



The Region 4 Health Equity Council Presents its Inaugural Health Equity Summit

*While I Have Your Attention:
Unmasking and Addressing Health Inequities*



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Council Overview

In the Spring of 2021, the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary (OASH), Office of Regional Health Operations (ORHO), Region 4 Health Office initiated the Region 4 Health Equity Council (HEC). The initial focus of the council was to support the equitable distribution of the coronavirus vaccine. The purpose of the council was to continue to gain situational awareness of vaccine efforts across the region, determine current jurisdictional needs, and identify/connect HHS resources to fill those needs. Given the priority HHS and the Administration has placed on health equity, the scope of the council has broadened to address health inequities that go beyond COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Our members come from a wide array of HHS Operating Divisions (OpDivs) and other federal partners: (IEA, OASH, ASPR, ACF, ACL, CDC, CMS, HRSA, FDA, IHS, OCR, SAMSHA, USDA); EPA, FTA, HUD, and FEMA. This diversity of federal agency expertise significantly enhances our support of the states in Region 4. The Region 4 HEC emphasizes the following principles: collaboration, solution focused, and outcome driven.

Collaboration: Many federal agencies were given a charge to address health equity. The council harmonized federal regional efforts with an aim to strategically support multi-agency efforts and engage non-federal stakeholders. Members of the council shared their initiatives/priorities and partners with other agencies to amplify efforts.

Solution Focused: This process was driven by the jurisdiction's identified challenges that enabled the council to rapidly provide resources and support to address them. Jurisdictions were asked on a recurring basis (e.g. weekly) to identify 1-2 areas where they could use federal support in reaching vulnerable populations. The council reviewed those requests, assessed how the federal agencies could meet them with existing programs/policies, and determined how to address each challenge. The council's actions were bolstered by the ability to bring in new resources that were made available to support vaccine administration.

Outcome driven: This process was driven by the data demonstrating disparities not only in vaccine administration but also in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths resulting from coronavirus infection. The council reviewed the collection of data demonstrating the disparities, developed equity goals, and monitored progress in achieving them. Moreover, these data analyses drove further action to assist in achieving health equity outcomes.

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September 13-14, 2022

Goal: To provide a forum for discussing and sharing innovative solutions and best practices for progressing health equity within the region.

Objectives/Outcomes:

- Promote collaboration and strengthen cross-sectoral partnerships to promote and enhance health equity
- Highlight innovative approaches, policies, and strategies for advancing health equity at multiple levels
- Highlight innovative state and local programs addressing health equity (with emphasis on federally funded)
- Share and discuss opportunities to build upon lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Develop and disseminate a document summarizing approaches, policies, and strategies shared; as well as contact information to further promote collaboration, adaptation, and implementation of best/promising practices

Agenda

September 13, 2022	
9:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Speakers: John Gilford, PhD HHS Regional Health Administrator-Region 4</p> <p>Antrell Tyson, Esq HHS Regional Director-Region 4</p> <p>ADM Rachel L. Levine HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Video Welcome Message</p>
9:15 a.m.	<p>Introduction of Plenary Speaker</p> <p>John Gilford, PhD HHS Regional Health Administrator-Region 4</p> <p>Plenary Speaker:</p> <p>Shamarial Roberson, DrPH, MPH President of Health and Human Services for Indelible Business Solutions</p>
10:00 a.m.	<p>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</p> <p>Speakers: Sherard McKie, JD, MSW Regional Administrator-Region 4</p> <p>Darci L. Graves, MPP, MA, MA Special Assistant to the Director CMS Office of Minority Health</p> <p><i>Objective: Funding and implemented program/activity around health equity</i></p>
10:45 a.m.	<p>Break</p>
11:00 a.m.	<p>Indian Health Services</p> <p>Speaker: Olivia Beckman, MD, MPH, MHA Bemidji Area of IHS Chief Medical Officer</p> <p><i>Objective: Tribal activity tied to initiatives implemented or planned to enhance health equity</i></p>

Noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<p>Office of Regional Health Operations</p> <p>Speaker: David M. Johnson, MPH Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Office of Regional Health Operations</p> <p><i>Objective: Funding opportunities for CBOs/FBOs that will aide them in implementing or planning initiatives that will enhance health equity/how to apply</i></p>
1:30 p.m.	<p>Concurrent Session I: Ensuring Equitable Access to Essential Health Care and Support Services Without Stigma</p> <p>Behavioral Health Speakers: Malinda Hochuli, LCSW Sr. Manager of Clinical Quality & Care Model Eleanor Health</p> <p>Deann Butler, DHA, MA, MHA, MBA Head of Learning and Organizational Development, Member of Black Eleanor, ERG Eleanor Health</p> <p>Lindsay Larris, MSW, LCSW, LCADC Clinic Operations Manager, President of Diversity Committee, Member of PRIDE Committee, ERG Eleanor Health (NJ Market)</p> <p>Brittany Ray, MPH Health Advocate, President of Black Lives Matter Committee, Member of PRIDE Committee, ERG Eleanor Health (Louisiana Market)</p> <p><i>Title: Health Equity in Action: Eleanor Health’s Approach to Racism, Equity, and Diversity in Healthcare</i></p> <p>Harm Reduction Speaker: Marc Burrows, MSW, LMSW, CPRS, ADC-P Program Director Challenges Inc.</p> <p><i>Title: Creativity for Harm Reduction in the South</i></p>
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:40 p.m.	Concurrent Session II: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic

	<p>Vaccine Confidence/Immunization/COVID-19 Speakers: Chauvon Simmons-Wright, M.Ed. Director, Special Projects Alliance for a Healthier Generation</p> <p>Leah Ferguson, DrPH Associate Director of Evaluation Alliance for a Healthier Generation</p> <p>Victor D. Sutton, PhD, MPPA Director, Preventive Health & Health Equity Principle Investigator, Community Engagement Center, Jackson Heart Study COVID-19, Health Disparity State Team Lead Mississippi State Department for Health</p> <p>Nikki Johnson, DrPH, MPH Director, Special Projects Mississippi Department for Health</p> <p><i>Title: Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity “Strengthening Communities”</i></p> <p>Emergency Preparedness and Response Speaker: April Sells Tribal Emergency Services Director Poarch Band of Creek Indians</p> <p><i>Title: Tribal Plan & Best Practices Implemented in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic</i></p>
3:40 p.m.	<p>Closing Thoughts/Adjournment</p> <p>Speaker: CAPT Jennifer Bornemann, LCSW-C, BCD</p>

September 14, 2022

<p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Welcome and Review from Day 1</p> <p>Speaker: Jacqueline Mull (Acting) Region 4 Regional Administrator Administration for Children and Families</p>
<p>9:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Department of Housing and Urban Development</p> <p>Speaker: Jonnette Hawkins Simmons, MS Senior Technical Assistance Specialist Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes</p> <p><i>Objective: To provide an overview of the Notices of Funding Opportunity available through HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes to remediate lead paint and healthy homes hazards in eligible housing, and support research to improve housing-related health and safety hazards.</i></p>
<p>10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Health Resources and Services Administration</p> <p>Moderator: Natalie Brevard Perry, MN, MPH, FNP Regional Administrator Atlanta Regional Office, HRSA</p> <p>Speakers: Adam Barefoot, DMD, MPH (Oral Health) Chief Dental Officer Office of Special Health Initiatives, HRSA</p> <p>Patsy Cunningham, MA, NCC, LCPC (Behavioral Health) Behavioral Health Advisor Office of Special Health Initiatives, HRSA</p> <p>CDR Johannie G. Escarne, MPH (Maternal Health) Senior Advisor Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA</p> <p>Angela Sheffie, MPA (Health Workforce) Regional Supervisor, Atlanta Division of Regional Operations Bureau of Health Workforce, HRSA</p>

