

CHOICES Community of Practice

Health Equity Resource Roundup

These resources were shared during and after a CHOICES Community of Practice coffee chat event on May 20, 2021 (“Building Health Equity into Healthy Eating & Active Living Health Promotion Efforts: Successes, Challenges, and Opportunities”). Resources are categorized alphabetically by organization name.

[Guidance for Integrating Health Equity Language Into Funding Announcements](#)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

This guide for integrating health equity language into funding announcements was developed to serve as a resource for state and territorial health agencies that are considering incorporating health equity requirements into their funding announcements. While this guide contains information tailored to public health and healthcare organizations, it is useful for any organization or agency that seeks to advance health equity through grant programs.

[Health Equity State Snapshots](#)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

A clickable map that contains summaries of data collected through ASTHO’s 2014 Health Equity/Minority Health Survey. It includes information on health equity infrastructure, funding allocation and expenditures, and strategic plans and partnerships.

[Health in All Policies: Strategies to Promote Innovative Leadership](#)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a collaborative approach for integrating and articulating health considerations into policymaking and programming across sectors and levels of government with the goal of improving the health of all communities and people. This document provides a foundation and a framework for how these sectors and levels of government can implement HiAP, and includes examples of successful outcomes from using a HiAP approach.

[A Public Health Framework for Reducing Health Inequities](#)

Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII)

BARHII developed a conceptual framework that illustrates the connection between social inequalities and health, and focuses attention on measures which have not characteristically been within the scope of public health department epidemiology. This framework has been used widely as a guide to health departments undertaking work to address health inequities. It has been formally adopted by the California Department of Public Health as part of their decision-making framework.

[Let’s Get Healthy California: Goals, Groupings, and Indicators](#)

California Department of Public Health

Let’s Get Healthy California provides an ongoing statewide collaborative and systematic approach for assessing and monitoring the health status of California, identifying and prioritizing opportunities for health improvement, and promoting collective action towards comprehensive solutions that address the root causes of California’s toughest health challenges. Review the goals, groupings, and indicators used in to help track and monitor progress to state goals for improving health outcomes in California.

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[Funding Opportunity: Closing the Gap with Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plans](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of funds to develop multisector action plans that address the social determinants of health (SDOH) by accelerating action in state, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions that lead to improved chronic health conditions among Americans experiencing health disparities and inequality.

[Health Equity Resource Toolkit for State Practitioners Addressing Obesity Disparities](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The purpose of the toolkit is to increase the capacity of state health departments and their partners to work with and through communities to implement effective responses to obesity in populations that are facing health disparities. The Toolkit's primary focus is on how to create policy, systems, and environmental changes that will reduce obesity disparities and achieve health equity.

[A Practitioners Guide for Advancing Health Equity](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The guide provides lessons learned from evidence- and practice-based strategies. The innovative ideas highlight how to maximize the effects of policy, systems, and environmental improvement strategies—all with the goal of reducing health disparities and advancing health equity.

[Racial Equity Data Road Map](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The Racial Equity Data Road Map is a tool toward eliminating structural racism. It's a collection of guiding questions, tools, and resources to assist programs in taking concrete steps to better identify, understand, and act to address racial inequities.

[The PLACES Project](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) & The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The PLACES Project Extends on the 500 Cities Project. This project reports county-, place-, census tract-, and ZCTA-level data and uses small area estimation methods to obtain 27 chronic disease measures for the entire United States. The data are published through a public, interactive "PLACES" website that allows users to view, explore, and download data by county, place, census tract, and ZCTA. This system complements existing surveillance data by providing estimates necessary to understand the health issues affecting the residents of local areas of all sizes and regardless of urban or rural status; develop and implement effective and targeted prevention activities; identify health problems; and establish key health objectives.

[Building Healthy, Equitable Communities Through Equitable Laws & Policies](#)

Change Lab Solutions

A series of collaborative trainings for government and community leaders on the topic of health equity. The trainings examine how law and policy coupled with community power can catalyze new opportunities for everyone to achieve their full health potential. Each training includes a blog post, a webinar, and an interactive expert panel and they examine a range of topics from food systems to the built environment to preemption.

[A Blueprint for Changemakers: Achieving Health equity through Law & Policy](#)

Change Lab Solutions

This resource presents legal strategies and best practices to help policymakers, practitioners, and communities improve health outcomes. It outlines ways to leverage the unique power and efficacy of local policy solutions, incorporate health in all policies, and engage diverse community members in the policy process. At its core, the Blueprint focuses on comprehensive strategies to address the fundamental drivers of health inequities.

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[The Childhood Opportunity Index](#)

Diversitydatakids.org

Neighborhoods matter. Children who live in neighborhoods with quality early childhood education and schools, safe housing, access to healthy food, parks and playgrounds and clean air are more likely to grow into healthy, productive adults than children who don't. The Child Opportunity Index (COI) measures and maps the quality of resources and conditions that matter for children to develop in a healthy way in the neighborhoods where they live.

