Instructions for Activity #1: Core Functions Puzzle

Learning Objectives:
- By the end of this activity, participants will understand that the 10 Essential Services & the Core Functions of Public Health are linked together
- By the end of this activity, participants will be able to demonstrate which essential services fall under each core function

Preparation & Instructions:
- You will need 3 sticky walls up on 3 separate walls
- Stick the 3 large Core Function signs up onto each of the sticky walls (Left, center & right). Place the core function in the center low enough to stick one of the essential services above it.
- Be sure that the 3 sets of the 10 essential services are not in order within each set
- Divide the group up into 3 groups
- Make sure that all trainees shut their binders and do not look at any of the handouts during the activity
- Give each group a set of the 10 essential services.
- Tell the groups to look at each essential service and stick each one on the wall under the core function they think it would fall under. Tell them that ONE of the essential services goes above the core functions, as it is “overarching” all of the core functions.
- Give them 10 minutes to finish placing all of the essential services on the boards.
- The members of the group with the least mistakes each get a Starbucks gift card.

Time Allotment:
- You will need approximately 20 minutes to set up the sticky walls before the training
- This activity takes 10-15 minutes to execute, and 5 minutes to debrief with participants

Debrief:
- Once the activity is done, have everyone go back to his or her seats.
- Show them the correct layout for all of the essential services and discuss the reasons for why people may have put some of the services under the wrong core function.
- Let them know that the main purpose of the activity was just to get them thinking about how the ten essential services are linked to the core functions.