

***Organizing to Address Minority Health Disparities:
A Directory of State and Local Initiatives***

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Introduction

The goal of this directory is to provide a snapshot of a rapidly evolving community of advocates, organizers, and public health professionals working in different ways on the issue of unequal health outcomes for people of color in the U.S., and to establish new connections and networks within and across states. Some of these connections are between researchers and advocates, and others will be among organizations working on different aspects of the health disparities challenge – which involves not just unequal access to quality healthcare, but also a range of social and environmental influences that are beyond the traditional reach of the health care “system”.

The directory was sponsored and supported by The Health Policy Institute at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, and prepared by staff at the Poverty and Race Research Action Council, with substantial input from the other cosponsoring organizations. The four organizations who have worked to put together this directory represent just a few of the national groups working on this issue:

The Health Policy Institute at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies is a non-profit research and policy institute committed to igniting a “Fair Health” movement that gives people of color the inalienable right to equal opportunity for healthy lives – including equal access to quality health care as well as freedom from social and environmental disparities that influence poor health outcomes. The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies is a Washington, DC based think tank founded in 1970 by black intellectuals and professionals to provide training and technical assistance to black elected officials throughout the United States. www.jointcenter.org.

The Alliance for Healthy Homes is a 15-year-old national non-profit policy and advocacy organization working to increase public and private investments in healthy homes, lead paint safety, and affordable housing, and to ensure that resources are targeted to communities at highest risk. We also provide technical and strategic assistance, training, and policy support to community based organizations and other local healthy homes advocates to increase the success of efforts to achieve systems change. www.afhh.org.

The Opportunity Agenda is a research and policy organization that works to build the national will to expand opportunity for all who live in the United States. www.opportunityagenda.org.

The Poverty and Race Research Action Council was established in 1990 to help connect social science researchers with civil rights advocates on race and poverty issues, and, on the health disparities issue, stresses the role played by housing segregation and concentrated poverty, and the importance of housing mobility type remedies to create less segregated living environments for poor families. www.prrac.org.

We hope that this directory will contribute in a small way to our collective goal of eliminating disparities in health outcomes in this country.

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This directory was developed from public and private sources, including existing networks of the Alliance for Healthy Homes, the Opportunity Agenda, and the Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC), along with standard internet and Lexis-Nexis searches. We also followed up with phone calls or e-mails to most of the organizations listed. The descriptions of organizations contained in the directory are drawn primarily from websites of the listed organizations. These descriptions are not sanctioned by the organizations listed, and we cannot vouch for their accuracy. If you would like more information on what a specific organization is doing, we suggest that you contact that organization directly.

Send us your comments!

This directory is still a work in progress, and we will continue to make improvements, in updated versions, on the websites of our organizations. Please let us know of any

changes in your organization's listing, and new work you are doing in this area, or of other organizations working to address health disparities in your state.

Contact Kami Kruckenberg (kkruckenberg@prrac.org) with your comments or proposed additions.

PART 1: State-by-State Listing*

Alabama

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Governor Bob Riley and Commissioner John Houston recently announced that Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation has awarded Alabama a \$1.2 million grant to improve mental health services in the Black Belt. Proceeds from the grant will be used to reduce stigma, increase access to services and provide additional resources for primary and mental health care in the Black Belt. Fragmentation will be reduced and more “one-stop shopping” services provided for individuals with both mental and physical health care needs.

University-sponsored programs in the community

The University of Alabama Rural Health Institute for Clinical and Translational Science

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850 5th Avenue East
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0326
Phone: (205) 348-0025
Contact: John C. Higginbotham, PhD, MPH Director
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<http://cchs.us.edu/rhi>

The mission of the University of Alabama Rural Health Institute for Clinical and Translational Science is to facilitate the highest attainable standard of health for those who live, work, or play in rural America by investigating not only disease and infirmity, but also factors associated with physical, mental, and social well-being.

They pursue this mission through the combined strength of scientific knowledge, professional skill, individual commitment, community support, and informed public policy.

The RHI seeks to foster collaboration among various disciplines, leading to high quality, mission-relevant research.

University of South Alabama

College of Medicine
Mobile Alabama 36688-0002
Phone: (251) 434-3711 for appointments
(251) 414-8001 (office)
Contact: [Dr. Harvey White](#) or [Susan Nelson](#)
Dr. Robert Kreisberg (retired)
<http://www.southalabama.edu/usahealthsystem/programs.html>

* Organizational descriptions are generally based on the organization’s website. Certain organizations also include the source of the listing: for example, AFHH indicates an organization in the network of the Alliance for Healthy Homes; ARC/NWFCO indicates an organization highlighted in the recent report by the Applied Research Center and the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations, [Closing the Gap: Solutions to Race-Based Health Disparities](#), and participants in the W.K. Kellogg Scholar in Health Disparities program are also identified.

