# CHOOSE SAFE PLACES FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

# Implementation Plan: Louisiana

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# **PROJECT**

#### Partners and Funders:

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# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

# **GOAL**

To protect communities from harmful environmental exposures by creating safe and healthy environment.

## **OBJECTIVE 1**

Educate planners to site Early Care and Education (ECE) programs in locations that reduce children's exposure to harmful chemicals.

# **OBJECTIVE 2**

Equip planners working in disaster-affected areas with tools to facilitate public engagement process for siting new development in areas that have minimal exposure to harmful chemicals.

# **PRODUCTS**

1. Educational module

Obj 1: Help planners' site ECE facilities



Two Products

# 2. Public participation guide (emphasis on Design Charrette)

Obj 2: public participation in hurricane-affected areas



# **TIMELINE**

#### Year 1: November 2018 to October 2019

Complete the Educational Module and Public Participation Guide with translation

#### Year 2: November 2019 to June 2020

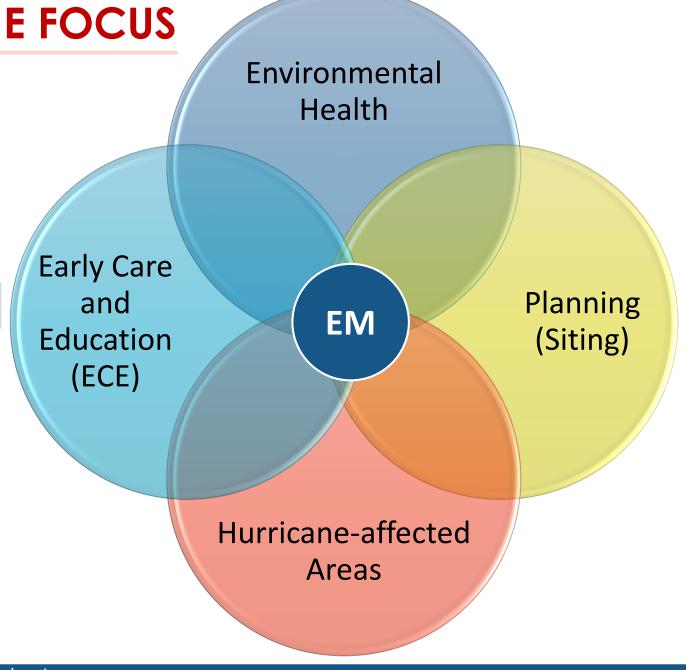
Help to pilot the tools in Puerto Rico; disseminate the tools; modify the tools based on the feedback

# TOOL 1

# **EDUCATIONAL MODULE: THE FOCUS**

# **OBJECTIVE**

Educate planners to site Early Care and Education (ECE) programs in locations that reduce children's exposure to harmful chemicals.



# PRODUCT 1: EDUCATIONAL MODULE

- Section 1: Planning and Environmental Health with focus on Early Care and Education (ECE)
  - Overview of Planning and Environmental Health
  - Planning and Environmental Health for ECE Programs
- Section 2: Environmental Health Considerations for Siting ECE Programs
  - Undesirable Site Attributes
  - Desirable Site Attributes
  - Planning Strategies to Site ECE Programs
    - Cross-Sector Collaboration
    - Equity Considerations



*Planning for Early Care and Education:* 

Siting Considerations to Promote Environmental Health









# **PRODUCT 1: EDUCATIONAL MODULE**

TABLE 3. ATTRIBUTES AND INDICATORS			
Attribute Type	ribute Type Indicator		
	Proximity to transit and active transportation options		
	Number of employment centers near ECE program		
	Proximity to areas with higher residential density		
Desirable	Access to safe drinking water and other utilities		
	Proximity to library		
	Proximity to schools		
	Proximity to grocery stores		
	Proximity to civic and public space		
	Access to green space		

	Severity of former land uses to potentially generate environmental contaminants		
Undesirable	Proximity to previous and current site uses that potentially generate environmental contaminants		
	Proximity to roadways with high traffic volume		
	Proximity to railroad tracks		
	Proximity to industrial sources of contamination		
	Located within 100-year floodplain		

