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Research

The Heartland Centers include the CDC Academic Center for Public Health Preparedness, HRSA Public Health Education and Training Center and the Center for Public Health Leadership Development and the Center for Program Evaluation and Research. In general, the Heartland Centers goals include national objectives regarding workforce and resource assessment, competency based program development, incentive and certification development, technology mediated communications and programming, and evaluation and research to determine workforce competence and capacity improvement.

In addition, providing Bioterrorism/WMD technical advisory assistance to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, FBI, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Department of Homeland Security, United States Postal Inspection Service, United States Attorney's (Eastern District) Anti-Terrorism Task Force, the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Service/Center for Emergency Response & Terrorism (CERT), the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory, the Missouri Office of Homeland Security, and the Departments of Health in the states of Kansas, Kentucky, and Arkansas in the areas of crisis leadership development, integrated emergency response, mass casualty/high consequence event coordination, NIMS, distant learning, exercise development, food biosecurity, pandemic flu preparedness, business continuity, and individual/family preparedness.