

# What Does Collaboration Mean to Public Health Nurses?

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# Public Health Nursing is...

“a specialty practice of nursing defined by scope of practice and not by setting.”

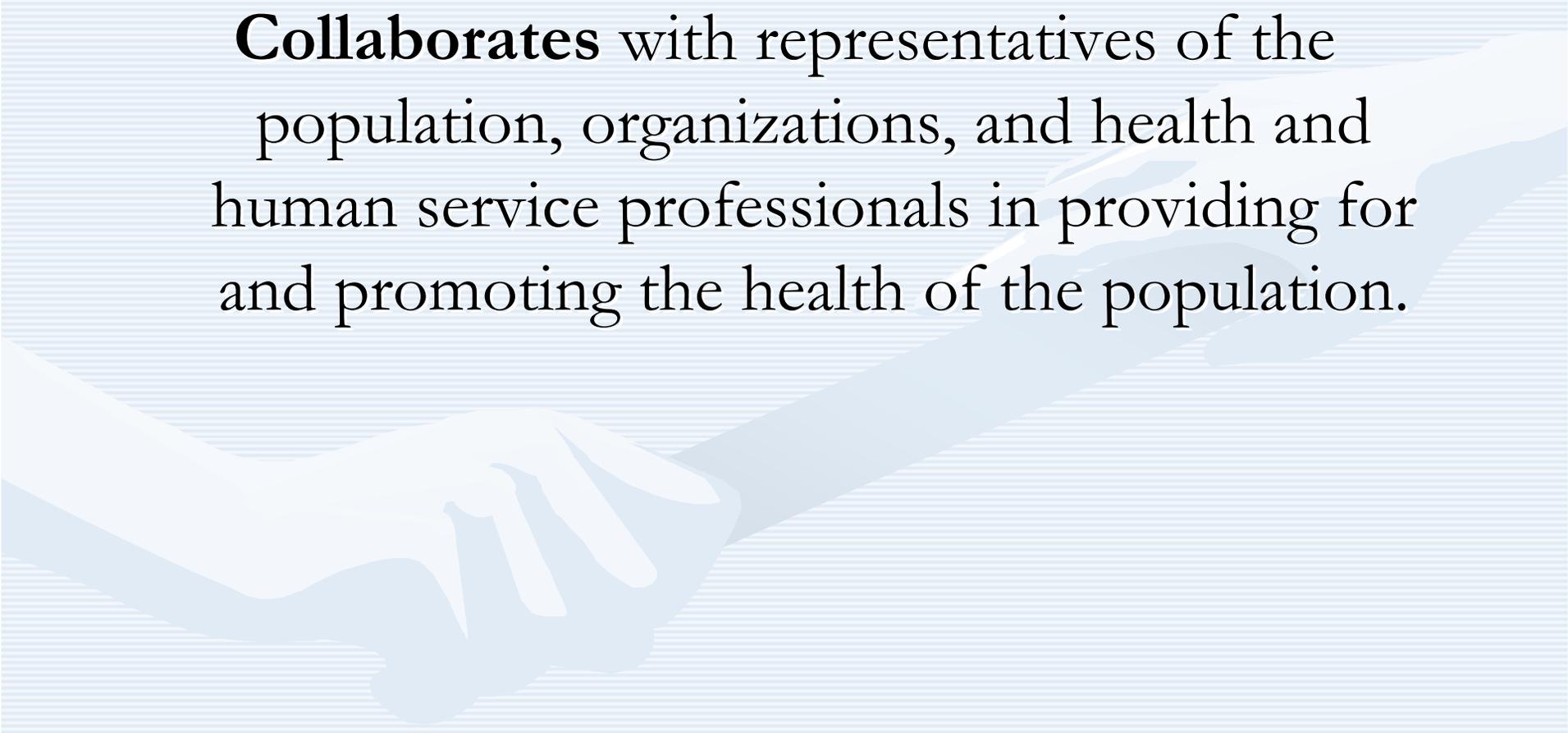
(Quad Council of Public Health Nurses, APHA Nursing Section, 1999)

“the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences”

(APHA, PHN Section, 1996)

