COPEWELL

Resilience Planning Pilot

WANTED:

We invite your jurisdiction now to help us determine what level and kind of technical assistance that communities need to apply the tools under a range of real-world conditions. We are seeking participation from those whose work is related to public health, resilience, recovery, preparedness, and/or emergency planning.

The Composite of Post-Event Well-Being (COPEWELL) is an evidence-based model and toolkit that communities can use to assess their disaster resilience and develop action plans to strengthen it. Researchers, practitioners, and local communities co-developed COPEWELL in an initiative led by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with funding from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

What participation looks like:

- Six jurisdictions that represent different HHS regions and hazards will:
  - Review the COPEWELL website,
  - Pilot-test the COPEWELL tools, and
  - Provide feedback on the usability of the resources.
- The COPEWELL team will incorporate suggested changes to the website and tools, while also addressing emergent issues.
- Jurisdictions will determine the scope of use and time commitment to the project.
- Start dates are flexible—ideally by early 2022. Interested jurisdictions without the bandwidth to engage immediately should reach out, so accommodations can be made.

Partnering with COPEWELL may provide valuable practical returns for your community, as communicated by other practitioners with whom we have worked so far. These include:

- Facilitating dispassionate, data-driven discussions that foster collaboration
- Developing estimates and plans that can be included in a competitive grant application
- Engaging in a strategic planning process to make the best use of on-the-ground funding that the American Rescue Plan provides.

You can find the 4 main tools at the COPEWELL website - [https://www.copewellmodel.org](https://www.copewellmodel.org)

1. **COPEWELL Framework**: A whole-of-community framework that helps communities understand resilience and the factors that influence it
2. **Computational Model & Data**: A county-level model of community functioning and resilience, which uses publicly available data and produces “heat maps” to aid visualization of findings
3. **Self-Assessment Tools**: A set of tools (“COPEWELL Rubrics”) that communities can use to assess their own functioning and resilience
4. **Resources for Change**: A set of curated intervention strategies tied to the framework to help communities strengthen their functioning and resilience

Are you interested in learning more?
If so, please contact Tara Kirk Sell at tksell@jhu.edu. Thank You for your consideration