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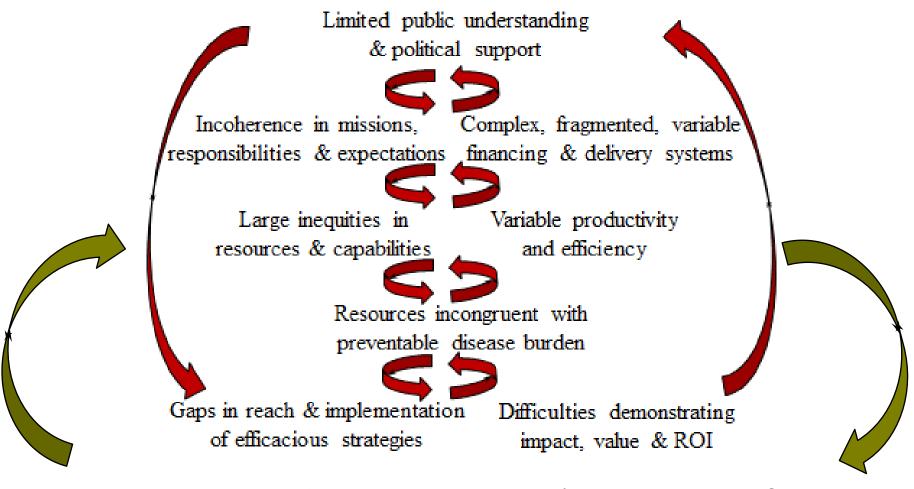
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# Vicious cycles to learning systems