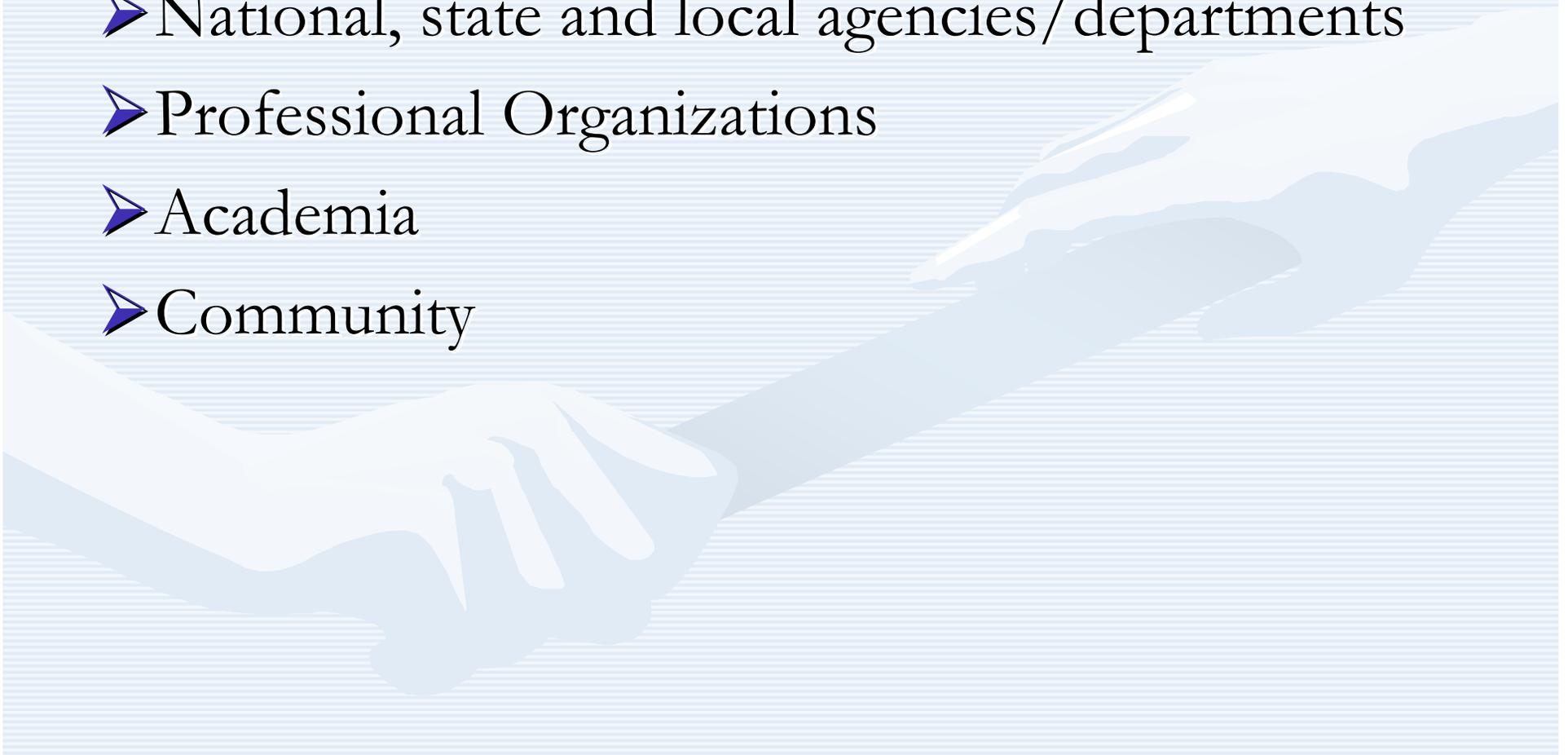
# Public Health Nursing Scope and Standard of Practice

**Collaborates** with representatives of the population, organizations, and health and human service professionals in providing for and promoting the health of the population.

