



# Evaluation: Bridge to Better Programs and Sustainability

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# Overview

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- CDC/DOH Initiative
- Role of evaluation in improving and sustaining public OH programs
- Concrete examples from States regarding:
  - Sealants
  - Coalitions
  - State Plans
  - Success Stories
- How to obtain evaluation tools

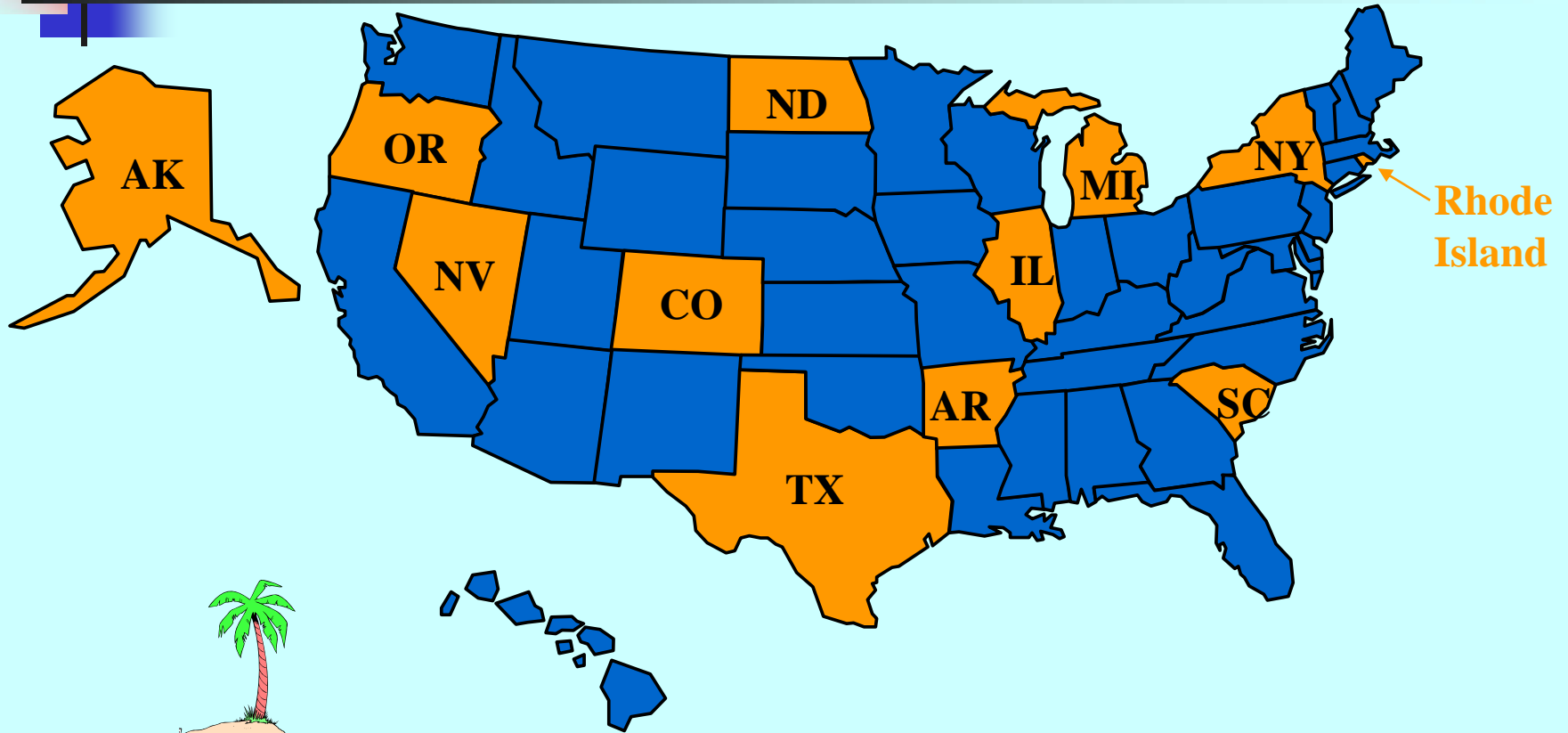


# CDC/DOH Initiative

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- Support public OH programs
- Focus on core elements OH infrastructure
  - involve diverse stakeholders
- Promote practical, feasible evaluations
  - address State/site driven questions
  - usable
  - develop capacity
- Currently fund programs in 12 states and Republic of Palau

# OH Program and Evaluation Capacity Building Sites



← Republic of Palau



# CDC/DOH Strategy for Achieving Objectives

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- Workshops, web-conferences and training:
  - Bring together grantee and cross-agency resources for sharing information and building infrastructure
- Field visits---collaborated with ECB Services to:
  - Assess evaluation capacity within the states/sites
  - Work with sites to develop targeted evaluation designs and tools

# Success Factors

- Strong leadership--  
DOH and sites
- Common vision and  
goals—promote  
public OH
- Stakeholder  
participation
- Synergy effects





# Tools and Resources

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Web site collection of tools:

[www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/library/infrastructure.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/library/infrastructure.htm)

*The Community Toolbox* - <http://www.ctb.edu>

*Empowerment Evaluation Website* –

<http://www.stanford.edu/empowermentevaluation>

Future resources—posted when cleared