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Future Outlook for Local Public Health in Colorado

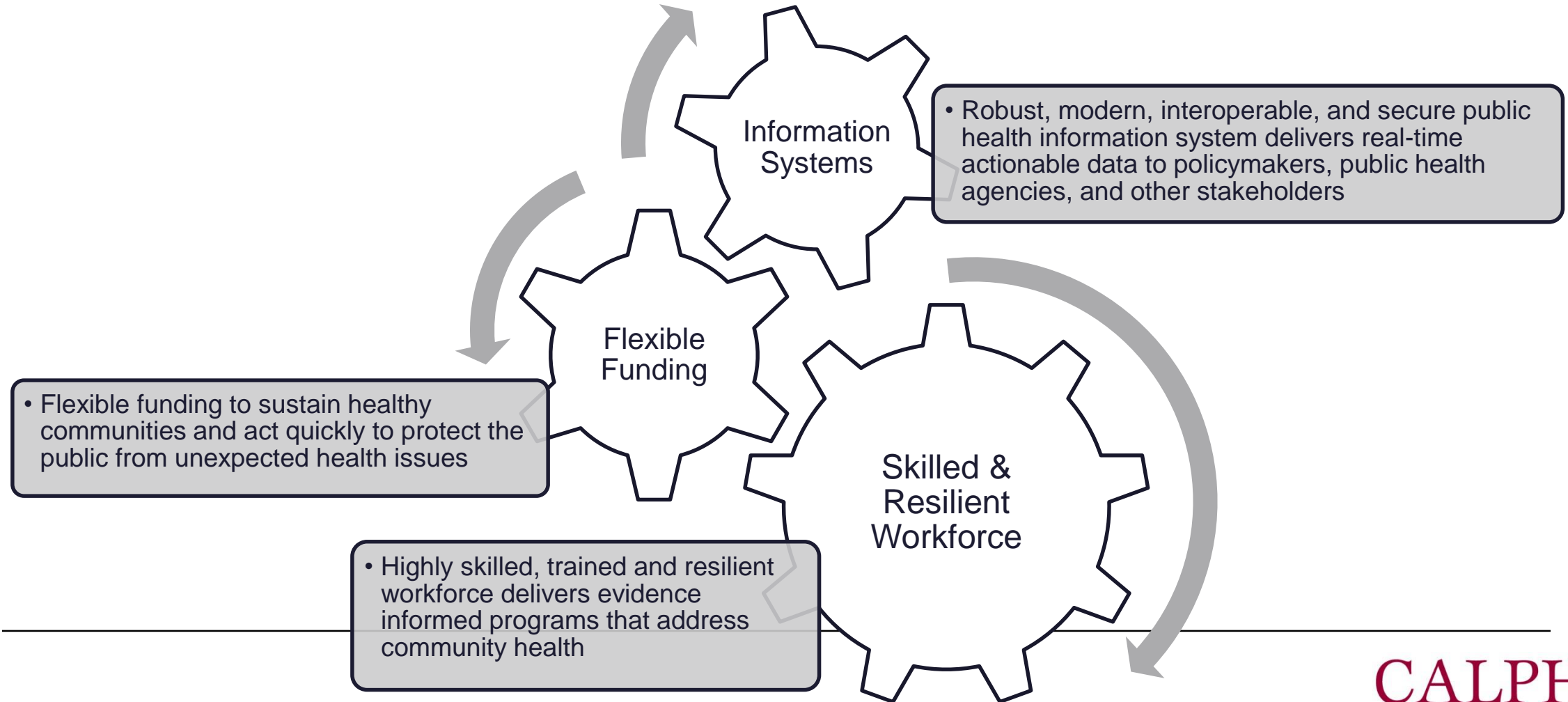
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Colorado Local Public Health Future Outlook

Vision for a transformed and modernized public health system: Using COVID-19 to inform the future



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A highly skilled and trained public health workforce to provide evidence-informed programs and services that address community health needs and encourage healthy behaviors

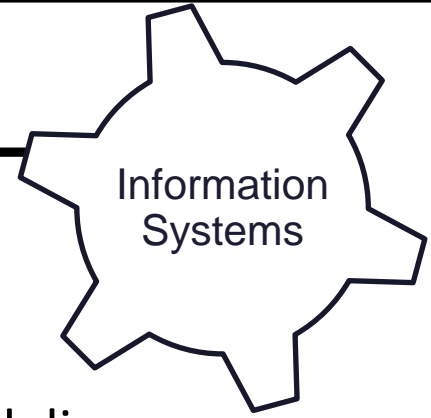
- Establish programs to **prevent and treat burnout** of the public health workforce
- Establish state and local programs to build **employment pathways** to recruit, hire, and retain the next generation of public health practitioners with **cross-cutting skill sets** (e.g., outreach workers, communications professionals, public health lawyers, grant writers, and public health nurses)
- Strengthen plans for **transitioning people hired during the pandemic into long-term jobs**, including by supporting appropriate pay and benefits

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Sufficient, predictable, and flexible funding supports local public health infrastructure needed to sustain healthy communities and act quickly to protect the public from unexpected health issues

- Monitor the implementation of **CO Core Public Health Services** (established by the state board of health) and direct funding to fill in gaps
- Develop budgetary mechanisms which facilitate **blending and braiding funds** from multiple sources and lower the administrative burden
- Incentivize LPHAs to **work together** on a regional basis to improve outcomes



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A **robust, modern, interoperable, and secure public health information system** delivers real-time, accurate, and actionable data to detect new or growing threats, identify groups that may be at risk, and respond quickly with well-targeted approaches

- **Prioritize public health data** in government-wide initiatives to modernize data and information technology
- Require that public health data is reported to agencies using **interoperable** electronic mechanisms
- **Remove technical and legal barriers** to data system interoperability with health care systems entities while ensuring sufficient security safeguards are in place