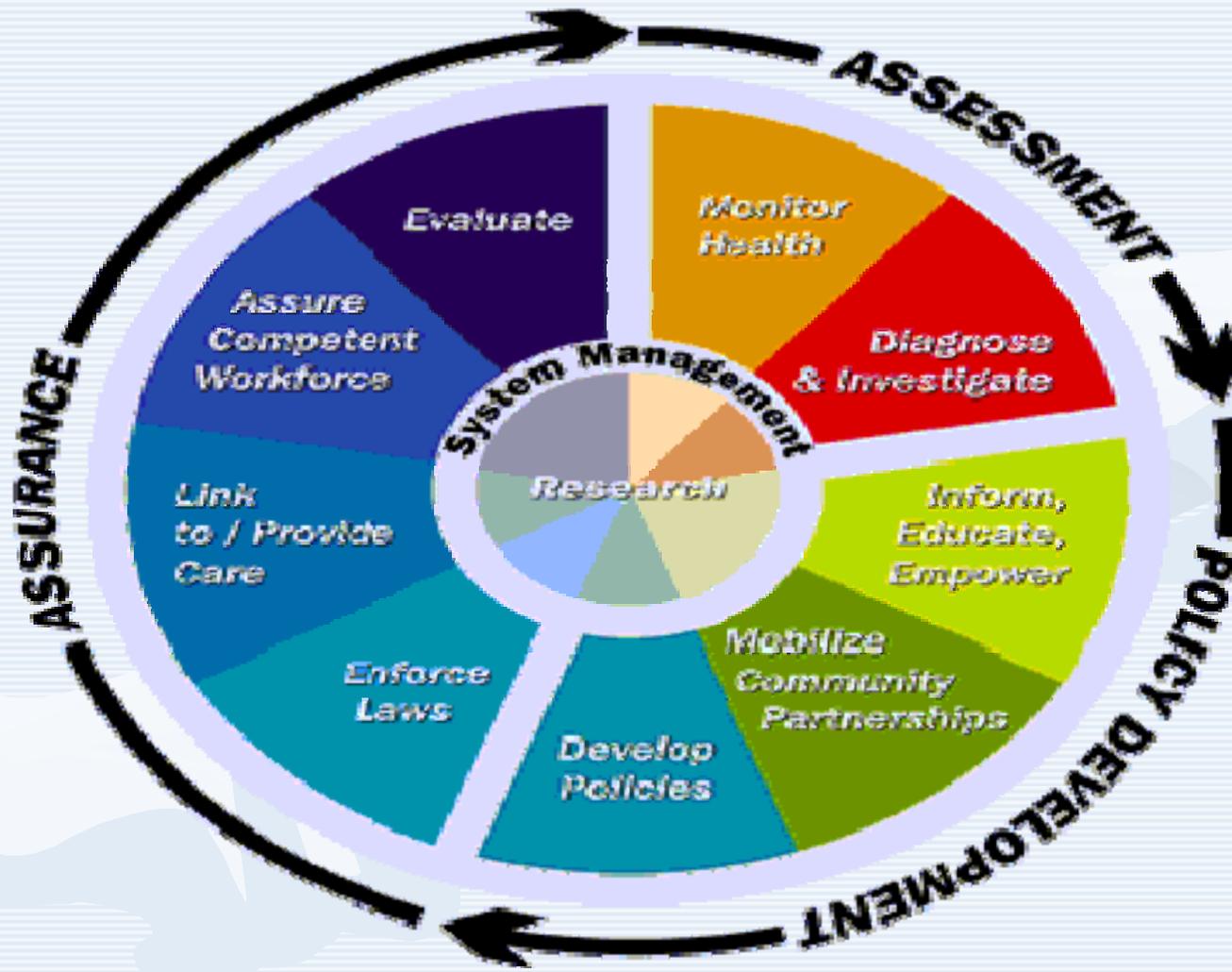


# Collaboration on many levels

- National, state and local agencies/departments
- Professional Organizations
- Academia
- Community



