

# Health *Equity* Resources



## GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – National Center for HIV/ AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP)** is responsible for public health surveillance, prevention research, programs to prevent and control HIV/ AIDS, other STDs, viral hepatitis, TB and promoting school-based health and disease prevention among youth.

The website offers information, tools and links to other sites that promote health equity and explain the influence of social determinants of health.

[www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/health-disparities-risk.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/health-disparities-risk.htm)

The webpage provide links to resources on health disparities and social determinants of health. [www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/healthdisparities](http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/healthdisparities)

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Office of Minority Health and Health Equity** CDC Office specifically dedicated to minority health and health equity.

This webpage provides information about health equity and links to the Health Equity Matters E-newsletter, Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH), Equity Blog and Health Disparities and Inequality Report.

<https://www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/index.html>

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)** helps people and communities prevent chronic diseases and promotes health and wellness for all.

This website provides tips on how to engage community in health equity discussions and examples of successful interventions.

<https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/healthequity/index.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/state-local-programs/health-equity-guide/pdf/health-equity-guide/Health-Equity-Guide-sect-1-2.pdf>

## HEALTH EQUITY

Health Equity is achieved when no one is limited in achieving good health because of their social position or any other social determinant of health.



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### **Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) Office of Health Equity**

The Office of Health Equity (OHE) works to reduce health disparities so that communities and individuals can achieve their highest level of health.

The website describes the scope of work of the Office of Health Equity and provides definitions for health equity, social determinants of health and an extensive Annual Health Equity Report. The Report presents a current picture and progress made to date in addressing health equity issues affecting the Nation's diverse, vulnerable, and socially disadvantaged populations.

[www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/bureaus/ohe/index.html](http://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/bureaus/ohe/index.html)

**The National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS)** A five-year plan that details principles, priorities, and actions to guide our collective national response to the HIV epidemic. The strategic goals include reducing HIV-related health disparities and health inequities and achieving a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic.

National HIV/AIDS Strategy: Updated to 2020

[www.hiv.gov/federal-response/national-hiv-aids-strategy/nhas-update](http://www.hiv.gov/federal-response/national-hiv-aids-strategy/nhas-update)

National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2017 Progress Report

[https://files.hiv.gov/s3fs-public/NHAS\\_Progress\\_Report\\_2017.pdf](https://files.hiv.gov/s3fs-public/NHAS_Progress_Report_2017.pdf)

## HEALTH INEQUITIES

Health Inequities result when the disparities, or differences, are combined with conditions that are unfair, unjust and avoidable.



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## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

**The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)** is a non-partisan, non-profit association representing public health officials who administer HIV and hepatitis programs in the U.S. and worldwide.

The website provides publications, resources and podcasts on health equity specifically related to HIV. <https://www.nastad.org/domestic/health-equity>

**The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)** is a non-profit association representing public health officials from city and county health departments. The organization is focused on being a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for change for local health departments around the nation.

The website offers training, resources and examples of policies created to advance health equity. [www.naccho.org/programs/public-health-infrastructure/health-equity](http://www.naccho.org/programs/public-health-infrastructure/health-equity)

**The National Collaborative for Health Equity** promotes health equity by harnessing data, developing leaders, and catalyzing partnerships across the many different sectors that share responsibility for creating a more equitable and just society.

The website offers reports, guides and information about local strategies happening around the country to improve population health. [www.nationalcollaborative.org/our-programs/building-capacity-public-health-advance-equity-program](http://www.nationalcollaborative.org/our-programs/building-capacity-public-health-advance-equity-program)

**The National Academy for State Health Policy** is a nonpartisan forum of policymakers throughout state governments implementing innovative solutions to health policy challenges.

The website offers links to tools and information to educate individuals about racial and ethnic disparities, social determinants of health and provides state models to advance health equity. [www.nashp.org/resources-for-states-to-address-health-equity-and-disparities/#toggle-id-2](http://www.nashp.org/resources-for-states-to-address-health-equity-and-disparities/#toggle-id-2)

## HEALTH DISPARITIES

Health Disparities are differences in the rates of disease and health status among groups of people. Most health disparities impact populations defined by socioeconomic status, age, race or ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status, geographic location or a combination of these factors.



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## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**Human Impact Partners** works with partners in public health and community leaders to challenge the inequities that harm the health of our communities.

The website offers a host of tools and articles to educate the reader about health equity efforts across the country. <https://humanimpact.org>

HealthEquityGuide.org is a project of Human Impact Partners that provides inspiring examples of how health departments have concretely advanced health equity — both internally within their departments and externally with communities and other government agencies.