[Government Alliance on Race and Equity \(GARE\): Tools & Resources](#)

Government Alliance on Race and Equity

The Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) is a national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. Browse their tools for racial equity, including a Racial Equity Tool from the Alliance that captures an overall approach to integrating racial equity into routine decision making, as well as examples from our cohort of jurisdictions at the forefront of racial equity.

[Program Information Report Data](#)

Head Start | Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center

The Office of Head Start (OHS) Program Information Report (PIR) provides comprehensive data on the services, staff, children, and families served by Head Start and Early Head Start programs nationwide. The PIR is an important source of descriptive and service data for the Head Start community, their partners, Congress, and for the general public. PIR data is compiled for use at the federal, regional, state, and local levels and it includes information on child BMI.

[Human Impact Partners: Health Equity Tools](#)

Human Impact Partners

Human Impact Partners transforms the field of public health to center equity and builds collective power with social justice movements. They have numerous resources, including health equity communications resources, messaging guides, analysis tools, and Health Impact Assessment-related resources.

[Change Management and Adaptive Leadership](#)

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Adaptive Leadership is a practical framework that helps individuals and organizations adapt and succeed in challenging environments. It increases the ability, both individually and collectively, to take on the gradual but meaningful process of change. The concepts and principles of Adaptive Leadership have broad applications in the fields of public health and healthcare. The framework can be beneficial in managing organizational change, implementing community health improvement planning, developing leadership and workforce, strengthening community partnerships, and navigating changing political, social and economic climates.

[Community Health Improvement Matrix \(CHIM\)](#)

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

The Community Health Improvement Matrix (CHIM) was developed to gain a better understanding of the current state of Local Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plans and Non-profit Hospital's Implementation Plans in relation to Social Determinants of Health. The CHIM can facilitate collaboration between local health departments and non-profit hospitals on planning improvement/implementation activities, designating appropriate leads and addressing the social determinants of health.

[Health Equity and Social Justice 101 Online Training Series \(Pt 1: The Politics of Health Inequity, Pt 2: Intersectionality, Pt3: Stories from the Field\)](#)

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The online training aims to build knowledge and inform the practices of Local Health Departments and their partners on health equity and social justice key concepts, principles, and applications.

[Introduction to Virtual Facilitation for Collaboration](#)

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

This introduction to virtual facilitation and collaboration offers practical solutions and best practices for virtual collaborations. This guide is meant to be an introduction and overview to some common virtual facilitation processes and will not go into detail on specific facilitation strategies.

[Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships \(MAPP\)](#)

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) is a community-driven strategic planning process for improving community health. Facilitated by public health leaders, this framework helps communities apply strategic thinking to prioritize public health issues and identify resources to address them. MAPP is not an agency-focused assessment process; rather, it is an interactive process that can improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and ultimately the performance of local public health systems.

[Roots of Health Inequity](#)

NACCHO

This course provides an online learning environment from which to explore root causes of inequity in the distribution of disease, illness, and death. Funded by the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, its audience is primarily the local public health workforce. It seeks to ground participants in the concepts and strategies that could lead to effective action.

[Building a Movement, Transforming Institutions: A Guide for Public Health Professionals](#)

PolicyLink

Building a Movement, Transforming Institutions, a web-based-guide, was developed to support both veteran and aspiring health equity leaders seeking to transform public health institutions — from local and state health departments to research centers — and embed health equity into their day-to-day practices to solve systemic challenges in their neighborhoods and regions. The guide will also equip public and nonprofit health leaders with practical step-by-step guidance on how to implement effective practices, build coalitions and partnerships, advance policy change, conduct communications, and develop and use health equity indicators.

[Community Engagement & Participation Checklist: Addressing Disparities for Healthier Places](#)

PolicyLink

Engaging community members to have a participatory role in creating healthy environments is a powerful tool for generating sustainable change. This outline is designed to offer an opportunity for reflection on a common process for achieving authentic community engagement and participation. The foundations of participatory community change, which are represented below, are trusting relationships, shared vision, partnerships with public agencies, capacity, and policy action.

[GEAR – Getting Equity Advocacy Results](#)

PolicyLink

Building on the experiences and expertise of seasoned staff and partners across a range of fields, PolicyLink has identified the essential components of successful equity advocacy efforts. This information has been assembled in Getting Equity Advocacy Results (GEAR): a suite of benchmarks, methods, and tools for advocates, organizers, and their allies to track the results of their equity campaigns. GEAR offers important benchmarks for advocates to BUILD THE BASE for equitable change. Equity advocacy benchmarks can be considered the ‘mile markers’ in campaigns for policy change. They can be useful for charting the course of a new advocacy effort, providing feedback on the progress of an existing one, and reporting on the success of a completed campaign.

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