

National Network of State Adolescent Health Coordinators

# Taking Charge

# Making a Difference

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Group of people!

Similar interests!

Interact with each other!

Support & assist each other!

**NETWORK**



# Structure (Values)




1. Holistic, positive youth development approach.
2. Partnership with diverse stakeholders.
3. Engagement of youth, families and communities.
4. Coordination at the local, state and national levels.
5. Culturally responsive practices.

## Foundation (Mission)

To provide leadership to improve adolescent health and youth development by informing, consulting and advocating with stakeholders across the U.S.

# YESTERDAY

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# An idea is born 1980's

1983:

First 3 state adolescent health Coordinators gathered together at an AMCHP meeting (CO, NM, OK).

1989:

33 states had state adolescent Health coordinator positions.

A close-up photograph of a baby with light hair and blue eyes, sitting in a high chair. The baby is holding a clear pacifier with a white tip. The high chair has a dark wooden frame and a teal-colored backrest. The background is a teal wall with dark wooden vertical slats.

# The idea grows 1990's

1990:

State Adolescent Health Coordinators Network\* was officially launched.

1992-1997:

Maternal and Child Health Bureau funds adolescent health coordinator positions through SPRANs grants.

\* NNSAHC's previous name



# The idea develops

## 2000's

Partnership with AMCHP, Annie E Casey Foundation, MCHB and CDC-DASH—resulting in resources such as adolescent health conceptual framework, system capacity assessment tools, adolescent systems white paper.

