



Tool #6

Question: What resources are available to help us understand how county government functions? What do we need to know about interacting with local officials?

Answer: Find out about YOUR county government infrastructure and process. The following few pages are designed to give a quick general overview of county government in Michigan although each county or district may have unique features. Additionally in this section, you will find two position statements developed by the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH): The Role of Local Public Health Regarding Tobacco and The Unique Role of Local Public Health in Protecting the Public Health. These are important background information pieces for all coalition members.

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