The University of South Alabama Health System, from its beginning, has played a central role in Mobile's medical history, and today continues this long tradition of excellence in education, research, and medical care. Comprised of the USA Hospitals, and the private practice of academic physicians affiliated with the USA College of Medicine, the USA Health System provides patients with many unique and innovative services.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Community Against Pollution, Inc.

1521 Cobb Avenue
Anniston, AL 36201
Phone: (256) 236-6773
Contact: Shirley Williams-Baker
Email: Info@communityagainstpollution.org
bakercap@bellsouth.net
<http://healthyamericans.org/docs/index.php?DocID=66>
(AFHH)

Community Against Pollution works to improve, protect, and preserve lives, the community and the environment, with special emphasis on our children's health. Acting as a liaison and voice for the community, CAP monitors industry, local, state and federal agencies actions regarding environmental pollution and contamination. CAP works with members of Congress and the federal Administration to make the health hazards emanating from Anniston a priority issue.

Citizen's Lead Education Poisoning Prevention

2009 Avenue Q Ensley
Birmingham, AL 35218
Phone: (205) 780-8077
Contact: Whitlynn Battle, Director
Email: WBattle@bellsouth.net
http://www.afhh.org/res/res_by_topic_lead_outreach_education.htm
(AFHH)

Citizen's Lead Education Poisoning Prevention works to provide resources about lead poisoning to residents in the greater Birmingham area. The webpage lists useful resources or families seeking to learn more about lead poisoning and how to prevent it.

Alaska

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

In Alaska, dramatic health status disparities among racial and geographic groups have been identified for children and for women of childbearing age, but resources for in-depth, focused analysis of contributing factors to assist prevention and treatment programs has been lacking. Overall mortality rates and many cause-specific rates are higher for Alaska Natives than they are for other race groups. (See Health Status in Alaska, 2000 Edition, Data and Evaluation Unit, DPH, Alaska DHSS 2001, The current project will improve the ability of the Alaska Division of Public Health as a whole to analyze, report on, and target racial, ethnic and geographic disparities in childhood and maternal injury morbidity and mortality. The goals are to develop the data sets related to injury morbidity and mortality in order to produce racially and geographically specific information in timely fashion, and to disseminate the information

in a culturally sensitive and user-friendly fashion. Objectives include ensuring effective participation of the minority groups and programs that can guide development of appropriate methodologies, sharing of data sources, and preparation of culturally relevant and understandable presentation of results. The project will develop the knowledge base and state information system capacity to use existing data sets to identify disparities, contributing factors (environmental, socio-economic, behavioral), and appropriate interventions

Southcentral Foundation

4501 Diplomacy Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508
Phone: (907) 729-4955
Hotline Number (877) 837-4251
Contact: Katherine Gottlieb, MBA, President/Chief Executive Officer
<http://www.southcentralfoundation.com/>
(ARC/NWFCO)

The Southcentral Foundation integrates primary care with urgent and hospital care to serve 45,000 Alaskan Native and Native American residents in Anchorage, AK and its surroundings. Its focus on integrated services and accessibility, as well as its emphasis on cultural competency and alternative medicine, have led to measurable health improvements for the entire Alaska Native and Native American population.

Arizona

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

In 2000, HHS incorporated health disparities in its Healthy People initiatives. Healthy People is the federal government's attempt to define specific health objectives for the nation. Many states, including Arizona, have adopted the Healthy People model to design their state objectives for health improvement. From Healthy People, Healthy People 2000, and Healthy People 2010, the goal has been to set benchmarks designed to improve the health of Americans. Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General, set the goals of Healthy People 2010 to include the "elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities". Arizona's Healthy People 2010 focus areas were developed by a statewide planning committee. Entitled Healthy Arizona 2010, this committee reviewed the national goals and objectives, and decided to adopt them all, including the goal of eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities. The focus areas are Physical Activity, Nutrition, Tobacco Use, Substance Abuse, Responsible Sexual Behavior, Mental Health, Injury and Violence Prevention, Environmental Health, Immunizations and Infectious Diseases, Access to Care, Maternal/Infant Health, and Oral Health. AzPHA found that the strongest programs, projects, and initiatives addressing health disparities in Arizona addressed either the federal priorities or the Healthy People 2010 objectives. In addition, some of the programs are incorporating best practice strategies to achieve results.

