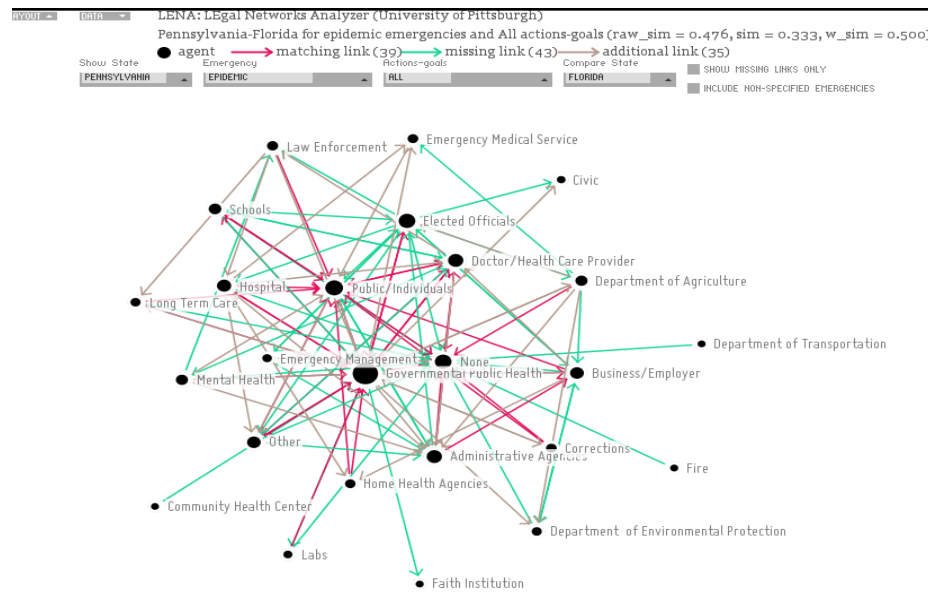# Real Tools for Emergency Preparedness: LENA and the Emergency Law Database

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These tools clarify relationships and responsibilities of public health agents, identify gaps in legal directives, assist in policy development, and aid in workforce education and training.

Legal Network Analyzer (LENA)

www.phdl.pitt.edu/lena/

- LENA is a visualization of legally directed interactions among agents in the public health system.
- This tool shows the legal network of public health agents in one jurisdiction, compares legal networks of two states or between a state and the federal government, and identifies commonalities and differences in the law.
- Users can build legal networks by state, type of emergency, and action/goal pairings.
- Clicking on the links between the public health agents directs the user to the Emergency Law Database— a searchable repository of laws directing agents before, during and after emergencies.

Emergency Law Database

www.phasys.pitt.edu/default.aspx

- The Emergency Law Database is a compilation of state and federal statutes and regulations pertaining to emergency preparedness, response, and recovery in a public health context.
- This tool contains the full text over 5,900 laws relating to emergencies with public health implications.
- Users can search laws by keyword, jurisdiction, and/or public health agent in 13 jurisdictions.

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