# The 10 Essential Public Health Services



# National Public Health Performance Standards Program

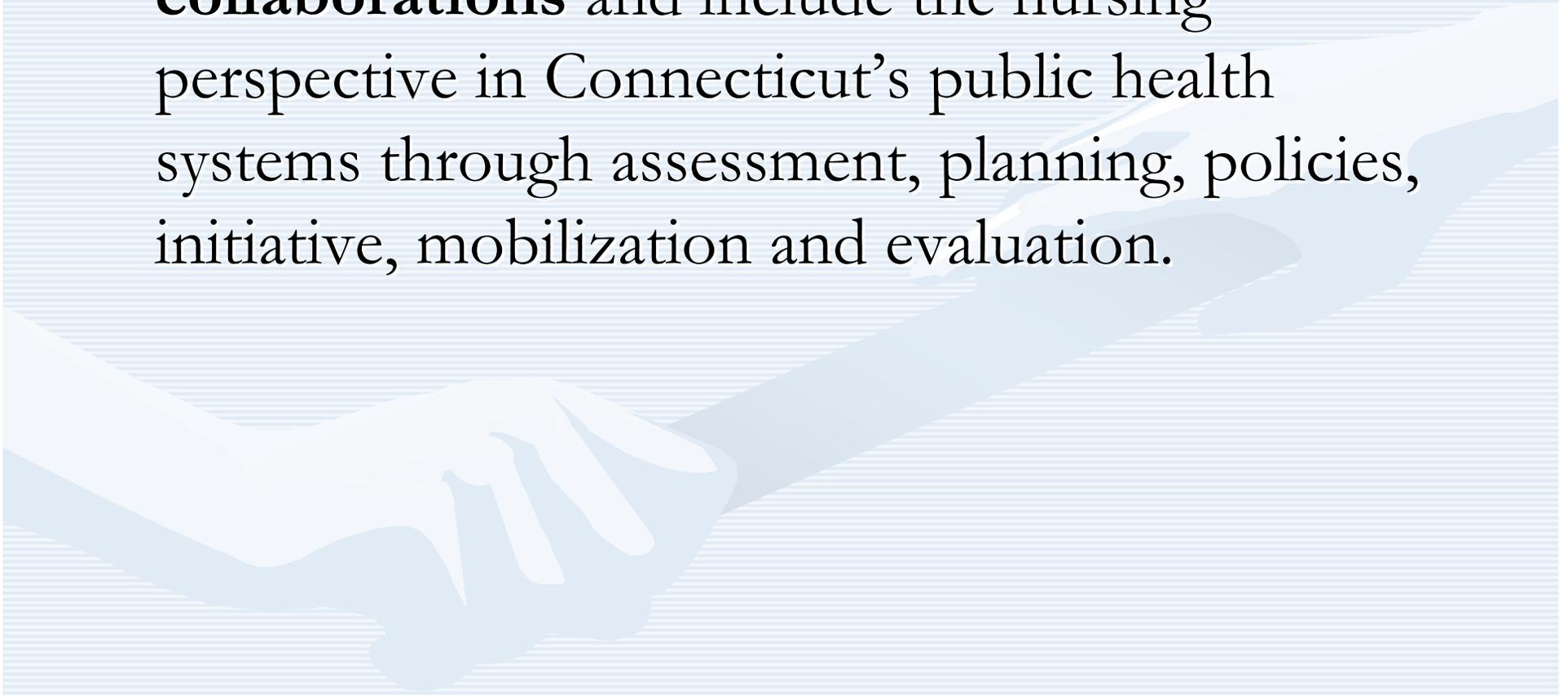
- Provide performance standards for public health systems
- Through the use of standards, engage and leverage **partnerships** to create a stronger foundation for public health preparedness
- By setting optimal standards, promote continuous quality improvement of public health systems
- Gather data to provide a stronger science base for public health practice improvement and an understanding of state and local public health infrastructure.

# VOPHN

- Vision: to strengthen the role of nurses working within the Department of PH to enhance their capacity, responsiveness, and effectiveness to better serve CT's residents.
- Initiative recognizes the contributions of nurses working in public health systems, facilitates peer supported relationships, and promotes best practice based on core competencies.

