

ASTHO's 75th Anniversary: A Year in Review

As 2017 draws to a close, we take a look back at several highlights from ASTHO's 75th anniversary. Many thanks to our members, staff, and public health leaders who helped commemorate this special milestone and continue to champion efforts to improve our nation's health.

Messages from ASTHO Immediate Past-President Jay Butler – To kick things off, ASTHO interviewed Immediate Past-President Jay Butler, MD, chief medical officer of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. Butler reflected on ASTHO's 75th anniversary and looked ahead to future priorities.

- View Butler's video message [here](#).
- Read ASTHO's interview with Butler [here](#).

ASTHO Leadership Week and Congressional Briefing – On March 9, as part of Leadership Week, ASTHO hosted a congressional briefing celebrating 75 years of protecting and promoting America's health. The briefing convened nearly two dozen state and territorial health officials to educate lawmakers and discuss the impact of funding cuts on core public health services.

- Read ASTHO's press release [here](#).
- Read a blog detailing the briefing [here](#).

ASTHO 75th Anniversary: National Symposium – On March 23, ASTHO organized a symposium discussion focused on building consensus on difficult issues, such as climate change, firearm safety, and reproductive health. A distinguished panel of public health leaders explored effective ways to promote health and prevent disease while also addressing controversy, conflict, and disagreement.

- Read ASTHO's press release [here](#).
- Watch a video of the event [here](#).

ASTHO Programmatic Work Blog Series – In addition to recognizing members and public health leaders, ASTHO published a blog series describing how its programs support and complement the work of state and territorial health agencies:

- [Health Systems Transformation Efforts Within ASTHO](#)
- [ASTHO's Member Engagement Team Helps Health Officials Become Transformational Leaders](#)
- [ASTHO Leads in Public Health Prevention](#)
- [ASTHO Helps Public Health Agencies Maximize Their Programs with Key Practices and Data](#)
- [ASTHO's Health Security Team Strengthens Preparedness and Response Capabilities Through Partnerships and Collaboration](#)

75 Days | 75 Ways Campaign – From June 5 to Sept. 15, ASTHO ran a social media campaign showcasing successful public health initiatives and outcomes from every state, U.S. territory, and freely associated state.

- View a short video overview of the campaign [here](#).
- Read ASTHO's blog looking back on the campaign [here](#).
- View the full collection of successes featured in the campaign [here](#).

Journal of Public Health Management and Practice – In addition to ASTHO’s own commemorative activities, the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* [published](#) a special 75th anniversary supplement. Sponsored by ASTHO and the de Beaumont Foundation, the September issue is comprised of five articles:

- [Celebrating 75 Years of ASTHO: Milestones in Public Health Leadership](#)
- [ASTHO at 75: Celebrating the Past and Preparing for the Future](#)
- [2017 ASTHO President's Challenge: Public Health Approaches to Preventing Substance Misuse and Addiction](#)
- [High Turnover Among State Health Officials/Public Health Directors: Implications for the Public's Health](#)
- [Beyond the Status Quo: 5 Strategic Moves to Position State and Territorial Public Health Agencies for an Uncertain Future](#)

ASTHO Policy Summit, Gala, and Annual Meeting – On Sept. 19-21, ASTHO hosted its annual meeting and policy summit, with a 75th anniversary gala honoring public health leaders and celebrating the power of state and territorial public health.

- View a gallery of highlights [here](#).
- Read an interview with keynote speakers [here](#).
- Check out ASTHO’s press release detailing ASTHO’s awards ceremony [here](#).
- Read a recap of day one [here](#). A recap of day two [here](#).