

COVID-19 Health Equity

TA BULLETIN

This monthly bulletin highlights upcoming technical assistance (TA) events, new resources, trainings, key milestones, and updates for OT21-2103 grant recipients as a part of the *National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities*. You can find a complete list of events for the month under the Events tab on the COVID-19 Health Equity TA website [here](#).

UPCOMING
EVENTS



**10:00AM -
12:00 PM ET**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Hosted by Project Hope

Join Project Hope in a 2-part series designed to equip any worker in the healthcare industry with effective strategies to recognize stress in the workplace, manage personal wellbeing, improve healthcare services and productivity, and create a more positive and resilient work environment. Other session dates & times are available on the registration site.

Sustaining Your Health Equity Container Part 1: Building a Container Workshop



**1:00 PM -
2:30 PM ET**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Hosted by ASTHO

Join ASTHO and Human Impact Partners in a two-part virtual workshop series on addressing health equity through container building and power. Through these workshops, participants will explore designing processes that support a different way of 'being together' and prioritize relationship development, trust building, as well as bringing our "whole selves" to the work of changing systems to achieve racial justice and power-sharing.

[Register Here](#) for Part 2: Power & Health Equity Workshop. July 19th 1:30PM-3PM ET



Beacon Public Health: CHW Health Equity- Virtual Convening

**1:00 PM -
5:00 PM ET**

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Hosted by NACCHO

Join as Beacon Public Health collaboratively addresses pressing questions regarding community health worker (CHW) program implementation, such as clarifying roles and responsibilities, engaging talent, supporting special populations, and building a sustainable funding model.



HIP Communities of Practice for Operationalizing Health Equity

**2:00 PM -
4:00 PM ET**

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Hosted by NACCHO

The HIP Communities of Practice (CoP) for Operationalizing Health Equity are Capacity Building spaces where participants can explore, discover, and create new knowledge about how public health practitioners can prepare to work with the communities they serve. (Final Meeting Session)



Beyond the Journal Article

**3:00 PM -
4:00 PM ET**

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Hosted by NNPHI

Join NNPHI and Dr. Rachael Lussos from Graham Associates, to learn why and how OT21-2103 grant recipients may publish best practices, lessons learned, or other insights in venues other than peer-reviewed journal articles.

TA Resources



[ASTHO Change Management eLearning Course](#)

ASTHO

This learning module provides information on change management. Upon completion, learners should be able to: define change, list the stages of change, assess organization readiness for change, outline best practices in change management, identify guiding principles and key roles of a leader in the change management process, and discuss Kotter's 8-Step and 4 Principles to Accelerate Change.

[Weaving and Layering Funding: A Territorial Health Agency's Guide to Effective Health Financing](#)

ASTHO

This JPHMP article describes how the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, a territorial health agency, implemented braiding and layering of funding to support improved population health outcomes. It also shares key elements and lessons learned which other state and island health staff can use to guide and prepare their agencies to implement innovative funding mechanisms. View more information about this article [here](#).

Virtual Community Discussion Board



[OT21-2103 Virtual Community Discussion Board](#)

NACCHO

Join the Discussion! Visit the Virtual Community Discussion Board to post your ideas, questions, and communicate on a regular basis with other recipients. You can also post and learn about peer-led events. All OT21-2103 recipients are invited to join this online group. If you did not receive the link and instructions from the NACCHO Membership Team, please contact Brianna Aldridge (baldrige@naccho.org) for assistance.

COVID-19 Health Equity RESOURCE LIBRARY



Browse a library of evidence-based practices related to COVID-19 health disparities to infuse best, promising, novel, and emerging practices into your work. Use filters by grant strategy, social determinants of health, priority population, and more to find evidence-based practices most relevant to your grant activities.

[BROWSE EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES](#)



Health Equity Self-Paced TRAINING OF THE MONTH



Community-Based Participatory Research: A Partnership Approach for Public Health **Region V Public Health Training Center**

Learn best practices for Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR)

[LEARN MORE AND TAKE THE TRAINING](#)



At-A-Glance TRAINING RECAP



Power is increasingly understood as a central root cause of health equity, and governmental public health is beginning to embrace their role in shifting power to communities facing inequities. This 3-part video series was created by Human Impact Partners to inspire government agencies to embrace accountable partnerships with community-based organizations and community residents as a core element of their health equity work. Each video highlights challenges and lessons learned from collaboration, and is a call to action for approaching health equity from a power building framework.