# PRODUCT 1: EDUCATIONAL MODULE

- Section 3: Land Suitability Analysis
  - Site Selection Process
  - Indicators and Data
  - Analysis and Evaluation

- Section 4: Safe Siting in Hurricane-Affected Areas
  - Introduction to Resilience Planning
  - Siting Strategies for Hurricane-Affected Areas

# 1. Clarification of project objectives and requirements For ECEs, objectives can be to provide safe environment by supporting environmental health and avoiding incompatible land uses. 2. Identify site selection criteria Contextual Factors (surrounding land uses/services), Site Factors (desirable and undesirable site attributes; see Sections 2.1 and 2.2) including access to clean drinking water. 3. Gather data and select potential sites Identify infill and redevelopment sites that Collect the data. Calculate site attributes may be suitable for ECE program. using the indicators and data. 4. Evaluate each site's suitability Apply environmental health criteria to compare sites. 5. Rank evaluated sites and select best site Apply weighted/unweighted criteria to compare options. 6. Conduct feasibility study Determine if market and site conditions will result in ECE that is financially viable.

# **DELIVERABLE:**

# STORY MAP AND PDF

# **Project Landing Page:**

https://www.region2headstart.org/pilot

#### English Story Maps









Part 1

Planning and Environmental Health With A Focus on Early Care and Education

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Part 2

Environmental Health Considerations for Siting ECE Programs

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Part 3

Land Suitability Analysis

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Part 4

Safe Siting in Hurricane-Affected Areas

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#### Spanish Story Maps









Parte 1

Planificación y salud ambiental con enfoque en el cuidado temprano y la educación Parte 2

Consideraciones de salud ambiental para los programas de AEPI Parte 3

Análisis de idoneidad en tierra Parte 4

Sitio seguro en areas afectadas por huracanes

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### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Access Implementation Guide: Click Here
- Audience: Primary Planners; Secondary - EH and PH professionals

**STEP 1:** Identify the state-level networks to contact (e.g., APA State Chapters, Local Universities, State Associations of Counties, etc.)

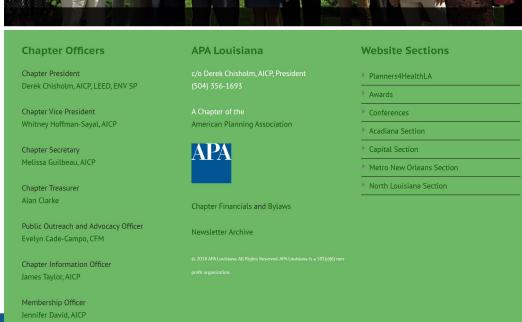
**STEP 2: Contact these State Organizations** Networks can use communications tools (e.g., newsletter, webinars, etc.) for outreach



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# **IMPLEMENTATION**

### **STEP 3 (OPTIONAL) 150-minute in-person education event**

40 minutes: Section 1 and Section 2

• 10-minute: Break

• 40 minutes: Section 3 and Section 4;

• 60 minutes: Box Lunch and Discussion

# **STEP 4: Collect Feedback -** Online evaluation survey to collect feedback and conduct knowledge test

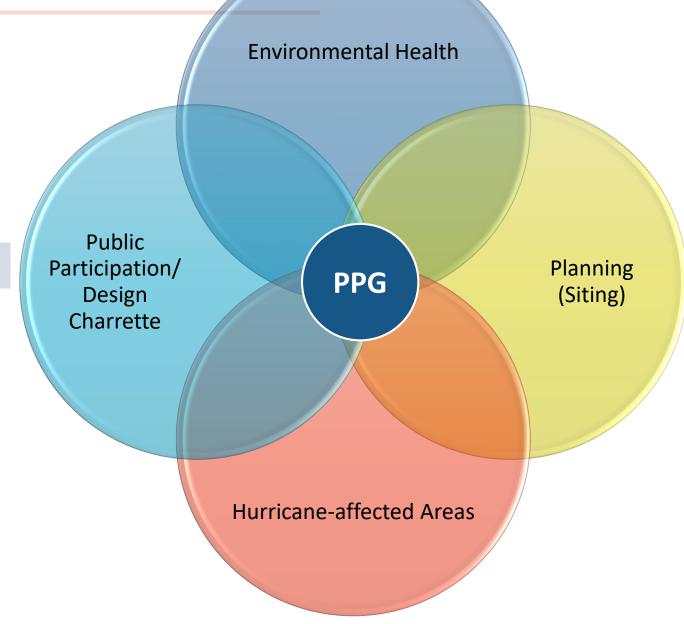
- Two ways: <u>Links</u> on Pilot Website and Story Map
- **Revision:** Revise the module based on the feedback
- Long-term implementation: Continuing education credit for planners

