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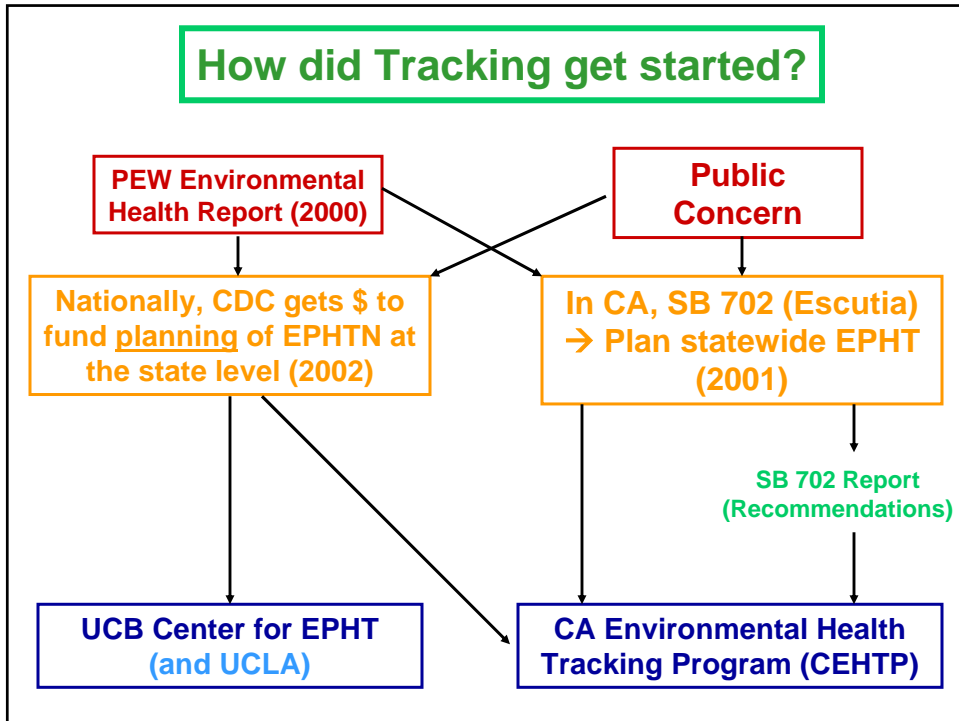
- The environment affects the health of individuals and communities
- Good information is a key component in the effort to improve health and the environment
- While government agencies do keep records on some specific pollutants or health outcomes, this information isn't examined together on an ongoing basis
- Different agencies collect the different data, so it is often difficult for people (including other government agencies and researchers, but especially the public) to get this information

So, what's Tracking and what's it got to do with this situation?

Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT)
is the
ongoing and systematic monitoring of pollutants
and environmentally-related health outcomes

→ EPHT will use and add value to data that is already being collected to improve the information available for improving health and the environment

How did Tracking get started?



What's the difference between UCB's EPHT Center and CEHTP?

UC
"center of excellence"