COVID-19 Health Equity TA SITE



Browse technical assistance (TA) resources, trainings, and events at this one-stop-shop website for OT21-2103 grant recipients:

[**BROWSE TA RESOURCES**](#)

[**LEARN MORE AND VIEW THE COVID-19
HEALTH EQUITY TA COLLABORATIVE
OVERVIEW**](#)



REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The OT21-2103 TA Request System is available! Your agency's primary point(s) of contact (POC) have been trained on how to submit a TA request in the system. Work with your agency's POCs and your Project Officer to discuss your TA needs and submit a request in the system (agency POCs have access to the [TA request system here](#)). For questions regarding access to the TA Request System including if your agency POC has changed and/or user access to the system needs to be removed/added, please contact your Project Officer.

This bulletin is compiled by the COVID-19 Health Equity TA Collaborative:



If you are a OT21-2103 recipient, please contact your Project Officer with any questions and use the TA Request System to submit any requests. For TA Resource questions, email: Tenesha Lewis at pheis@astho.org (State Team), Neyling Fajardo at nfajardo@astho.org (Island Support Team), Andrea Grenadier at agrenadier@naccho.org (Locals), Meghan Wolfe at mwolfe@nnphi.org (Best Practices), or Cassandra Frazier at bkx9@cdc.gov (CDC OHE).

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RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS: Community Health Workers & Community Partner Mapping

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Community Health Workers: Walking In The Shoes of Those They Serve

This report from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation highlights the crucial role of community health workers in advancing health equity. Community health workers are trustworthy individuals who share life experiences with the communities they serve, allowing them to understand and address the challenges and injustices faced by these communities. Trained to navigate various systems, community health workers connect community members with healthcare, housing, legal support, and other services to improve their overall well-being. By meeting individuals where they are, building trust, and understanding their life stories, community health workers help people identify areas for health improvement and develop step-by-step plans to address their needs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they played a significant role in addressing the root causes of health disparities and overcoming vaccine hesitancy by providing access to information and resources.

Community Health Worker Integration with and Effectiveness in Health Care and Public Health in the United States

This article explores the challenges involved with accurately identifying, surveying, and supporting the community health workforce in the United States. It emphasizes the need for standardized data collection methods and comprehensive surveys to gain a better understanding of community health workers' roles and impact on public health. The article highlights challenges such as inconsistent job titles and definitions, hindering accurate workforce assessment. It emphasizes the importance of supporting community health workers through adequate training, professional development, and fair compensation. Overall, the article emphasizes the need to address these challenges to optimize the impact of community health workers in addressing health disparities and promoting community health.

To Advance Health Equity During COVID-19 and Beyond, Elevate and Support Community Health Workers

The article highlights how community health workers can play a crucial role in improving health outcomes, especially in underserved communities. The article emphasizes the need to integrate CHWs into the healthcare system to enhance patient care, facilitate access to services, and promote preventive care. It also discusses the challenges faced by community health workers, such as limited resources and recognition. Integrating community health workers into the healthcare system can lead to improved patient outcomes, increased access to care, and better health education within underserved communities. By advocating for policy changes and providing comprehensive support for community health workers, we can harness their potential to create a more equitable and effective healthcare system for all.

Relationship Mapping: A Guide for Public Health Partnerships

This relationship mapping guide from Visible Network Labs shows users how they can visualize and analyze the connections between people and organizations involved in community health. Relationship mapping improves collaboration and decision-making, and it offers different mapping types like stakeholder mapping, community mapping, value network mapping, personal network mapping, and contact tracing. A tool such as Visible Network Labs' PARTNER instrument can help with the data collection and analysis used in relationship mapping.

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Public Health Departments Contracting with Community-based Organizations to Implement Community Health Worker Programs

This toolkit, developed by the National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW) in partnership with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), provides tips for hiring, training, and building CHW career pathways through contracting. For more information on how to use the toolkit, please visit the accompanying pre-recorded webinar [here](#).

Hiring Practices that Support State Integration of Community Health Workers

This resource, developed by NACHW and ASTHO, provides a valuable basis of knowledge for health agencies wishing to integrate CHWs into their workforce throughout, and beyond, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resources for Partnering with CHWs and Supporting CHW Workforce Sustainability

Prepared by NACHW in partnership with ASTHO, this webpage offers specially-curated resources that will help health agency viewers learn, utilize, and formulate strategies to protect, respect, and partner with CHWs.

Community Health Workers: Evidence of Their Effectiveness

This resource serves as a summary of research studies demonstrating the effectiveness of CHWs across multiple settings and health issues. This wide array of research allows CHW champions to demonstrate what research already exists or to select evidence that is most resonant with their audience.

Beacon Public Health: CHW Technical Assistance Request

Beacon Public Health is offering one on one technical assistance sessions for local health department staff as a part of their CHW training program. Please fill out the form to schedule a session.