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# 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



### Advancing Maternal Health with Data Equity

3:00 PM -  
4:00 PM ET

[REGISTER HERE](#)

#### Hosted by ASTHO

Please join ASTHO for the Advancing Maternal Health with Data Equity webinar. Participants will obtain an overview of the impact data equity has on improving maternal and infant health outcomes as well as the role providers play in advancing maternal health through data equity practices. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in dialogue with the speakers.

### Addressing the Gap: Embedding Health Equity into Maternal Health Programming: Virtual LHD Regional Summits



See times in  
registration  
details

#### Hosted by NACCHO

NACCHO will host five virtual regional summits for OT21-2103 local health department (LHD) grant recipients. Each summit will highlight how LHDs can take action on the current maternal health crisis and give attendees the opportunity to hear from health equity leaders in a panel discussion followed by a peer learning activity. NACCHO will share information to advance COVID-19 Health Disparities strategies and help transform those systems that play a crucial role in supporting maternal health.

Register below according to your LHD Region

[Northeast Registration](#)

[West Registration](#)

[South/Southeast Registration](#)

[Southwest Registration](#)

[Midwest Registration](#)

## Advancing Equity through Quality Improvement



**12:00PM –  
3:00 PM ET**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### Hosted by Michigan Public Health Institute

This interactive workshop will allow participants to engage in small and large group discussions, polling, and hands-on activities throughout, and they will have the opportunity to practice and apply what they are learning. Participants will also learn how QI methods and tools can help organizations achieve equitable services and outcomes. See registration link for specific date options.

## Introduction to Essential Skills for Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)



**2:00 PM –  
3:30 PM ET**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### Hosted by NACCHO

Please join NACCHO's Emerging Infectious Disease Program, in partnership with Cardea Services and with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Project Firstline, as we launch our Essential Skills Training Series. The series centers on essential skills for local health department (LHD) staff engaged in infection prevention and control (IPC) activities. Essential skills, also known as soft skills, are integral for all LHD staff supporting IPC activities in healthcare settings. By the end of this training, participants will be able to: recognize the value of essential skills as they relate to IPC, describe social determinants of health and equity, and understand the basic principles of unconscious bias.

## Equity Foundations Webinar



**1:00 PM –  
2:00 PM ET**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### Hosted by Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center

This webinar is an introduction to health equity and how it applies to public health initiatives and strategies in both the public and private sector. Participants will review health disparities/inequities and how race, culture, and identity are important to equitable health solutions. Participants will also discuss how to identify root causes of health inequities. This webinar includes a variety of instructional methods including group discussion and interactive learning activities. Active participation is encouraged to create an engaging learning experience for all. Click continue as guest at the bottom to view webinar details.

## Novel and Emerging Practice Studies (NEPS): Disseminating Evaluation Studies from Phase 1 OT21-2103 Sites and Public Health Institutes



**2:00 PM –  
3:30 PM ET**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### Hosted by NNPHI

Join NNPHI, the four OT21-2103 recipients, and the PHIs to hear about the NEPS studies and their impact on COVID-19 health equity outcomes in their communities. This webinar will feature four OT21-2103 recipients that implemented novel and emerging practices (NEPS) that were evaluated by Public Health Institutes (PHIs) as a part of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities.



\*Note: These resources are in Spanish.

## Questionnaires & Related Resources to Identify Social Determinants of Health for Spanish Speaking Populations

### **The Social Determinants of Health in the Hispanic Population: Building Health Equity**

*Puerto Rico Public Health Trust*

This short training is aimed at all health professionals and all organizations that have a direct impact on the health of our communities. This course aims to define the SDoH, how to achieve health equity, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health inequities and mental health conditions in the Hispanic population. The training is 7 chapters in Spanish, and includes captions and audio.

### **Guide to Address Social Determinants of Health in Hispanic Patients**

*Puerto Rico Public Health Trust*

The Guide to Address Social Determinants of Health in Hispanic Patients aims to provide information to health professionals on how to administer CADESS-P, why it is important to ask SDoH questions, and how to address the SDoH using a nonclinical approach.

### **Questionnaire to Address Social Determinants of Health in Hispanic Employees**

*Puerto Rico Public Health Trust*

This tool helps organizations identify the social needs affecting the health and productivity of their employees.

### **Educational Campaign on Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity.**

*Puerto Rico Public Health Trust*

This campaign aims to educate on social determinants of health and health equity. All educational materials can be shared on social media.

### **Healthy Homes, Jobs, and Minds Webinar**

*Puerto Rico Public Health Trust*

The webinar focused on how employment and housing can influence mental health. The webinar recording is available on the PRPHT YouTube channel.

### **The Role of Health Professionals in Identifying the Social Needs of Hispanic Patients webinar**

*Puerto Rico Public Health Trust*

The Role of Health Professionals in Identifying the Social Needs of Hispanic Patients webinar was developed for healthcare professionals. The purpose of the webinar was to address strategies to identify social needs to improve the health of the Hispanic population and how health professionals can improve people's health outcomes by using the Questionnaire to address Social Determinants of Health in Hispanic Patients. The speakers were Carlos Rodríguez, PhD, MPHE, MCHES, professor at George Washington University, and Mariela Alvarado, DrPH, MPH, the epidemiologist at the Puerto Rico Public Health Trust.

## 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 (baldridge@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



### Culturally Competent Public Health Practice for Deaf and Hard of Hearing **Region V Public Health Training Center**

This training will present tools and knowledge for working with the deaf and hard of hearing community, as well as common misconceptions about deaf culture and sub-cultures within the community.

### **LEARN MORE AND TAKE THE TRAINING**



## At-A-Glance TRAINING RECAP



## The GMO Toolkit: A New Resource for Optimizing Grant Management Functions and Funding Outcomes



Are you interested to know more about centralizing grant management functions? Watch this recording of ASTHO's webinar to discover a new, cutting-edge resource - the Grants Management Office (GMO) Optimization Toolkit. You'll gain essential insights on how the tool can help strengthen public health agency infrastructure, performance, and collaboration across administrative and program areas. During this session, ASTHO and partner V2A Consulting provided an overview of the Toolkit and demonstrated assessment functions and outputs presented in a series of visual dashboards. The recorded webinar also shares opportunities for technical assistance to implement the Toolkit in their agency.

## 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](mailto:pheis@astho.org) (State Team), Neyling Fajardo at [nfajardo@astho.org](mailto:nfajardo@astho.org) (Island Support Team), Andrea Grenadier at [agrenadier@naccho.org](mailto:agrenadier@naccho.org) (Locals), Meghan Wolfe at [mwolfe@nnphi.org](mailto:mwolfe@nnphi.org) (Best Practices), or CAPT Carolina Luna-Pinto at [hjzl@cdc.gov](mailto:hjzl@cdc.gov) (CDC OHE).

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