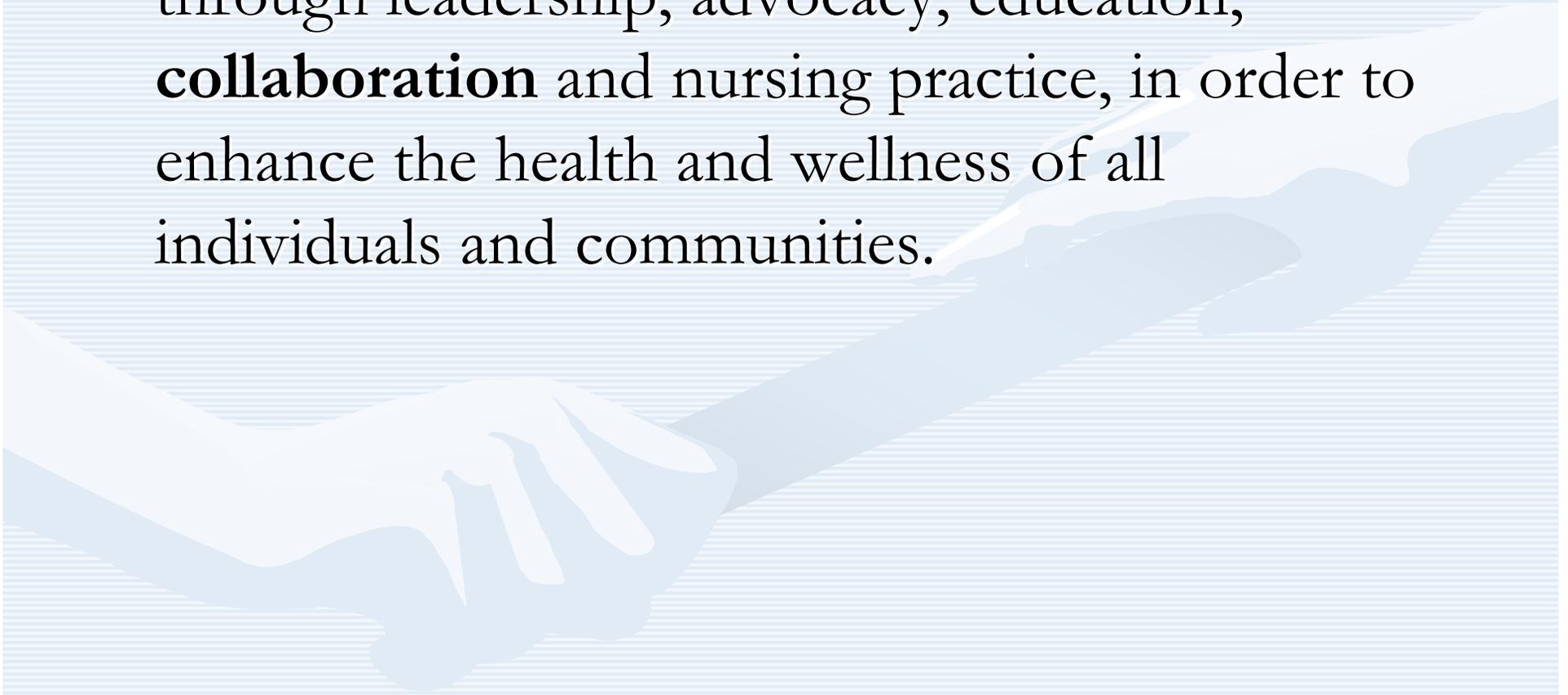
# VOPHN mission...

...is to foster professional development through **collaborations** and include the nursing perspective in Connecticut's public health systems through assessment, planning, policies, initiative, mobilization and evaluation.



# CAPHN's mission...

...is to provide expertise in areas of public health through leadership, advocacy, education, **collaboration** and nursing practice, in order to enhance the health and wellness of all individuals and communities.



# Partnerships

- Connecticut Partnership for Public Health Workforce Development:

One of six regional partnerships in the New England states funded by a HRSA Public Health Training Center grant to Boston University and the accredited schools of public health in New England.

- = the New England Alliance for Public Health Workforce Development

# CT Partnership

Promotes and facilitates **collaborative** education and training programs among academic institutions, state and local public health agencies and organizations... to improve the public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial and leadership skills and abilities of the current and future public health workforce.

# Partners

- CT Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- CT Assoc. of Directors of Health (CADH)
- CT Assoc. of Public Health Nurses (CAPHN)
- CT Dept. of Public Health
- CT Environmental Health Assoc. (CEHA)
- CT Public Health Assoc. (CPHA)
- Southern CT State University (SCSU-DPH)
- University of CT (UCONN-MPH)
- Yale Ctr. for Public Health Preparedness (CPHP)