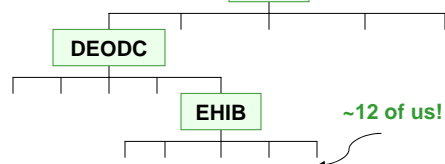
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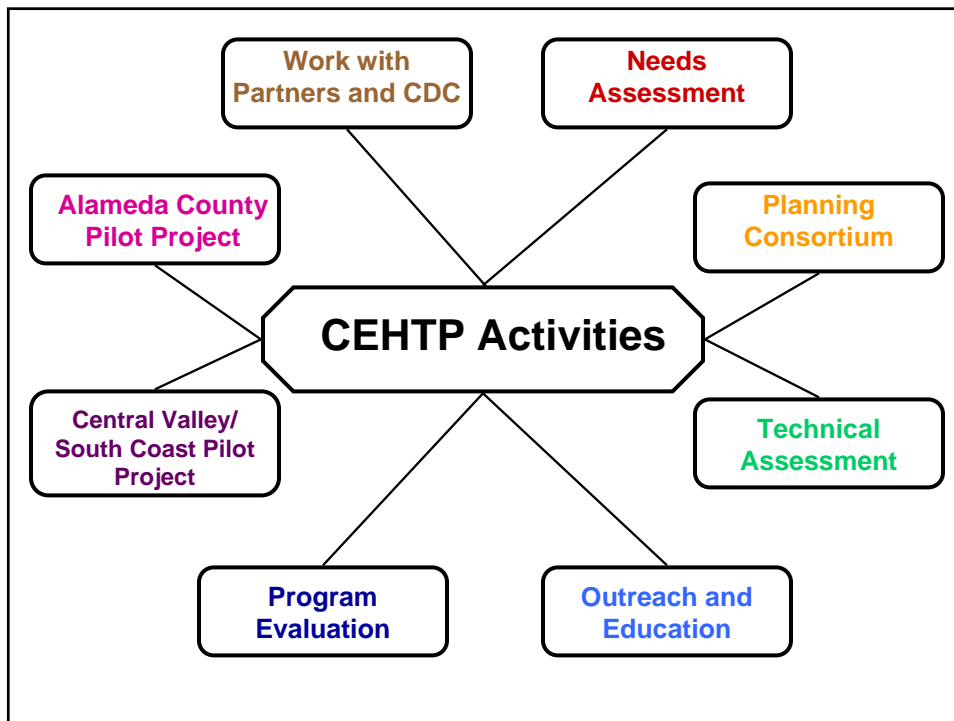
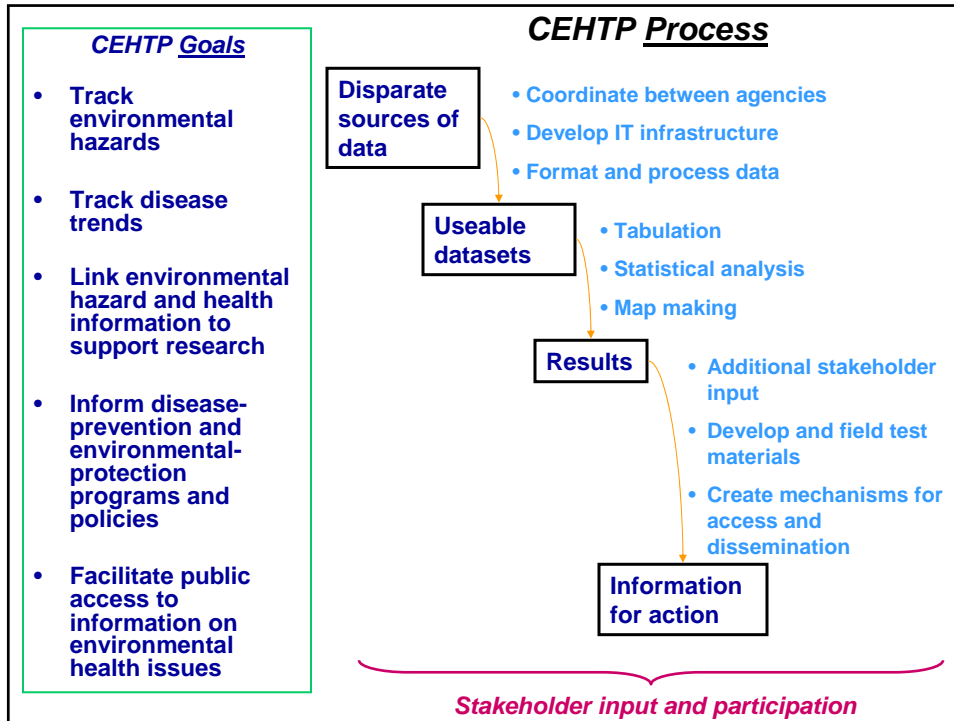
CEHTP
"state grantee"

- Provides assistance to CDC grantees in the western states
- Involved in the academic/research aspects of Tracking
- This workshop is part of UC activities

- In charge of activities related to planning California's EPHT System

- Collaboration between CA DHS and Cal/EPA → housed in: DHS





Things to know about Tracking...

- It's complicated and lots of people are trying to figure out what a tracking system should look like
- There isn't any tracking system established right now
- Tracking isn't research and it can't show causation

BUT

- Tracking can improve information about geographic and temporal trends
- Even if we aren't able to see associations between environment and health, improving information for either will be useful
- Information from Tracking can be useful for precautionary arguments, generating hypotheses, planning and evaluating programs/policies/activities

... and more

Why are you here? What's this workshop for?

