

## Identifying team members

Ideally, the health professional who oversees the district’s health services — such as the school district health services coordinator or nurse leader — will serve as the school district representative for your health services improvement leadership team. If the district does not have a nurse leadership position, a school nurse with the time, interest, skills, and support from other nursing staff can assume this role. As the team member with direct involvement and responsibility for the district’s health services, this individual typically takes the lead role on the team.

It is recommended that you choose health department and physician partners with previous experience in child and/or adolescent health, chronic disease prevention and management, and school health. The health department partner can be selected from your local city or county health department. Your physician partner may be your district’s physician consultant, a community pediatrician, a hospital-based or health department-based physician in your area, or other physician with appropriate background, experience, and interest. A pediatrician is recommended due to their expertise in child health. These partners must be willing to work collaboratively with the district representative and commit to an active role on the team.

In some communities, particularly in rural areas, it may be difficult to identify a health department and/ or physician partner. If that is the case, consider other partners with a similar type of background. Perhaps someone from a nearby Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) could stand in for the health department partner, for example, and a nurse practitioner could serve in the physician role. If you are not able to include a health department or physician partner as part of your leadership team for this initiative, consider including such individuals as partners (see module 3 for more information).

**Note:** you can download materials and type into tables, worksheets, and other form fields throughout this course and save your responses.

Possible Leadership Team Members	Name, Phone, E-Mail	Name, Phone, E-Mail	Name, Phone, E-Mail
Physician Partner			
Health Department			
School Health Services			