

# Enhancing State and Local Roles in Food Safety

Kick-Off Symposium  
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# Project Overview

- **Goal** is an agenda for enhancing state and local roles as part of national food safety reform
- **Collaborative** with AFDO, ASTHO, and NACCHO
- **Seeking wide input** via workshops, etc.
- Funded by the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

# Starting Points

- **Thousands of state and local agencies** work at the front lines of food safety
- **Great diversity** in structures, capacities and priorities
- **Already intertwined** in many ways with the federal program
- **Need to be an integral part** of a modern, national system

# Key Questions

- What's the right vision for state and local roles?
- What changes are needed in law, policy and practice to fulfill that vision?
- What are the key capacity needs of state and local agencies and how can they be met?

# Project Plans

- Today's symposium
- Two workshops
  - Surveillance and Outbreak Response – July 1
  - Inspection and Regulatory Activities – July 14-15
- Fall meeting
- Final report – First quarter 2009

# Questions and Comments

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