

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



**7:00 PM -
8:00 PM ET**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Hosted by ASTHO

Join this webinar to discover a new, cutting-edge resource for centralizing grant management functions - the Grants Management Office sharing(GMO) Optimization Toolkit. ASTHO and partner V2A Consulting will provide an overview of the Toolkit to help you gain essential insights on how it can help strengthen public health agency infrastructure, performance, and collaboration across administrative and program areas. (meeting code: 23-AUG-04-MM)

[Register Here](#) for September 14, 2023- 3: 30-4:30 PM ET (meeting code: 23-AUG-05-MM)

Take a Break: Social Support for the Public Health Workforce



**12:00 PM -
1:00 PM ET**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Hosted by Mid-Atlantic Public Health Training Center

Join us for Take a Break, a free, informal, facilitated virtual group designed just for public health workers to focus on their own emotional health and well-being. The group meets monthly, providing participants with a supportive place to discuss their experiences, concerns, successes, and ideas with others who can relate and understand. Click continue as guest at the bottom to view webinar details.

TA Resources



NACCHO's Roots of Health Inequity Course Survey

NACCHO

NACCHO's Roots of Health Inequity course, which explores root causes of inequity in the distribution of disease, illness, and death was offered to OT21-2103 grant recipients from April to July of this year. However, many grantees may not have had the opportunity to participate in the course. Please complete the survey to let us know your availability and interest in this opportunity. You may also share with your department team members who would benefit from the Roots of Health Inequity Course.

Social Media Toolkit-Building Trust Through Social Media Outreach to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities

NACCHO

Managing social media can be confusing and overwhelming for even the savviest user. NACCHO, in partnership with Beacon Public Health has created this toolkit to demystify social media and to provide a simple, easy-to-use reference guide on the most commonly used social media platforms. The toolkit contains a glossary of terminology, checklists, worksheets, and other tools to help you manage your social media accounts.

CDC OHE Foundations of Health Equity Training Plan

CDC

CDC's Office of Health Equity (OHE) is pleased to share a new training plan – Foundations of Health Equity Training Plan. [The Foundations of Health Equity Training Plan](#) is designed to help public health professionals “bake” health equity into their work. The training plan is a curated list of thirteen health equity trainings that provide a fundamental understanding of health equity principles. The training plan covers health equity-related topics such as anti-racism, community engagement, structural and social determinants of health, organizational policy, infrastructure, and evaluation. The training plan is available on [CDC TRAIN](#). For questions or feedback regarding the training plan, please contact OHE@cdc.gov.

Pilot Test: Equity Readiness Tool

HRiA

As part of the National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities, Health Resources in Action (HRiA) is developing a tool for health departments to guide discussions around and assess readiness to begin a health and racial equity process. This assessment will help departments identify areas where they must direct their efforts and resources before commencing the process. HRiA is seeking the participation of 8-12 health departments of varying sizes, locations and progress in their equity journey to partake in a pilot testing program. The program will support departments in completing the assessment and submitting their results to HRiA. After submitting results, departments will be scheduled for a 90-minute feedback and coaching session with HRiA. The pilot testing phase is scheduled to commence between September and October, and HRiA will be on hand to provide ongoing assistance and guidance throughout the process. If you are interested in participating in the pilot, please email Kate Holmes at Kholmes@hria.org.

NEW RESOURCES



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 Health Worker Training COVID-19 Module **Medical Care Development Public Health**

This interactive Community Health Worker COVID-19 eTraining module covers crucial topics such as stress, anxiety, and reducing COVID-19 stigma.

Learn how to talk with community members about COVID-19.

*This training may be best viewed in Google Chrome

LEARN MORE AND TAKE THE TRAINING



Beyond the Journal

At-A-Glance TRAINING RECAP



This interactive workshop, hosted by NNPHI, featured Dr. Rachael Lussos from Graham Associates, who provided tips for communicating about best practices, lessons learned, or other insights in venues other than peer-reviewed journal articles. This workshop, recorded on July 20, 2023, is intended for OT21-2103 recipients at state, local, US territorial and freely associated state health departments, as well as public health partners such as community-based organizations, evaluators, practitioners, and public health institutes that were part of the OT21-2103 initiative.

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: DATA EQUITY AND SHARING

These resource highlights are designed to feature topics that are of interest to 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*. This month's resource highlights focuses on data equity and sharing.

Data Exchange to Save Lives: IIS and HIE Relationships & The Laws Protecting Public Health Data

This pair of ASTHO *Reports* explore opportunities for improved public health action through immunization data sharing with health information exchanges, in addition to the broader legal landscape of public health data. These reports, developed with support from the HHS Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, provide health, data, technology, and policy leaders with context and considerations for enhancing data sharing to advance population health.

ASTHO Policy Watch 2022: Data Modernization and Privacy Protections

ASTHO notes the top state public health policy issues in an annual Legislative Prospectus series. This 2022 prospectus focuses on data modernization. It describes how states and territories are enacting laws to better facilitate public health data collocation and data sharing while protecting people's privacy. There are many potential policies states and territories can implement to modernize public health data and enhance data privacy protections. In recent years, states enacted laws that:

- Improve state Immunization Information Systems.
- Enhance their designated Health Information Exchange.
- Protect the privacy of consumer data.

Public Health and Information Sharing Toolkit

The Public Health & Information Sharing (PH&IS) Toolkit addresses key concepts regarding public health agencies' authority to collect, use, and share information to prepare and respond to a public health emergency. This toolkit addresses information sharing issues in general and when information sharing involves the workplace or law enforcement. The toolkit's component documents are designed to assist in education, training, and planning activities to prepare for emergencies, as well as to serve as a quick reference resource during an emergency response to an event.

Measuring Health Equity for Planning and Performance Improvement

This report summarizes challenges identified in an environmental scan, proposes incremental recommendations, and acknowledges the need for states and territories to apply both health equity and performance management strategies to develop health equity standards and measures.

Data visualization for Performance Improvement Learning Series

This data visualization for planning and performance improvement learning series is designed to support public health agencies to increase knowledge of data visualization principles and techniques. Using specific examples of charts and graphs, these modules illustrate why it is essential to know your data, find the patterns, and tell the story to advance your agency's priority projects. The topic-specific modules will include existing ASTHO resources and recommended partner resources. The full series promotes broad use of data visuals in public health and covers the following:

- Data Visualization Matters
- Data Visualization: Changes over Time
- Data Visualization: Differences in Outcomes
- Data Visualization: Complex Comparisons