

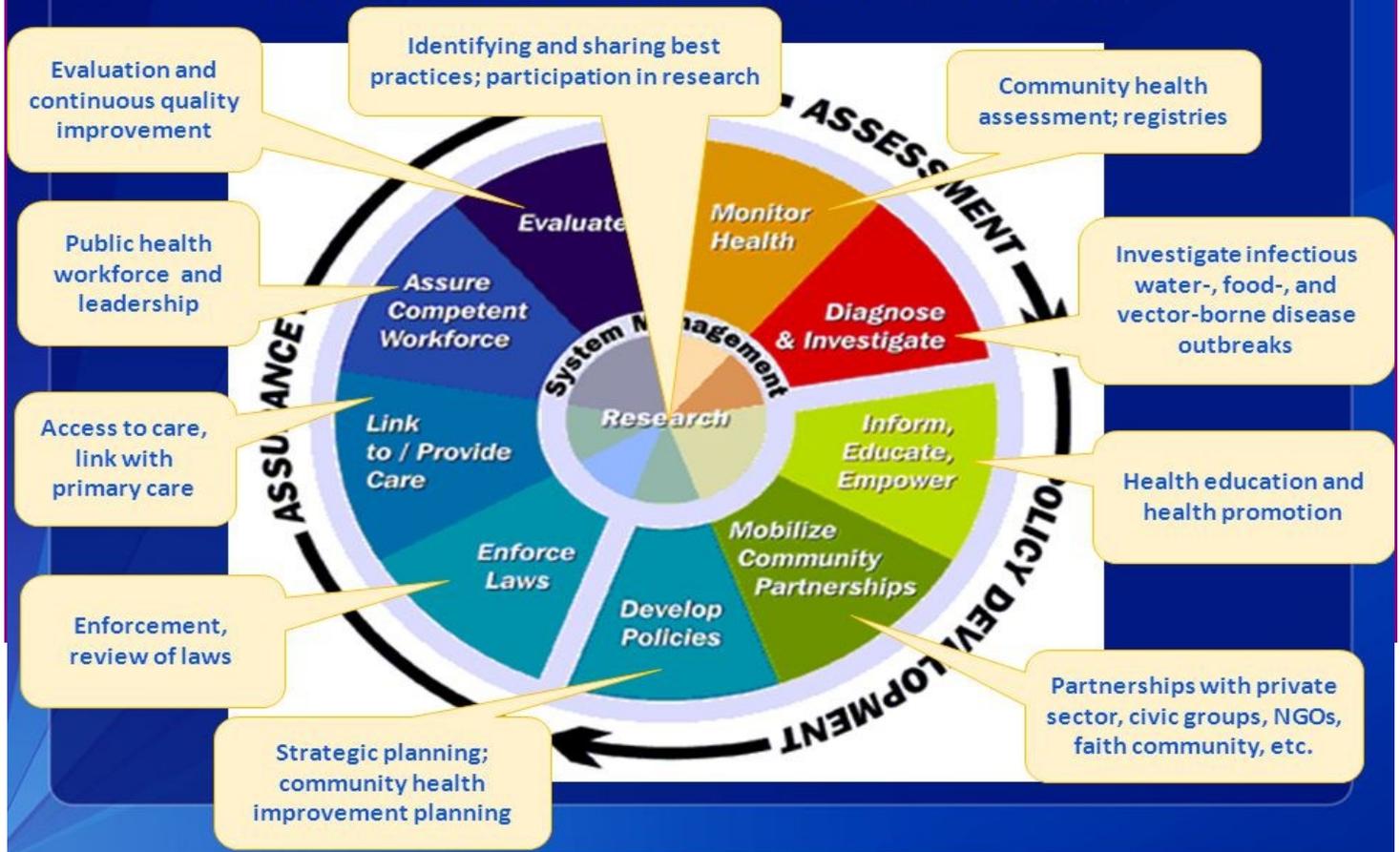


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Emergency Preparedness

VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of over 200,000 volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. Volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds. MRC units engage these volunteers to strengthen public health, improve emergency response capabilities and build community resiliency.

Why Volunteer?

- Free training opportunities help prepare you and your family for emergencies
- MRC units are a significant benefit to local public health efforts
- It is an opportunity to belong to a group with a strong sense of mission and purpose

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Diseases Investigated December 2015

- 2 Shiga toxin-producing E-coli cases
- 1 low risk Ebola monitoring case
- 1 Salmonella case
- 1 Hepatitis C case
- 1 Campylobacter case
- 1 active TB case
- 1 reported Influenza A case



Danger! Danger! Protect Your Family!

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that kills without warning. It claims the lives of hundreds of people every year and makes thousands more ill. Many household items including gas-and oil-burning furnaces, portable generators, and charcoal grills produce this poison gas. Following these important steps can keep your family safe.

CO Detectors:

- Install battery-operated or battery back-up CO detectors near every sleeping area in your home.
- Check CO detectors regularly to be sure they are functioning properly.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



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Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

Oil & Gas Furnaces:

- Have your furnace inspected every year.

Portable Generators:

- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.
- Only use generators outside, more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.

Sources:

The Essential Public Health Services. <http://www.cdc.gov/nphps/essentialservices.html>

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