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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



### The ABCs of Equity: Tools to Power Your Population Health Journey

4:00 PM -  
5:00 PM ET

[REGISTER HERE](#)

#### Hosted by ASTHO & WE in the World

This webinar, held in partnership with Well-being and Equity (WE) in the World and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), will equip participants with practical tools to help organizations understand where they are on their equity journeys and identify opportunities to shift the approach they are taking to create long-term change in their communities. Participants will be able to try out the self-assessments and be connected to resources to help them take action with their teams or collaborations.



### Ensuring your message lands: Reaching tribal communities with multimodal media

3:00 PM -  
4:00 PM ET

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

Reaching tribal communities requires messages and formats of various kinds. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, a [community-based organization \(CBO\)](#), working with NNPHI, will discuss best practices for creating multi-model campaigns that will help you connect with a diverse range of tribal communities.



### Supporting tribes of all sizes: Ensuring streamlined funding sources to support rural tribal communities

1:00 PM -  
2:00 PM ET

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## **NACCHO's OT21-2103 Regional Summit: June 25-26 in Washington, D.C.**

In June, NACCHO will be hosting another opportunity for OT21-2103 grant recipients to learn, use, and leave with new tools, resources, and relationships to move their work forward and sustain their health equity work beyond the grant period.

**Who should attend?** The summit is geared toward local health department (LHD) recipient staff who work on the day-to-day project implementation and was not able to attend the March COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant Reverse Site Visit, or team members who would benefit from more hands-on Technical Assistance. NACCHO will provide scholarships for up to 2 attendees from each LHD.

Please fill out [this interest form](#) to receive information once registration is open!

If you have any questions about the Summit, please reach out to **Allie Halprin ([ahalprin@naccho.org](mailto:ahalprin@naccho.org))**

## **The new Roots of Health Inequity course will launch at NACCHO360 in July.**

The Roots of Health Inequity Online Course Series, offered by the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO), is a free online resource designed to equip public health professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to address the root causes of health inequities in their community.

Revamped for 2024, the course explores topics such as the historical influences of public health, root causes in race, gender, and class struggles, and building power to advance equity in public health practice. The all-new platform will allow users to tailor their learning experience, view stories from the field, and facilitate group conversations about the content, online and in-person. Learn more: [NACCHO to Launch Revamped Roots of Health Inequity Online Course - NACCHO](#).

## Virtual Community Discussion Board



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### **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**



## Shift Your Power: Advancing from Transactional Practices to Transformational Progress

### **Region V Public Health Training Center**

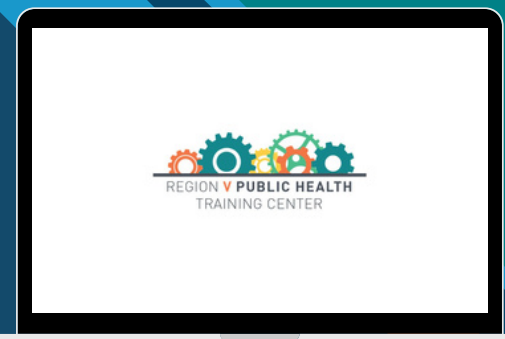
This self-paced training keeps equity at the heart to inspire participants to reevaluate, reallocate and reimagine power to focus on the mission, vision, and alignment of those most impacted by historic and current power imbalance. The four presentations and accompanying companion guide will offer clear connections between dimensions of power and strategies to begin intentionally shifting power for more equitable outcomes. Through scenarios and activities, participants will identify and deconstruct inequitable mental models, while receiving tools to achieve more equitable outcomes.

[Self-Paced No CE](#)

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To receive free CE, use promo code: **PI69UT**

## Health Equity Self-Paced TRAINING OF THE MONTH



**LEARN MORE AND  
TAKE THE TRAINING**

## Rebuilding the Public Health Workforce: Insights into Using the Core Competencies to Support WFD

### At-A-Glance TRAINING RECAP



This resource is an excerpt from the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council on Linkages) virtual meeting held on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 2-4pm ET. This portion of the meeting featured speakers from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) highlighting how they used the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals (Core Competencies) to assess their workforce; identify gaps in knowledge, skills, and abilities; and address those gaps through training and other workforce development opportunities.

### 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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### **Learning and Action in Policy and Partnerships**

The Learning and Action in Policy Partnerships (LAPP) initiative is a joint effort between Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH) and the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS). LAPP works with communities to enhance their data-sharing capabilities and forge new partnerships between state governments, community-based partners, and individual community members.

### **National Commission to Transform Public Health Data Systems**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation formed the National Commission to Transform Public Health Data Systems in response to the health inequalities and insufficient cross-sector data-sharing capabilities that characterize the American health care system. The 16-member Commission, comprised of experts from the healthcare, community advocacy, business, government, and public health spaces, was tasked with examining the data and data-sharing systems needed to ensure a public health system that is representative of the situations and needs of all Americans.

### **The Data Modernization Initiative (DMI)**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention created the Data Modernization Initiative (DMI) in 2020 with the goal of developing a united, modernized American public health community capable of swiftly and accurately detecting and responding to health threats. The initiative connects public and private sector partners with the vision of moving away from the siloed public health data systems of today towards connected, adaptable, sustainable “response-ready” systems that mitigate the harm caused by future health crises.



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### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Public Health Data Modernization**

Historically, research data and collection has been misrepresented, disregarding communities of color especially during a public health crisis. This article describes how accurate public health data is essential to gauge adequate and equitable interventions, evaluations, and engagement that address the root cause of health inequities.

### **The Search for Good Data to Support Health Equity in Public Health**

This article elevates case examples of ASTHO's Diverse Executives Leading in Public Health (DELPH) subject matter experts utilizing data to achieve health equity in their respective health departments.

### **From the Chief Medical Officer: What Needs to Change to Achieve Better Health Equity Metrics**

This article highlights a discussion of health equity data needs from ASTHO's chief medical officer, Dr. Marcus Plescia. Uplifted needs include representative data to avoid a misallocation of resources/opportunities.

### **Measuring Health Equity: An assessment of equity metrics in performance management and planning**

This report summarizes an ASTHO assessment and environmental scan regarding applying health equity and performance management strategies to develop health equity standards and measures.