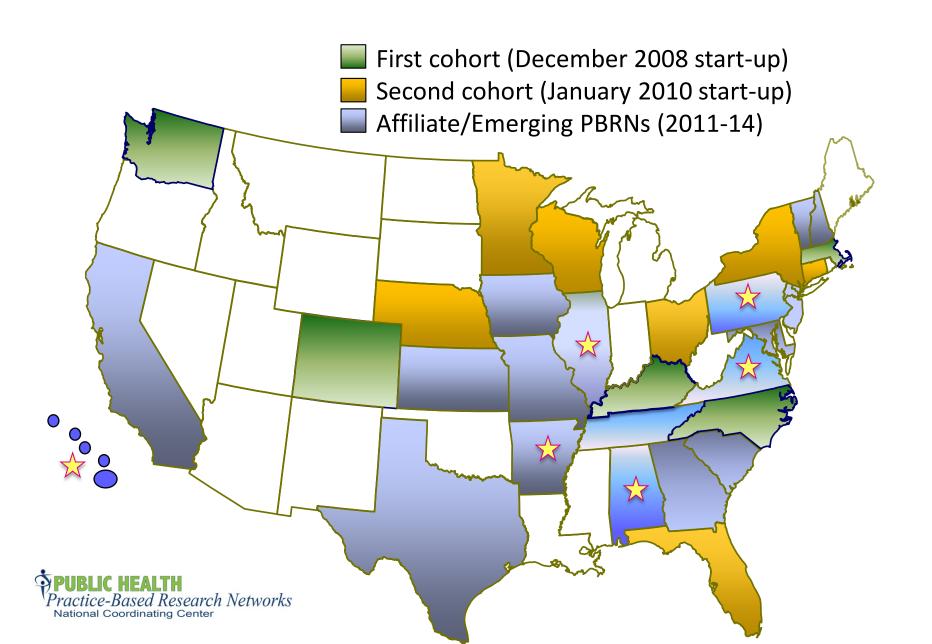


Translate evidence for policy and administrative decisions & advocacy

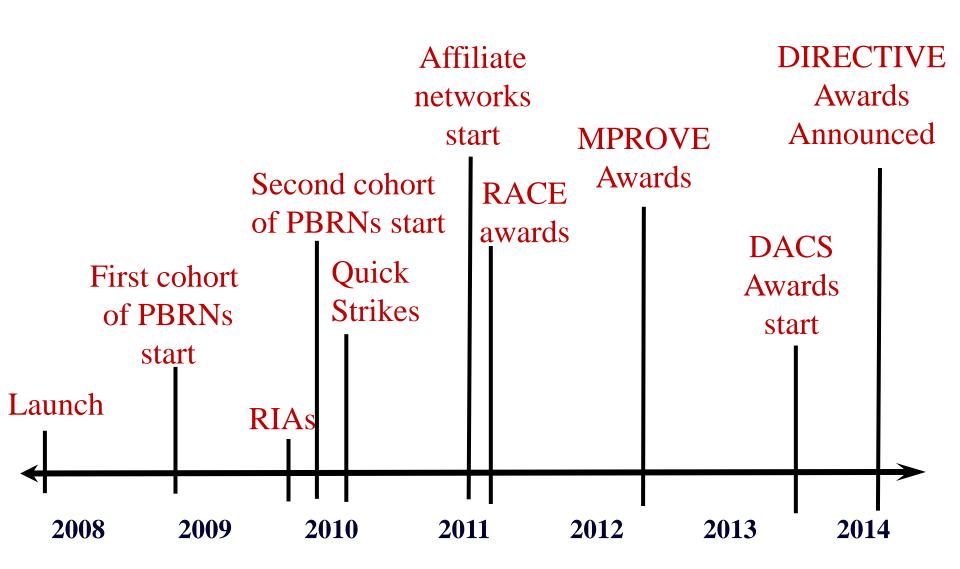


Discover causes & consequences of variation in public health delivery

#### **Diffusion of Public Health PBRNs**



## **A PBRN Timeline**



## **Research Progression**

Delivery System Organization and Structure



**Practice Variation** 



Volume, Intensity, and Quality of Delivery



**Cost of Delivery** 



**Value of Delivery** 

## **PBRN Reach**

- 31 networks
- 1593 local public health agencies
- 35 state agencies
- 52 academic research units
- 58 professional & community organizations

# **Productivity & Dissemination**

- 60 competitively awarded research projects
- 68 articles in peer-reviewed journals
- 221 presentations and conferences & meetings
- 51 reports & tools in the grey literature
- Earned media in elite venues: Modern Healthcare, Forbes, Kaiser Health News, PBS, Men's Health
- >15,000 downloads of Frontiers in PHSSR articles
- >8,000 downloads from Research Archive
- >2,000 page views on PublicHealthEconomics blog

## **PBRNs and Practice Engagement**



# Local Health Departments Engaged in Research Implementation & Translation Activities During Past 12 months

	PBRN Agencies	National Sample
<u>Activity</u>	Percent/Mean	Percent/Mean
Identifying research topics	94.1%	27.5% ***
Planning/designing studies	81.6%	15.8% ***
Recruitment, data collection & analysis	79.6%	50.3% **
Disseminating study results	84.5%	36.6% **
Applying findings in own organization	87.4%	32.1% **
Helping others apply findings	76.5%	18.0% ***
Research implementation composite	84.04 (27.3	8) 30.20 (31.38) **
N	209	505

#### **National Coordinating Center**



- Intramural research activities
  - Public Health Value: Cost estimation & economic evaluation
  - Public Health Reform: Effects of ACA on public health delivery
- Extramural research programs
  - Quick Strike studies
  - Multi-network research activities

#### **National Coordinating Center**



#### Data Development

- Periodic census surveys of local and state agencies
- National Longitudinal Survey of Public Health Systems
- Tracking PH expenditures: US Census of Governments,
   Uniform Public Health Chart of Accounts
- Public Health Activities and Services Tracking (PHAST): compiling existing administrative data across states

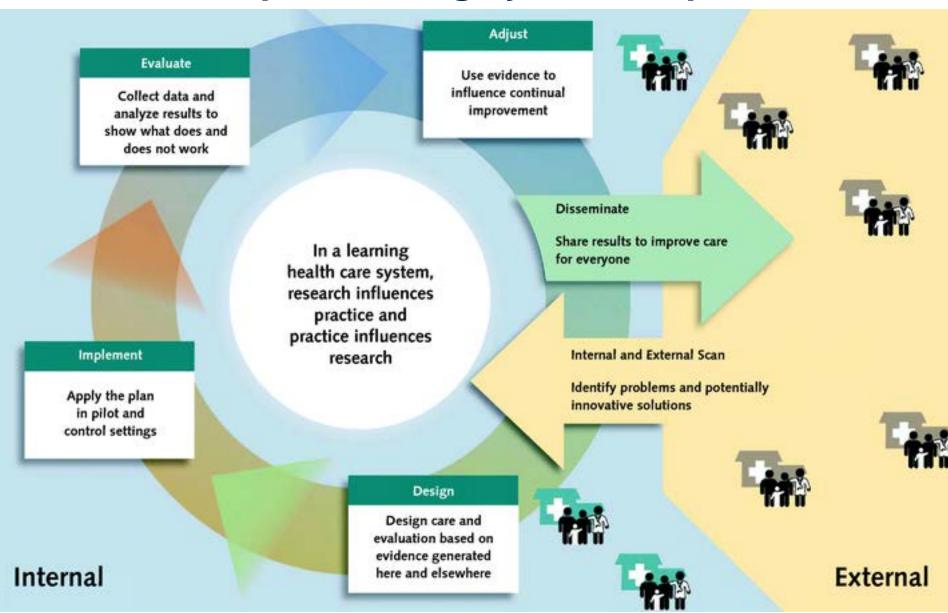
#### Dissemination & Translation

- Weekly Work in Progress Webinars
- Open-access journal: Frontiers in PHSSR
- Newsletters, Podcasts, Blogs
- Briefings with policy stakeholders

## **Future Directions**

- RWJF's Culture of Health strategic direction
- Population health improvement strategies
- Bridging public health and health care
- Strategies to enhance value
- Monitoring health reform implementation & impact
- Federal research funding

## Toward a "rapid-learning system" in public health



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#### For More Information



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