

Surili Patel

Surili drives strategic development to bridge the gap between public health programs and sound policies. As Deputy Director for the Center for Public Health Policy at the American Public Health Association, she leads the organization's most notable programs, including climate change, water safety and security, children's environmental health, tribal health, environmental health messaging, transportation and health, and healthy community design. She is a champion for diversity and applies principles of health equity and environmental justice to all programs.

Surili has led the charge to establish APHA's new Center on Climate, Health and Equity. Her work aims to inspire action on climate and health, advance policy and galvanize the field to address climate change.