	<p><i>Objective: The panel will highlight HRSA investments and resources designed to develop the healthcare workforce and achieve health equity in oral, behavioral, and maternal health.</i></p>
<p>10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Concurrent Session III: Impact of Health Equity on Environmental Justice Issues</p> <p>Environmental Health/Environmental Justice, Climate Change Speakers: Jordan Jones, MBA Administrative Assistant CDC Foundation, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)</p> <p>Keaura K. Looney, MAEd, CHES® Health Equity Program Manager CDC Foundation, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)</p> <p>Alyssa Jai Patterson, MSGH Health Equity Program Manager CDC Foundation, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)</p> <p>Jeenal Bhupesh Patel, MSPH Environmental Health Specialist CDC Foundation, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)</p> <p>Arturo Menefee, PhD Director of Leadership Development The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development</p> <p>Sherry Bradley, MPA Director, Bureau of Environmental Services Alabama Department of Public Health</p> <p><i>Title: Unincorporated Communities: Building Wastewater Infrastructure as though People Matter</i></p> <p>Environmental Health/Environmental Justice in Communities Speakers: Jeannie Williamson College/Underserved Community Partnership Program U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4</p> <p>Ikenna Okoro Columbia University Graduate '22 Morehouse College Project IMHOTEP</p>

	<p>Sophia Lamb Masters of Public Health Student Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University and Georgia Climate Project</p> <p><i>Title: EPA R4's College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) Partners with Universities to Assist Underserved Communities within the Region</i></p>
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1:00 p.m.	<p>Introduction of Plenary Speaker</p> <p>John Gilford, PhD HHS Regional Health Administrator-Region 4</p> <p>Plenary Speaker:</p> <p>Tabia Henry Akintobi, PhD, MPH Professor of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Dean of Community Engagement, and Principal Investigator and Director of the Prevention Research Center Morehouse School of Medicine</p>
2:00 p.m.	<p>Concurrent Session IV: Eliminating Barriers to Services and Care</p> <p>Workforce/Community Health Workers Speakers: Honey Yang Estrada, MPH, CHW President North Carolina Community Health Worker Association</p> <p>Norma Duran Brown, J.D. Executive Director Unmet Needs in Equity vs Transformational Empowerment (UNETE)</p> <p><i>Title: Community Health Workers</i></p> <p>Inequitable Access Speakers: Natalie Hernandez, PhD, MPH Executive Director Morehouse Center for Maternity Health & Equity</p> <p>Kenneth Braswell, Sr. Executive Director Fathers Incorporated</p>

	<p><i>Title: The Impact of Failing to Provide Access to Culturally Sensitive Maternity Service to African American Women</i></p>
3:00 p.m.	<p>Concurrent Session V: Using Policy and Evidence to “Bridge the Gap”</p> <p>Health Policy & Advocacy Speaker: Shirley E. “Bella” Borghi Executive Director & Vice Chairman Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia, Inc.</p> <p><i>Title: Identifying and Addressing Health Inequities in the Hispanic/Latino Communities</i></p> <p>Research/Evaluation Speakers: Bruce Wright Community Health Worker Supervisor South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control</p> <p>Jennifer Almeda, PhD Public Health Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer Director South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control</p> <p><i>Title: Investigating and Evaluating Practices for Improvement at the Regional and State Levels: Two Cases from SC DHEC’s Community Health Workers and Public Health DEI Office</i></p>
4:00 p.m.	<p>Closing Thoughts/Adjournment</p> <p>Speaker: John Gilford, PhD, HHS Regional Health Administrator-Region 4</p>

Plenary Speakers



Dr. Shamarial Roberson is an expert in health equity and public health administration with proven experience in public health policy, community health promotion, emergency preparedness, research, performance management, budget and grant management, and program development, implementation, and evaluation.

She has extensive knowledge of epidemiology, chronic disease, infectious disease, state and federal rules and regulations, and establishing efficient and effective business processes to ensure compliance, as well as exhaustive experience implementing strategies to foster cross-sector collaborations to address the root causes of health disparities, leverage funding, and drive policy.

