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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 under the Events tab on the COVID-19 Health Equity TA website [here](#).

UPCOMING  
EVENTS



2:00 PM -  
3:00 PM ET

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### Partnering with Trusted Messengers

**Hosted by India Home Inc.**

Learn more from India Home, a community-based organization (CBO) working with NNPHI, about meaningful partnerships through examples of diverse, multi-stakeholder collaborations that have built upon each others' strengths, increased capacity, and created impactful and effective COVID education and vaccine outreach.

### Building Health Equity Series: Time to Combat Disparities in Maternal Health



2:00 PM -  
3:00 PM ET

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Hosted by Institute for Public Health Practice, Research and Policy at the University of Iowa, College of Public Health, in partnership with the Midwestern Public Health Training Center**

Join us as we discuss the most pressing concerns and issues related to maternal health in Iowa, potential root causes of those issues, explore ways on how hospitals, health systems, and community partners are joining forces to examine and address disparities issues related to maternal health.

### Navigating Native Partnerships: How to Build Trust and Advance Health Equity



3:00 PM -  
4:00 PM ET

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Hosted by Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.**

Want to partner with tribal communities but don't know where to start? It all starts with relationships and trust. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, a community-based organization (CBO) working with NNPHI, and the National Native Network are here to help health departments navigate tribal structure and connect through community-based participatory approaches.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### OT21-2103 COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant Reverse Site Visit: Celebrating Our Successes

The COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant Reverse Site Visit will be held on March 26-28 in Chicago, IL. The event's plenary sessions will be livestreamed. For any questions, please email [ot21-2103@nnphi.org](mailto:ot21-2103@nnphi.org).

**Last chance to register for in-person participation!** [Registration for in-person participation](#) will close March 11th. Don't miss this opportunity to register for the upcoming event. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

**Virtual registration is now open!** If you are not able to attend in person, please register to join the plenary sessions virtually. [Click here to register](#) as a virtual attendee.

## TA RESOURCES



### Lessons Learned from Palau's Journey to Develop Health Equity Indicators

*ASTHO*

Tracking improvements in health equity can be a challenge for public health agencies. Palau's Ministry of Health & Human Services (MHHS) took on this task successfully by focusing on Palau's unique settings and needs. Explore the MHHS model for developing health equity indicators through community engagement, collaboration, and community empowerment in a new ASTHO blog.

### Guide: Measuring Change for Antiracist Programs

*Northwest Center for Public Health Practice*

Northwest Center for Public Health Practice developed a companion course to their Anti Racist Audit. The course is entitled Guide: Measuring Change for Antiracist Programs. Through the course, learners will be guided through the audit with a fictional public health team. Learners can take a natural pause to complete the antiracist audit in real-time while going through the course. The course has many resources available for the learner and their organization.

## 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



## Designing Data Dashboards Using a Health Equity Lens

### *ASTHO*

Data dashboards are key tools used to summarize public health data and aid decision-making. ASTHO's new learning module aims to educate public health leaders on how to strategically plan and use these dashboards to present findings in an easy-to-understand format and promote health equity. Please use the link below to navigate to the course homepage and click "Login". Then, sign in with your existing my.astho account details or follow the directions on the page to create an account.

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



# Investigating New Approaches to Racial Healing

## At-A-Glance TRAINING RECAP



In this webinar, *County Health Rankings & Roadmaps* examined how racial healing can transform relationships between people of color, including those from Black, Indigenous and Latino communities. A new approach was investigated from the [Build Healthy Places Network](#) (BHPN). BHPN developed REPAIR, a framework that helps institutions implement sustainable policies and practices that promote solidarity and healing. Program Manager Kevin Leacock described how REPAIR can foster belonging, build trust and shift power so that public health, health care, community development and philanthropic sectors are better positioned to engage people of color in decisions that affect their health and well-being.

## 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 [hjz1@cdc.gov](mailto:hjz1@cdc.gov) (CDC OHE).

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