The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry’s (ATSDR’s) Cooperative Agreement Program, also known as “APPLETREE,” is critical to ATSDR’s success in accomplishing its mission in communities nationwide. APPLETREE stands for ATSDR’s Partnership to Promote Local Efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposure. The Program funds 28 partner organizations. Twenty-eight states use Cooperative Agreement Program funding to build their ability to evaluate and respond to environmental public health issues.

The Cooperative Agreement Program’s primary goal is to give partners the resources to build their capacity to assess and respond to site-specific issues involving human exposure to hazardous substances in the environment.

The Program helps ATSDR’s partners

- identify exposure pathways at specific sites
- educate affected communities and local health professionals about site contamination and potential health effects
- review health outcome data to evaluate potential links between site contaminants and community health outcomes

APPLETREE program states

Current APPLETREE program states are shown in blue on the map. The current Cooperative Agreement is in effect until 2023.

For more information, visit www.atsdr.cdc.gov/states.