



## 2021 Application Instructions

### Applicant Requirements

Applicants must meet all the following criteria to participate in Policy Academy:

1. Be a Department of Health staff person focused on STD prevention and treatment
2. Grantee of the CDC, Division of STD Prevention (CDC-DSTDP), or staff of a sub-grantee such as a county, city, or non-profit STD program
3. Have written permission from your jurisdiction's STD Director

Note: NCSA has limited room in the Policy Academy and strives to ensure various jurisdictions are represented. Additionally, Policy Academy is typically restricted to individuals/agencies that meet the above criteria. If your agency is requesting a second group participate in Policy Academy and work on a separate policy topic, there is a \$50 fee. If your agency does not meet the required criteria noted above, but would like to join Policy Academy, there is a \$100 fee.

### Registration Directions

Applications will be taken on a rolling basis until maximum capacity is reached or until the registration deadline, February 1, 2021 at 5 pm EST. However, if a group/individual would like to be put on the waitlist in the event a spot opens, the group/individual must complete all necessary registration forms prior to being added to the waitlist.

1. Review the Applicant Requirements (above) and STD Policy Priorities List section (page 2). These sections provide information regarding criteria applicants must fulfill to be accepted into the Policy Academy.
2. Complete the 2021 Policy Academy Application.
3. If your STD Policy Topic is not on the STD Priority Policies List but is in your PCHD grant, send a copy of your PCHD policy objectives and activities when submitting your application.
4. If your STD Policy Topic is not offered on the STD Priority Policies List or in your PCHD Grant, complete and submit the Topic Request Form in addition to the application.

### What to Expect

To fully take part in the Policy Academy, participants should plan on the following:

- Watch a 20-30 minute pre-recorded module prior to each monthly Zoom meeting.
- Participate in five monthly Zoom calls to recap the module lesson and discuss case studies. Refer to the agenda for the dates of these meetings.
- Join a 1-hour one-on-one meeting with NCSA staff for orientation, personalized assistance on your policy topic, and to discuss options. These will take place January-March 2021 and NCSA staff will schedule your call after you apply.



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## **STD Policy Priorities List**

Approved policy priority topics include:

- Congenital syphilis (CS)
- Extra-genital testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia
- Syphilis
- 340B
- Expedited partner therapy (EPT) – including barriers to scaling up EPT
- Surveillance/data sharing
- Overcoming/eliminating policy barriers to care, including social-determinants of health related barriers
- Contact tracing/partner services
- STD prevention partnership-related policies
- Telehealth/ STD testing at home, pharmacies, or other non-traditional locations
- Other policies included in STD Program’s STD PCHD application/workplan (*Include a copy of your PCHD policy objectives/activities with your application*)
- Other policies approved for the Policy Academy by CDC/DSTDP Office of Policy, Planning, and External Relations (*Topic Request Form Required*)

Applicants must submit a potential policy topic from the above list during the application process. Please keep in mind that “policy” is broad and can include policies at the health department and/or STD clinic level, in addition to policies at the federal, state, local and community levels.

## **Questions**

For questions on the Policy Academy, application, additional forms, etc., please email Kassy Keen, [kkeen@ncsddc.org](mailto:kkeen@ncsddc.org).