As the Deputy Secretary for Health for the Florida Department of Health, she played a pivotal role in establishing organizational procedures to advance knowledge and implementation of health equity concepts. During her tenure, she provided training to Department leadership and staff at the state and local levels, instituted staff Health Equity performance expectations, oversaw development of educational resources, and increased availability of data through creation of the county-level Health Equity Profile. In addition, she was responsible for the overall planning and direction of the Divisions of Community Health Promotion, Emergency Preparedness and Community Support, Disease Control and Health Protection, and Public Health Statistics and Performance Management, as well as the Offices of Medical Marijuana Use and Minority Health and Health Equity. She served in this role during the declared state of emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic in Florida, providing oversight of Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 – Public Health and Medical Services.

Dr. Roberson has led large-scale projects in state-wide and national health initiatives where she spearheaded efforts to increase state funding to advance health equity, oversaw implementation of new state legislation aimed at enhancing the Department's infrastructure, enhanced departmental collaboration, and oversaw the application and implementation of more than \$6 billion federal grants.

She has established herself as a preeminent leader in public health. She served as chair of the Florida Department of Health's Agency Performance Management Council, Health Equity Program Council, and the Health Equity Priority Area Workgroup for Florida's State Health Improvement Plan. She currently serves on the editorial board for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Preventing Chronic Disease Journal and, on the EPI, & Quality of Care and Outcomes Research Social Determinants of Health Committee for the American Heart Association.



Tabia Henry Akintobi, PhD, MPH is Professor and Chair of Community Health at Morehouse School of Medicine is a graduate of the University of South Florida College of Public Health where she earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health in the Department of Community and Family Health. Since joining Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) in 2002, she has actively led and contributed to advancing

community health and engagement, and related research and evaluation approaches.

She is a globally sought health equity champion and social behavioral scientist, leading, or collaborating in the implementation of translational research and participatory evaluations that address health disparities and advance community or population health transformation. Dr. Henry Akintobi serves as Principal Investigator (PI) and of the Morehouse School of Medicine Prevention Research Center (PRC), the first institutionally designated center advancing community-based participatory research, competitively funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) since 1998. Dr. Henry Akintobi leads the Georgia Community Engaged Alliance (CEAL) Against COVID-19 Disparities funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She also represents Morehouse School of Medicine as its PI, lead or Senior Advisory for other NIH grants including Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research, the Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance Community Engagement Program, and Georgia RADx-Underserved Populations-Promoting Engagement and COVID-19 Testing for Health, among others. She also serves as senior community engagement advisor of the National COVID-19 Resiliency Network, the only network of its kind funded by the Office of Minority Health. She is an extensively published contributor to the peer reviewed literature and co-author of the Johns Hopkins University Press text entitled *The Morehouse Model: How School of Medicine, Revolutionized Community Engagement and Health Equity* and the CDC-NIH co-sponsored *Principles of Community Engagement Primer* (2nd Edition) among other books and publications.

As Associate Dean for Community Engagement, Dr. Henry Akintobi advances MSM efforts to promote and strengthen effective partnerships between faculty, staff, and students and community residents and leaders, government agencies, faith-based organizations, or health and social service agencies. She has led collaborations with education, clinical, research, practice, and policy leaders to demonstrate preeminence in community health and related engagement strategies through successful acquisition of local and national awards including but not limited to the Carnegie Designation for the Advancement of Teaching in Community Engagement, and the Josiah Macy Inaugural Award for Excellence in Social Mission.

Her public health research and practice leadership advances the art and science of community engagement. Specifically, her work has focused on community engaged translational research science, the practice of community based participatory research (CBPR), and approaches to build and sustain effective partnerships among academic institutions, community residents, health departments and policy leaders to understand, develop and shape research, policy and practice strategies to address health disparities and their root causes thereby advancing health equity led. Her work is guided by training in public health social epidemiology, social marketing, community-based participatory research, and evaluation.

Nominated by national peers, Dr. Henry Akintobi previously held posts as Chair of the National Centers for Disease Control PRC Steering and Evaluation Committees, and the NIH National Center for Advancing Clinical and Translational Science's Collaboration and Engagement Lead Team. She currently represents the Morehouse School of Medicine as a voting member of the NIH Office of AIDS Research Advisory Committee and is an Associate Editor of the Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action Journal.