Government-sponsored programs

Arizona Turning Point Project

1845 E Roosevelt, Room 226

Phoenix, AZ 85006

Phone: (602) 506-1248

Contact: Catharine Riley, MPH, Director

E-mail: catharineriley@mail.maricopa.gov

<http://www.turningpointprogram.org/Pages/about.html>

Summary of Objectives: http://www.turningpointprogram.org/Pages/pdfs/phil/az_goalsummTP.pdf

A comprehensive plan for improving Arizona's public health system containing 96 recommendations. The primary goal is a strengthened public health infrastructure to meet the needs of Arizona's population and a reduction in health disparities in 2010 and beyond. The first objective in this goal is to take a lead role in influencing and encouraging all public health organizations to take the necessary steps to close the health disparity gaps which exist in the state. Special focus on the Native American community and health outcomes on reservations.

University-sponsored programs in the community

Native American Research and Training Center

1641 East Helen

Tucson, AZ 85719

Phone: (520) 621-5075

Contact: Dr. Jennie R. Joe, Director

Email: jrjoe@email.arizona.edu

<http://nartc.fcm.arizona.edu/>

The Native American Research and Training Center (NARTC) was established in 1983 by The University of Arizona Board of Regents and serves as a national resource for Native American communities and for persons working with Native American populations, especially those with chronic diseases or disabilities. The overall mission of NARTC is to conduct health related research and training projects that will help improve the quality of life for Native Americans.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Tonatierra

PO Box 809

Phoenix, AZ 85074

Phone: (602) 254-5230

Fax: (602) 252-6094

Contact: Tupac Enrique Acosta, chantlaca

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chantlaca@aol.com

www.tonatierra.org

(AFHH)

The work of Tonatierra in the area of education and culture over the past 11 years has led to the development of a curriculum of Indigenous community cultural empowerment called the Xinachtli (Seed). With the momentum of an idea whose time has come, the Xinachtli has been described as evidence of a paradigm shift in strategy and practice for community development initiatives serving the Xicano Mexican community. The Xinachtli is a holistic point of reference and evaluation for all Tonatierra activities. It refers to the continuous process the capturing of information, the processing of knowledge, and the aspiration to wisdom that describes the directing values of Tonatierra as a collective community organizing initiative.

Tohono O'odham Community Action

PO Box 1790
Sells, AZ 85634
Phone: (520) 383-4966
<http://www.tocaonline.org/>
(ARC/NWFCO)

Tohono O'odham Community Action (TOCA) is based in Sells, Arizona, on the 4,600-square-mile Tohono O'odham Reservation, in the heart of the Sonora Desert. TOCA demonstrates how cultural and agricultural traditions are linked to nutrition and physical fitness and can play an integral role in reducing the causes of disease and improving the health of a community.

Arkansas

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Government-sponsored programs

Arkansas Minority Health Commission

1123 S. University Avenue, Suite 312
Little Rock, AR 72204
(501) 686-2720
(877) 264-2826
Contact: Wynona Bryant-Williams, Ph.D., Executive Director
Email: arkmin@arkansas.gov
<http://www.arminorityhealth.com/>

The commission sponsors a variety of health forums, and created a project called "Eating for Life" designed to teach all minorities in Arkansas to eat better and exercise. Additionally, they also have established a Hypertension Program funded by the state legislature to improve hypertension and cardiovascular disease related outcomes and to decrease health disparities among racial and ethnic minority persons living in Arkansas.

University-sponsored programs in the community

Arkansas Cancer Community Network (AR-CCN)

Arkansas Cancer Research Center
Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute
4301 W. Markham St.
Little Rock, AR 72205
Phone: (501) 686-6000
Contact: Kimberly Enoch, C.N.P.R., BS
Email: enochkimberlys@uams.edu
http://www.acrc.uams.edu/patients/pub_education.asp

The Arkansas Cancer Community Network is a program within the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. It provides community-based education, prevention, and screening activities. Additionally, AR-CCN is working to create culturally competent methods to reduce health disparities, measure and evaluate disparity reduction, disseminate this information, and increase local capacity for sustainable cancer control activities.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Community Health Centers of Arkansas

Community Health Centers of Arkansas
420 W. 4th Street Suite A
North Little Rock, AR 72114
Phone: (501) 374-8225

Toll Free Number: (877) 666-CHCA
Contact: Sip B. Mouden, Executive Director
Email: sbmouden@chc-ar.org
<http://www.chc-ar.org/>

Community Health Centers of Arkansas, Inc. (CHCA), Arkansas Primary Care Association, represents 12 federally qualified health centers with fifty-three clinic sites. Each is located in medically underserved area and is community governed. The federally qualified health centers provide, or make provisions for, primary medical, dental, mental health, preventive services, and support services to the uninsured, underinsured, Medicare, Medicaid, private pay, and privately insured.