**2004:**

Changed name from SAHCN to NNSAHC

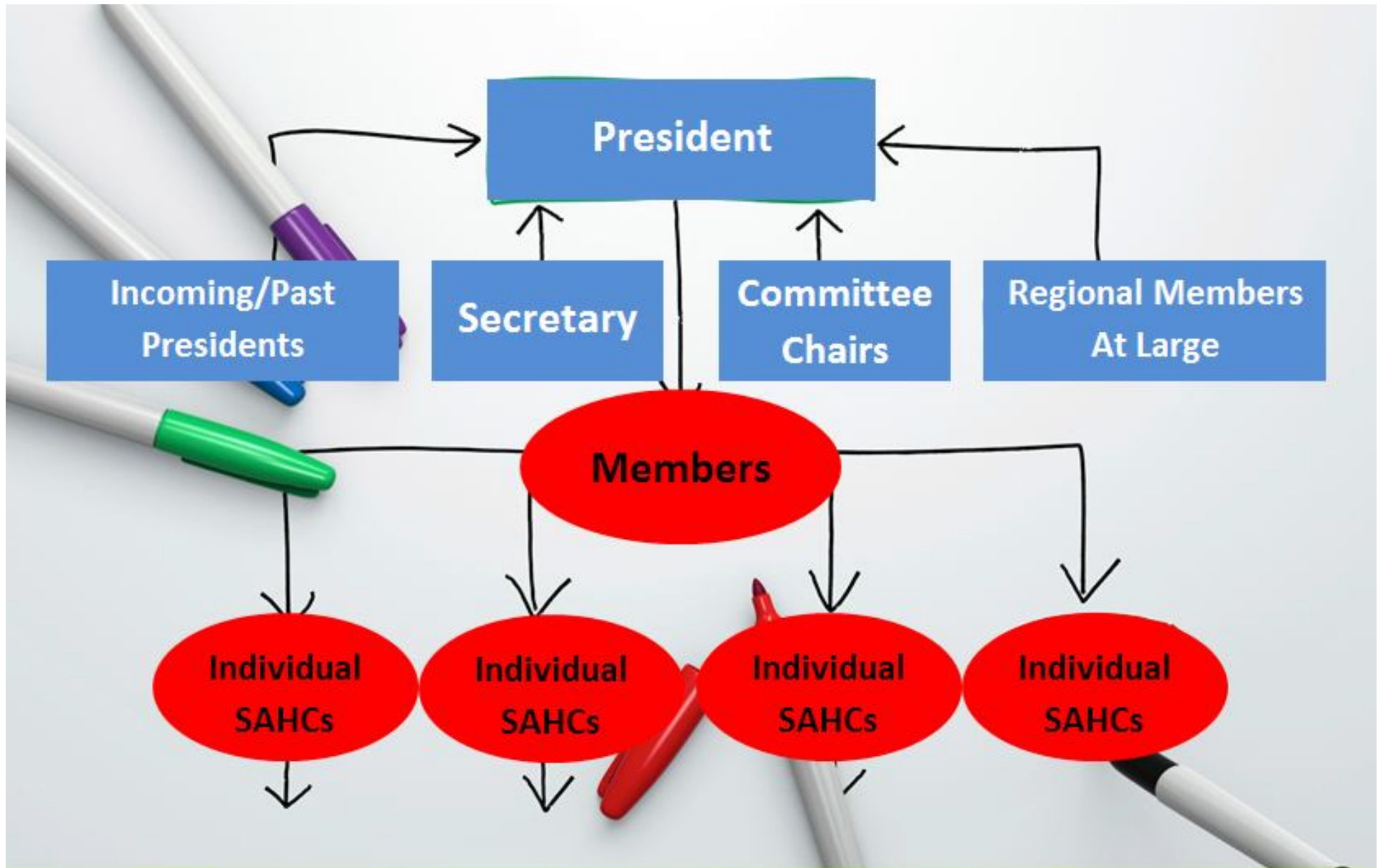
**2007:**

Last NNSAHC annual meeting in Tucson, AZ

# TODAY

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# NNSAHC Structure

# NNSAHC's Action Agenda

IDEA

PLAN

ACTION

## 3 Action Areas

1. Engage State Adolescent Health Coordinators
2. Engage National and Federal Partners
3. Advocate for continued and strengthened adolescent health focus in state MCH programs

# SAHCs

## Action Area 1: Engage State Adolescent Health Coordinators (SAHCs)

### Strategy 1:

**Welcome, Orient and Mentor new SAHCs.**

### Strategy 2:

**Engage SAHCs & national/federal partners in accessible online forums to share resources, network, and learn across state programs.**

### Strategy 3:

**Connect SAHCs around common and shared interests.**

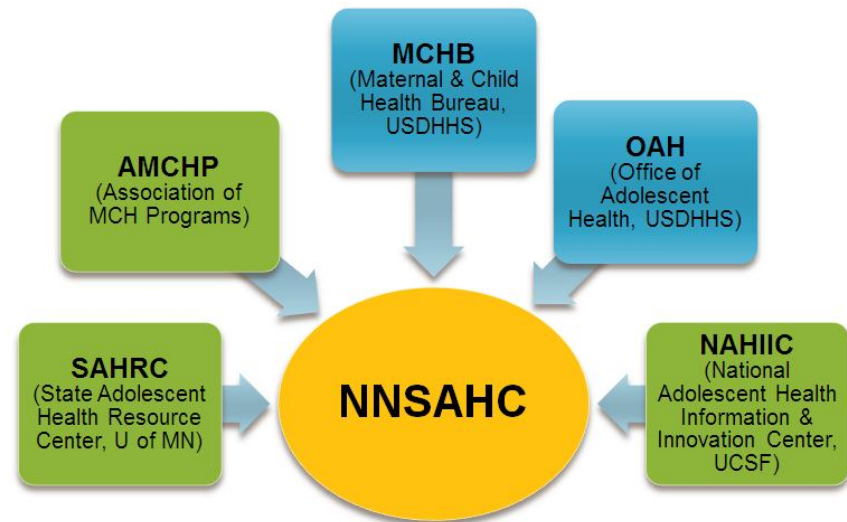


Welcome to your new role as a State Adolescent Health Coordinator!  
Whether you are new to the position, or supervising a new Coordinator (SAHC) position, there are a number of things you need to know. Here is a 5 List of To-Dos for new SAHCs to get started on your national resource work.



# Partners

## Action Area 2: Engage National & Federal Partners



### Strategy 1:

**Ensure information about NNSAHC's purpose is visible and easily accessible to partners.**

### Strategy 2:

**Identify and build relationships that strategically connect SAHCs and NNSAHC to resources, TA and national adolescent health initiatives.**

# AH Focus

**Action Area 3:** Advocate for continued and strengthened AH focus in state MCH programs.

**Strategy 1:**

**Articulate why/how adolescence should remain a visible, priority population within Title V/MCH.**

**Strategy 2:**

**Promote resiliency/strengths-based approaches to adolescent health.**

**Strategy 3:**

**Provide feedback on national/federal initiatives.**

**Strategy 4:**

**Provide a mechanism for soliciting feedback/guidance from individual SAHCs.**