[www.healthequityguide.org/about](http://www.healthequityguide.org/about)

**Policy Link** is a national research and policy institute advancing racial and economic equity.

This website offers tools for community leaders as well as public health practitioners.

[www.policylink.org](http://www.policylink.org)

**Prevention Institute** is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to build prevention and health equity into key policies and actions at the federal, state, local and organizational level to foster health, safety and wellbeing.

The website has pages that describe health equity projects, initiatives and tools to keep people healthy in the first place.

[www.preventioninstitute.org/focus-areas/health-equity](http://www.preventioninstitute.org/focus-areas/health-equity)

[www.preventioninstitute.org/tools](http://www.preventioninstitute.org/tools)

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** is the nation's largest philanthropic organization dedicated to improving health.

The website offers education on health equity basics, examples of community interventions and virtual maps that show life expectancy by community.

[www.rwjf.org/en/library/features/achieving-health-equity.html](http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/features/achieving-health-equity.html)

**What is Health Equity And What Difference Does a Definition Make?**

A report designed to increase consensus around the meaning of “health equity”.

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/research/2017/05/what-is-health-equity-.html>

**The Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice and Health** is a collaborative research center focused on the implications of racism for diverse populations.

The website offers tools and resources for public health professionals, community organizations and policymakers to guide their health equity efforts. You will find resources for each audience throughout this site.

[www.racialhealthequity.org](http://www.racialhealthequity.org)

[www.racialhealthequity.org/blog-1](http://www.racialhealthequity.org/blog-1)

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**The Guide to Community Preventive Services (The Community Guide)** is a collection of evidence-based [findings](#) of the [CommunityPreventiveServicesTaskForce \(CPSTF\)](#).

This website offers a selection of reviews that outline successful interventions undertaken by state, “community”, community “organization”, business, healthcare “organization”, or school to prevent disease and/or address health equity.

[www.thecommunityguide.org/topic/health-equity](http://www.thecommunityguide.org/topic/health-equity)

**Shelterforce** is an independent, non-academic publication covering the worlds of community development, affordable housing, and neighborhood stabilization.

The website provides insight on policy, experiences of what works and what doesn’t, and connections to related work, such as community organizing, health, equity, and financial well-being. [www.shelterforce.org/category/health](http://www.shelterforce.org/category/health)

**The Black AIDS Institute (BAI)** is the only national HIV think tank focused exclusively on Black people. Its mission is to mobilize communities by engaging community leaders, institutions and individuals.

The website provides an overview of the agency’s priorities including healthcare access, access to PrEP, HIV criminalization. [www.blackaids.org](http://www.blackaids.org)

**WE ACT** - Through advocacy, planning and research WE ACT ensures that people of color and/or low-income residents can meaningfully participate in the creation of fair environmental health and protection policies and practices to build healthy communities.

The website provides examples of the work their work, resources and articles to inform and educate the reader about health and environmental justice. [www.weact.org](http://www.weact.org)

## SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Social Determinants of Health are defined by where we are born, grow, live, work, and play. Examples of social determinants that lead to positive health outcomes include: adequate income; secure employment and good working conditions; quality education; safe neighborhoods and housing; food security; access to social support networks; good health care services: and, freedom from racism and other forms of discrimination.



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**The Roots of Health Inequity** is an online learning collaborative. Participants will explore the processes that produce health inequities in the distribution of disease and illness, learn to strategize effective ways to act on the root causes of inequities and learn how to form cross collaborative relationships to move toward health equity. The course was created primarily for public health professionals but is open to everyone.

[www.rootsofhealthinequity.org](http://www.rootsofhealthinequity.org)

**Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?** is a seven-part documentary series that moves us beyond popular concepts of linking health to medical care, lifestyles and genetics alone and explores evidence of other more powerful social determinants. [www.unnaturalcauses.org/press\\_area.php](http://www.unnaturalcauses.org/press_area.php)

**The Health Equity and Prevention Primer (HEPP)** is a web-based training series for public health practitioners and advocates interested in achieving health, safety, and health equity through policy advocacy, community change, and multi-sector engagement. [www.preventioninstitute.org/tools/tools-general/health-equity-toolkit](http://www.preventioninstitute.org/tools/tools-general/health-equity-toolkit)

**University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute** has created a three part training module including an introduction to health equity, exploring the concept of power and health and then operationalizing health equity practice.

[www.uwphi.pophealth.wisc.edu/match/health-equity-training-modules](http://www.uwphi.pophealth.wisc.edu/match/health-equity-training-modules)

## CULTURAL HUMILITY

Cultural Humility is a lifelong process of self-reflection and self-critique whereby the individual not only learns about another's culture, but one starts with an examination of her/his own beliefs and cultural identities.