# **TOOL 2**

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDE: THE OVERLAP

### **OBJECTIVE**

Equip planners working in disasteraffected areas with tools to facilitate public engagement process for siting new development in areas that have minimal exposure to harmful chemicals.



# PRODUCT 2: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDE

# The Public Participation Process

- The Process
  - Public participation in hurricane-affected areas
- Role of the Planner
  - Planner as an Expert
  - Planner as a Facilitator
  - Planning roles in hurricane-affected areas
- Strategies for Effective Engagement
  - General Strategies
  - Before an Event
  - During an Event
  - After an Event
- Method of public participation

#### IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.

	INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION					
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.	
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.	
-			the decision.		ration 2018. All rights reserved. 2018	

Activity	Web-Based Engagement		
Purpose	To provide an option for remote engagement.		
Level of Engagement (see Figure 2, Spectrum of Public Participation)	Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate		
Description	Web-based engagement can supplement activities like community forums and strategic planning by collecting information through web-based applications. This technique is used to collect feedback from those stakeholders who are unable to participate in the in-person community engagement activities. However, it should be noted that web-based engagement may be a barrier to participation for stakeholders who may not have internet access, or who may not be as computer savvy as others.		
Audience	Community members, stakeholders, experts.		
Additional Information	For an example of web-based engagement, click here.		

# PRODUCT 2: DESIGN CHARRETTE SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDE

# Before a Design Charrette

- 1. Project assessment and organization
- 2. Identify stakeholders and their roles
- 3. Invite charrette participants
- 4. Goal setting and outcomes
- 5. Gather and analyze data
- 6. Secure Materials and Location

## PRODUCT 2: DESIGN CHARRETTE SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDE

# During a Design Charrette

Day 1 Public meeting and community vision

Day 2 Alternative concepts development and feedback loop #1

Day 3 Preferred plan synthesis and feedback loop #2

Day 3 and 4 Plan development and feedback loop #3

Day 4 and 5 Production, public presentation, and review

- After a Design Charrette
- Charrette Considerations in Hurricane-Affected Areas

# PRODUCT 2: DESIGN CHARRETTE SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDE

Design Charrette Process



# DELIVERABLE: GUIDEBOOK

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**DESIGN CHARRETTE:** IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE Planning and Community Health Program

A Guide to Public Participation in Hurricane Affected Areas DESIGN CHARRETTE:
IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

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### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Access Implementation Guide: Click Here
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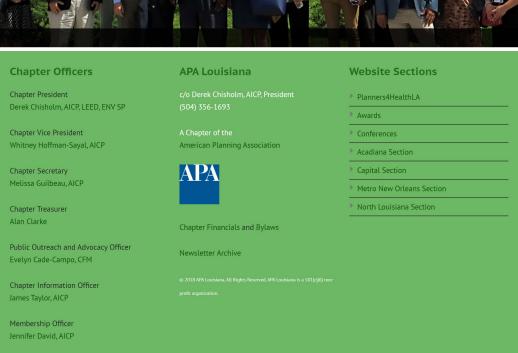
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# **IMPLEMENTATION**

# **STEP 3:** Contact the interested person or organization

- Scenario 1: Someone interested in piloting the Design Charrette
- Scenario 2: Someone with a suggestion of a person or organization

#### **STEP 4: Conduct Charrette**

• Use the Supplementary Guide

**STEP 5: Collection Feedback:** Online evaluation survey to collect feedback

• Revision: Revise the module based on the feedback



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