Recent awards demonstrating Dr. Henry Akintobi's service and dedication to advancing community-centered public health training, research and practice include the Inaugural University of South Florida College of Public Health Outstanding Public Health Alumni Award in 2015, the Robert D. Russell Visiting Scholar Award from the Southern Illinois University Department of Public Health in 2019, and the American Public Health Association Community-based Public Health Caucus Thomas Bruce Award in 2018.

Advancing Equity for Fathers in Human Services Programs

ASPE Provided Resources

[Advancing Equity for Fathers in Human Services Systems](#): This practice guide from HHS's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) is the final product for a set of [resources on key strategies for engaging fathers in human services programming](#). The practice guide builds on literature from the field and interviews with human services providers to outline strategies for a broad range of human services programs aiming to advance equity for fathers. Key takeaways include:

- Acknowledge and confront the presence of systemic racism and other structural barriers to equity.
 - Develop a “father-strong” approach that recognizes and respects ways that fathers' experiences can influence the type of father they want to be for their children.
 - Collect and use data to improve policies and practices.
 - Employ culturally responsive and equitable evaluation practices.
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Building Federal Funding into Your Programs for Health Equity and Beyond

Presenter: David M. Johnson, MPH

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Federal Funding Provided Resources

- Grants.gov <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants>
 - Sam.gov <https://sam.gov/>
 - OASH Program websites
 - Office of Minority Health <https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/>
 - Office of Population Affairs <https://www.hhs.gov/opa>
 - Office on Women's Health <https://www.womenshealth.gov/>
 - Office of Research Integrity <https://ori.hhs.gov/>
 - HHS Grants information <https://www.hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html>
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Challenges and Bold Actions to Improve Indian Health Equity

Presenter: Olivia Beckman, MD, MPH, MHA

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Dr. Beverly Cotton, Director, IHS Nashville Area (beverly.cotton@ihs.gov)

IHS Provided Resources

Trends 2014

IHS. (2014). Trends in Indian Health: 2014 Edition Retrieved from <https://www.ihs.gov/dps/index.cfm/publications/trends2014/>

Life expectancy

- Dwyer-Lindgren L, Bertozzi-Villa A, Stubbs RW, et al. Inequalities in Life Expectancy Among US Counties, 1980 to 2014 Temporal Trends and Key Drivers. *JAMA Intern Med.* 2017;177(7):1003–1011. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2017.0918
- [Vital Statistics Rapid Release, Number 023 \(August 2022\) \(cdc.gov\)](#)
 - Greatest decline in Life Expectancy by race

Rural Hospital Closure

Rural Hospital Closures: Affected Residents Had Reduced Access to Health Care Services

GAO-21-93 Published: Dec 22, 2020. Publicly Released: Jan 21, 2021.

[Rural Hospital Closures: Affected Residents Had Reduced Access to Health Care Services | U.S. GAO](#)

Spending levels by federal agency

Indian Health Service: Spending Levels and Characteristics of IHS and Three Other Federal Health Care Programs

GAO-19-74R Published: Dec 10, 2018. Publicly Released: Dec 10, 2018.

[Indian Health Service: Spending Levels and Characteristics of IHS and Three Other Federal Health Care Programs | U.S. GAO](#)

Oral Health

Phipps KR, Ricks TL, Mork NP, and Lozon TL. The oral health of American Indian and Alaska Native children aged 1-5 years: results of the 2018-19 IHS oral health survey. Indian Health Service data brief. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service. 2019.

Phipps KR and Ricks TL. The oral health of American Indian and Alaska Native children aged 6-9 years: results of the 2016-2017 IHS oral health survey. Indian Health Service data brief. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service. 2017.

Phipps KR, Ricks TL, Mork NP, and Lozon TL. The oral health of 13–15-year-old American Indian and Alaska Native dental clinic patients – a follow-up report to the 2013 survey. Indian Health Service data brief. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service. 2020.

Funding Opportunities

Division of Grants Management (<https://www.ihs.gov/dgm/funding/>)

Community Health Workers

Presenters: Honey Yang Estrada, MPH, CHW and Norma Duran Brown, J.D.

