

U.S. Core Public Health Functions

- **Assessment** – Assessment and monitoring of the health of communities and populations at risk to identify health problems and priorities
- **Policy Development** – Formulating public policies, in collaboration with community and government leaders, to solve identified local and national health problems and priorities
- **Assurance** – Assuring that all populations have access to appropriate and cost effective care, including health promotion and disease prevention services, and evaluation of the effectiveness of that care (Institute of Medicine, 1988)