

## Society for Public Health Education, Ohio Chapter, Inc.

Society for Public Health Education is a professional organization for individuals who are involved in health education or health promotion in a variety of settings: health departments, schools, work sites, non-profit agencies, health care settings, universities and colleges. With both a national and state organization, the Society provides an opportunity for its members to foster and improve health education principles across the nation. OSOPHE helps its members fulfill their health education responsibilities and increase professional competence.



**Ohio Society for Public Health Education**

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*Healthier People  
Through Health  
Education*



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The Ohio Chapter of the Society for Public Health Education, Inc. is a professional organization that exists to enhance the abilities of Ohio's Health Educators through advocacy, career development, and leadership in health education practice.

## Ohio SOPHE History

- During the 1970's, the number of practitioners in the Health Education field grew and interest expanded.
- By the early 1980's, OSOPHE was a blend of health educators and health education faculty from colleges/universities.
- In 1995, the first \$500 student scholarship was given by the organization.
- In 1997, the organization helped to plan the Ohio Combined Public Health Conference.
- In 1983, OSOPHE received official recognition from the IRS and it's tax exempt status.
- In 2011, OSOPHE received it's 501c3 status.
- Since the 1970's the organization has grown tremendously.

## Membership Benefits

- CHES Continuing Education
- Quarterly Education Program
- Annual Conference, Health Educator's Institute (HEI)
- Academic Scholarship
- Access to OSOPHE Listserv
- Quarterly Newsletter
- National SOPHE Conference
- Scholarship
- Membership Directory
- Legislative Activities
- Networking
- Access to Member Only Section of the Website
- Professional Building Skills

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## The Health Educator

A Health Educator is professionally prepared and possesses knowledge and skills based upon research to promote health behavior change in individuals and populations. Health Education draws from various sciences to promote health to prevent disease, disability, and premature death.

Health Educators provide information on health and health related issues. They can assess health training needs and plan health education programs. They may specialize in specific health concerns, illnesses, or work settings. Health educators may work as independent consultants or in health departments, community organizations, businesses, hospitals or schools.

Health Educators perform health assessments, design and develop health programs, implement policy, system, and environmental change strategies as a means of reducing chronic disease, publish education materials, develop curriculum, and teach health in schools.