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Norma Duran Brown, J.D., Executive Director, UNETE, Inc. (contactus@unetenc.org)
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Provided Resources

North Carolina Community Health Worker Association

- <https://ncchwa.org/en/>

UNETE, Inc.

- <https://unetenc.org/>
 - [UNETENCYoutube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)
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Creativity for Harm Reduction in the South

Presenter: Marc Burrows, MSW, LMSW, CPRS, ADC-P

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Challenges Inc. (marcburrows@yahoo.com) (864) 280-0406

Provided Resource

South Carolina Harm Reduction Syringe Services Program

- <https://challengesinc.org/>
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Department of Housing and Urban Development

Presenter: Jonnette Hawkins Simmons, MS

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HUD Provided Resources

HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Lead Hazard Control Grantees

- https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/HH/documents/OLHCHH_active_grantees_2022-05-23.pdf

This event will be hosted by the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) Programs Division Director in order to provide attendees an additional opportunity to ask questions concerning the funding opportunity.

2022 Healthy Homes Production Grant Program NOFO Overview Webinar on Sep 26, 2022, 2:00 PM

Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5606276075349498894>

On this webinar, attendees will learn about the new Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program funding opportunity from the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Speakers will review key aspects of the program and answer questions related to the presentation.

Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program Webinar on Sep 28, 2022, at 2:00 PM EDT

Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3543168949665479435>

EPA R4's College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) Partners with Universities to Assist Underserved Communities within the Region

Presenters: Jeannie Williamson, Sophia Lamb, and Ikenna Okoro

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EPA Provided Resources

College/Underserved Community Partnership Program

- <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/collegeunderserved-community-partnership-program>

Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Resources

- https://www.flowcode.com/page/lead-safety?utm_term=FpAl4P8x9#fid=FpAl4P8x9&c=3e1deded-009f-4b87-abb4-e4d7b137c6e8-SSE:1662521081
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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

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HRSA Provided Resources

General

[HRSA Overview \(2021\)](#)

- HRSA programs support equitable health care for those in need, serving people with low incomes, people with HIV, pregnant people, children, parents, rural communities, transplant patients, other underserved communities, and the health workforce, systems, and facilities that care for them.

[Find HRSA Grants](#)

- Search for HRSA Grant Funding Opportunities. HRSA fulfills its mission through grants and cooperative agreements. [Dashboard of FY 2021 HRSA Awarded Grants](#).

[Find a Health Center](#)

- Find a Health Center helps you search for HRSA-funded health centers. If you have geolocation turned on, you will automatically see Health Centers near you. Or, you can search near a specific place by typing a city, ZIP code, or a specific street address into the Location box; then click the magnifying glass or press enter/return on your keyboard.

[Health Equity Report \(2019-2020\): Special Feature on Housing and Health Inequalities](#)

- The report is a comprehensive analysis of HRSA program efforts in reducing health disparities and promoting health equity for various populations at the national, state, and local levels and is the biennial product of a dynamic and ongoing HRSA project.

[Primary Care Associations](#)

- Primary Care Associations (PCAs) are state or regional nonprofit organizations that provide training and technical assistance (T/TA) to safety-net providers. This T/TA is based on statewide and regional needs to help health centers improve programmatic, clinical, and financial performance and operations. PCAs can help health centers and look-alikes plan for the growth of health centers in their state, as well as develop strategies to recruit and retain staff.

Maternal Health

[Maternal Health Hotline](#)

- The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline provides 24/7, free, confidential support before, during, and after pregnancy. Call or text 1-833-9-HELP4MOMS (1-833-943-5746). TTY users can use a preferred relay service or dial 711 and then 1-833-943-5746.

[Maternal Health Learning and Innovation Center](#)

- The mission of the Maternal Health Learning and Innovation Center (MHLIC) is to foster collaboration and learning among diverse stakeholders to accelerate evidence-informed interventions advancing equitable maternal health outcomes through engagement, innovation, and policy. The Center's central goal is to provide a continuum of learning opportunities that enhance the capacity of all maternal health practitioners across the country.

[Healthy Start Epic Center](#)

- The Healthy Start EPIC Center provides training, consultation, and technical resources to community-based agencies working to give every child a healthy start. Healthy Start grantees can request technical assistance and receive help achieving their program goals.

