on the hospital wards. The game was bought by the Milton Bradley Company in 1949 and became one of the most popular board games. It is a game that can be played by pre-school children (it is played by matching colors) and children who are alone. The edition of the game pictured above is from 1955, the last year there was a Polio epidemic in the United States. Massachusetts alone reported 2,000 cases of Polio in the Summer of 1955.



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