# Nursing Schools & LHD

## ➤ Fairfield & Sacred Heart Universities

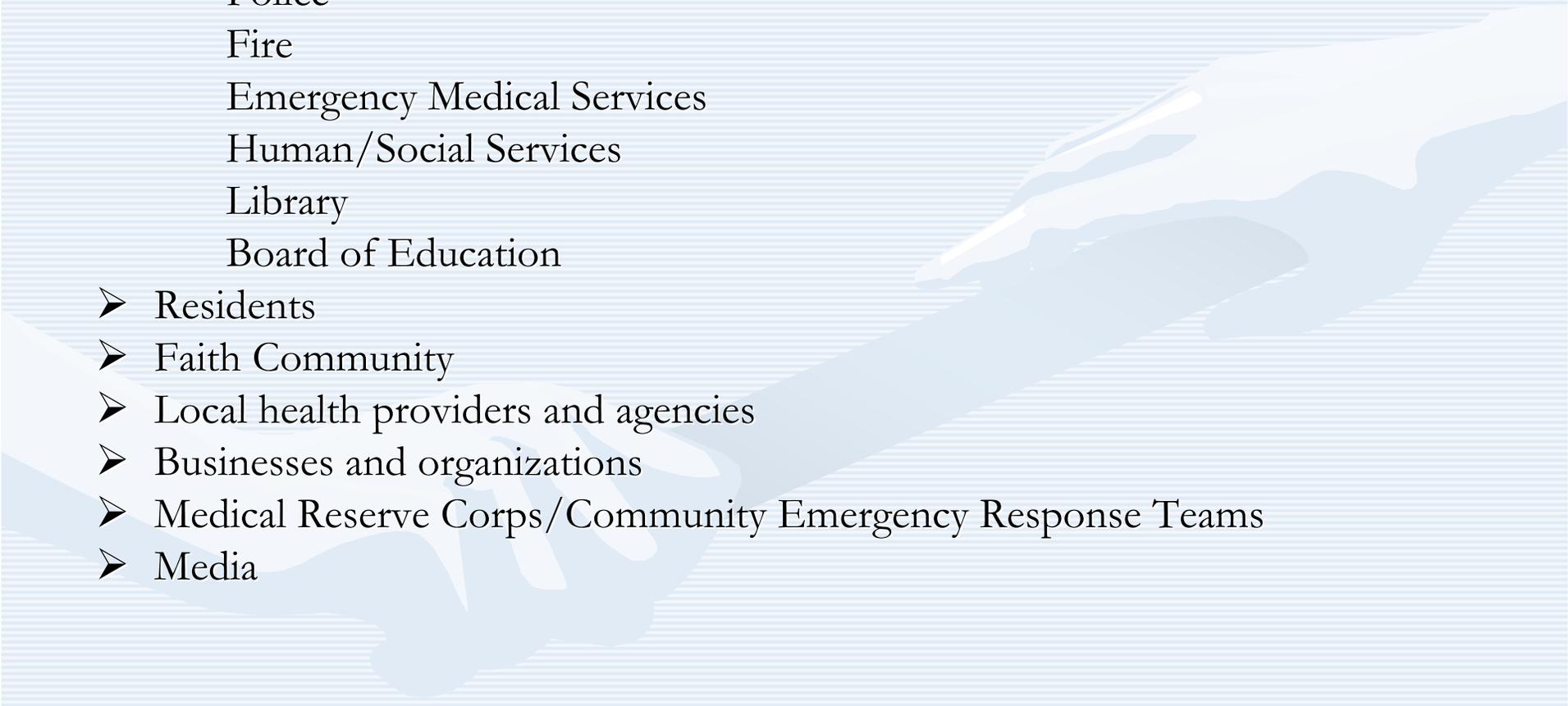
Undergraduate Nursing students experienced public health at the local level at the NVHD and the WWHD

## ➤ Poster board presentations are on display today

➤ Projects included: lead poison prevention, perinatal depression, travel medicine, homebound health check/safety assessment

## ➤ Collaborate with HD to meet a need of the HD

# Local Health Partners

- Town Departments
    - Elected and appointed officials
    - Police
    - Fire
    - Emergency Medical Services
    - Human/Social Services
    - Library
    - Board of Education
  - Residents
  - Faith Community
  - Local health providers and agencies
  - Businesses and organizations
  - Medical Reserve Corps/Community Emergency Response Teams
  - Media
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# Why collaborate?

- Greater expertise and diverse talents
- Perspectives vary which provides a broader and more complete assessment or understanding of an issue
- Greater strength for advocacy and policy development and/or change
- Create links to assure access to services
- Better use of resources
- Makes us better prepared to respond to emergencies or disasters

**THANK YOU!**