[National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center](#)

- A national center serving the maternal and child health community with high-quality oral health technical assistance and resources.

Health Workforce

[National Health Service Corps](#)

- The National Health Service Corps (NHSC): helps health care workers find jobs in high-need communities, offers programs that repay part school loan debt, and offer scholarships to help pay for health professional's education. Approved sites and treatment facilities help NHSC distribute participants to where they're needed most.
- List of BHW Scholarships & Loan Repayment Program Resources.



BHW Scholarships
Loan Repayment and

- See 2021 NHSC Region 4 Highlights.



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[Workforce Projections Tool](#)

- Use this tool to: View projection of the supply of and demand for health care workers at the state and national level, analyze supply and demand trends by discipline, and analyze projected ‘What if?’ scenarios in the event of changes in the health care landscape.

HIV/AIDS

[Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program](#)

- The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) helps low-income people with HIV receive: medical care, medications, and essential support services to help them stay in care. More than 50% of people with diagnosed HIV – about a half million people – receive services through the RWHAP each year. RWHAP provides grants to cities, states, counties, and community-based groups.

[Find a Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Medical Provider](#)

- The Find a Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Medical Provider locator tool allows users to search for Ryan White HIV/AIDS medical providers. Users may search for providers by allowing the tool to detect their location automatically or by entering search criteria such as an address or place name.
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Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships to Advance Health Equity

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Provided Resource

COVID-19 PSA (Florida)

- <https://www.floridahealth.gov/videos/covid-19-vaccine-psa.html>
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Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity “Strengthening Communities”

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Provided Resources

Alliance for a Healthier Generation

- [Catch Up on Routine Vaccination](#): This chart helps parents and caregivers track which routine vaccinations the CDC recommends for school-age children.
- [Vaccine Attendance Retention Plan](#): This is a guide that will help districts and schools establish a Vaccine Attendance Retention Plan using a continuum of support model to prevent absenteeism due to missed vaccinations.
- [Fact Sheet COVID-19 for Children under age 5](#): COVID-19 fact sheet for children to provide parent/families with information about the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.
- [Vaccine FAQ for Families](#): Frequently Asked Questions about Vaccines to keep families informed about required and recommended vaccines for children & teens.
- [Healthier Generation Vaccine Resource Hub](#): Vaccination Resources for schools & families to help protect students from preventable diseases.

Mississippi State Department of Health Media Campaign Links

- Watch “COVID-19 PSA | The Jackson Heart Study” on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/412532260>
 - Watch “Bobby Rush on COVID-19” on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/409637305>
 - Watch “I Got It”:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/q2oi8o9mvlr2voe/igotitgeneralfinal4.mp4?dl=0>
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Unincorporated Communities: Building Wastewater Infrastructure as though People Matter

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Provided Resources

Federal Agencies:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture- Rural Development (loans and grants for a range of programs)

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (grants to support a range of small community projects)
- U.S. Department of Transportation through your State Department of Transportation (grants for roads and bridges)
- U.S. Small Business Administration (small business start-ups and expansions)

State Agencies:

- State Department of Economic and Community Affairs
- State Public Health Department

Equitable Neighborhoods Initiative:

- <https://enialabama.org/>
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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

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CMS Provided Resources

- [Disparities Impact Statement https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/OMH/Downloads/Disparities-Impact-Statement-508-rev102018.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/OMH/Downloads/Disparities-Impact-Statement-508-rev102018.pdf)

CMS National Training Program

- <https://cmsnationaltrainingprogram.cms.gov/>

Communication Access

- [Improving Communication Access for Individuals who are Blind or have Low Vision](#)
- [Improving Communication Access for Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#)

Language Access

- [Guide to Developing a Language Access Plan](#)

Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool:

- <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/OMH/OMH-Mapping-Medicare-Disparities>
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Evaluation Links

Please click the link below to complete the evaluation for Day 1.

<https://forms.office.com/g/5CCe3PhgEB>

Please click the link below to complete the evaluation for Day 2.

<https://forms.office.com/g/pzbMVremx7>

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