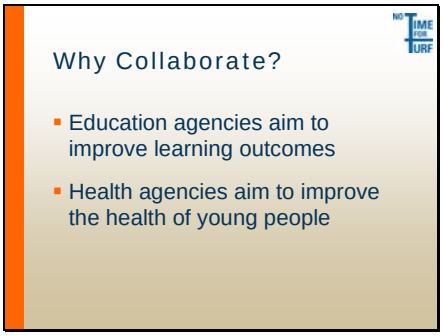
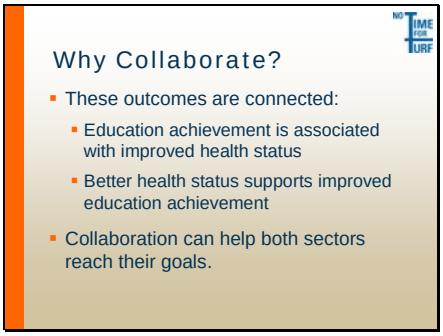
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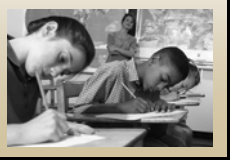
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Quote from the Field

"Public health issues occur in education environments."



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Persistent Health Problems Interfere with Learning

- Asthma results in 14 million lost school days annually.
- Type 2 diabetes is increasing among children and adolescents and is linked to obesity and physical inactivity.
- Every year, about 860,000 adolescents become pregnant. Less than one third of young women who become mothers before age 18 complete high school.
- One in 10 children and adolescents have mental health problems severe enough to cause some level of impairment.

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A coordinated school health program provides a framework for promoting positive education and health outcomes through collaboration.



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A coordinated school health program provides a framework for promoting positive education and health outcomes through collaboration.

- Includes eight components
- Aims to bring sectors together
- Addresses both programs and policies
- Uses a team approach

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What State Agencies Can Do

Common functions can support collaboration:

- Develop regulations, model policies, and curriculum frameworks
- Provide and administer funding for health-related programs
- Jointly set priorities

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What State Agencies Can Do

Common functions can support collaboration:

- License and credential professionals
- Offer technical assistance and staff development
- Convene stakeholders
- Provide resource materials
- Establish data systems
- Monitor and evaluate progress

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State to Local Collaboration

- State agencies can model interactions for local agencies.
- CDC infrastructure model offers a high-level focus on interagency collaboration.
- State agencies demonstrate that if they can do it, so can local agencies.

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What Is Collaboration?

Public health, education, and other agencies join together. The relationships differ in:

- Commitment
- Time span
- Numbers and kinds of players
- What they call themselves

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What Is Collaboration?

Different degrees of relationship are possible. One is not better than the other. Each represents a different point in the development process.



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The Collaboration Continuum

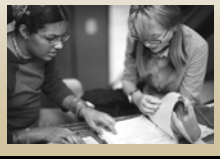
- Networking
- Cooperation
- Coordination
- Coalition
- Collaboration



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Quote from the Field

"This is not a program. This is a systems change. We are doing at the state level what we are asking our schools to do."



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What Do We Mean by Systems Change

- A system is "…a group of key individuals or organizations that interact to produce a benefit."
- In this case the benefit is healthy, educated, productive members of a democratic society.

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What Do We Mean by Systems Change

When systems come together, they must first understand each other and develop ways of functioning that can accommodate differences.

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Systems Change

Public Health Stage Theory	Education Systems Change Theory
Awareness	Adoption
Adoption	Initiation
Implementation	Implementation
Institutionalization	Institutionalization

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Systems Change

- Identify a shared need
- Create a vision of what to accomplish
- Take stock of the current situation
- Identify strengths and weaknesses
- Target priority objectives
- Establish a plan to address priorities and measure success
- Assess progress regularly and make revisions
- Evaluate and use findings to revisit the vision
- Take time to assess what has been learned

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Support from Agency Leaders Is Essential to Success

- Agency leaders must understand the collaboration's link to the agency's mission.
- Agency leaders must be kept informed.

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Staff Relationships

- Strong, long-term relationships
- Common commitment and vision
- Frequent, regular communication
- Systemic supports, such as legislative mandates, contribute to continued collaboration

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Quote from the Field

"We have honed our relationship over the years with the support of our commissioners. They rely on us to move things forward."



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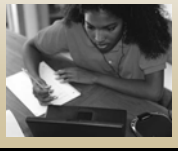
Resource Administration

- Administration of funding can be blended, pooled, or shared.
- Funding can move to another agency, depending on capacity.
- Funding is allocated on the basis of which agency can use it best.
- Individual funding managers may need to be convinced that blending is in their best interest.

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Quote from the Field

"We talk about who can do things best, where it would be easiest, where there would be the least red tape, and then we allocate funds."



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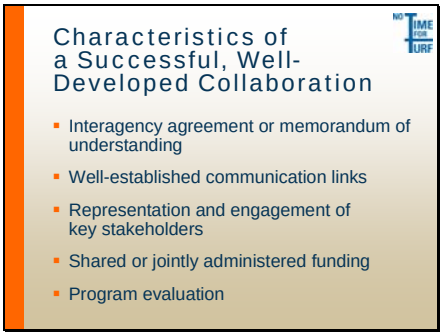
Agency Differences

- Population-based vs. systems-based
- Size and staffing
- Method of selecting agency leader
- Relationships between state and local agencies
- Vocabulary—get out your glossary!

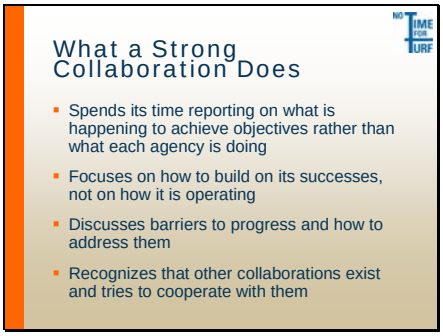
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Systematic and Deliberate Interagency Collaboration

- Ask the right questions:
  - Why?
  - Who?
  - How?
- Determine where your relationship is on the collaborative continuum

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Conclusion

"Collaboration is a process by which people who care about an issue commit to examining the ways that they are interrelated. It is a tool through which diverse community constituents can meet their individual and collective needs. Collaboration is a process essential and fundamental to all outcomes that are multifaceted and sustainable across time and shifting resources."

—Healthy Start Field Office, California