California

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

University-sponsored programs in the community

Justice Now

1322 Webster Street, Suite 210
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: (510)839-7654
Contact: Cynthia Chandler, Co-Director
Email: Cynthia@jnow.org
<http://www.jnow.org/>
(Oppy Agenda)

Interns and staff provide legal services in areas of need identified by women prisoners, including documentation of human rights violations against incarcerated women, coalition building with economic rights groups, health rights groups, and women's groups, and education on women's health for imprisoned women.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Applied Research Center (ARC) (also see locations in New York and Illinois)

900 Alice Street, Suite 400
Oakland, CA 94607
Phone: (510) 653-3415
Email: arc@arc.org
<http://www.arc.org/>

Launched in 1981, ARC was born out of the community organizing experience. Both activists and academics recognized a need for rigorous study of the practice of organizing and the need for solid research into the issues around which organizers were mounting campaigns. Today ARC is a leading research lab and foundry where academics and activists forge tools to spark social progress and measure the results. ARC recently published, with the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations, Closing the Gap: Solutions to Race-Based Health Disparities (Summer 2005)

California Communities Against Toxics

P.O. Box 845
Rosamond, CA 93560
Phone: (661) 510-3412
Contact: Jane Williams
Email: info@stoptoxics.net
<http://www.stoptoxics.net/>

California Communities Against Toxics (CCAT) advocates for environmental justice and pollution prevention. CCAT identifies new polluting facilities in communities of color and gains recognition to the environmental injustice of pollution in California. CCAT unites Native Nations, inner city people of color, and the rural poor in a coalition that has worked to stop every attempt to roll back environmental regulation in California.

The California Endowment

100 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (800) 449-4149
E-mail: questions@calendow.org
<http://www.calendow.org/>

The California Endowment's mission is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians. Each of the 58 counties in California is supported by one of the regional offices.

Projects: California Works for Better Health. CommunitiesFirst (334 grantees): The CommunitiesFirst grant-making program focuses on three broad areas of interest: Access, Health & Well-Being and Multicultural Health. The Endowment invests resources in communities in contributing to significant improvements in the health and well-being of California's underserved individuals and areas. Collaboration and inclusion are central to the success of this concept that puts the community at the center of developing solutions for its health-related issues.

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN)

654 13th Street
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: (510) 832-1160
Contact: Ellen Wu, Executive Director
Email: ewu@cpehn.org
<http://www.cpehn.org/>

The California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN) works to ensure that all Californians have access to quality health care and can live healthy lives. We gather the strength of communities of color to build a united and powerful voice in health advocacy committed to improving access to health care and eliminate health disparities. Our "Multicultural Principles for a Healthy California: A Systemic Approach for Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities" seeks to shape health care policy to eliminate the causes of health disparities.

Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment

450 Geary Street, Suite 500
San Francisco, CA 94102
Phone: (415) 346-4179
Contact: Luke Cole, Director
Email: luke@igc.org
<http://www.crpe-ej.org/>

1224 Jefferson Street, Suite 25
Delano, CA 93215
Phone: (661) 720-9140
Contact: Caroline Farrell, Directing Attorney
Email: Caroline@igc.org
<http://www.crpe-ej.org/>

CRPE is an environmental justice advocacy organization which works with low-income communities and communities of color to address the disparate environmental health burdens they bear. Their team of lawyers and organizers works to build individual capacity, foster community power, and address environmental hazards.

CLCV Education Fund

6310 San Vicente Blvd., Suite 425
Los Angeles, CA 90048
Phone: (323) 939-6790
Fax: (323) 939-6791
Contact: [James T. Lau](mailto:jlau@clcveducationfund.org), Assistant Executive Director
Email: jlau@clcveducationfund.org
<http://www.clcveducationfund.org/>
(AFHH)

350 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: (510) 271-0900
Toll-free: (800) 755-3224
Fax: (510) 271-0901
<http://www.clcveducationfund.org/>

The CLCV Education Fund is a non-profit, non-partisan, community-based advocacy organization that expands the universe of Californians who understand and act on the direct connection between the environment, public health, and civic participation. CLCV Education Fund empowers people with the political information and leadership skills they need to improve the health of their communities and the environment.

Environmental Health Coalition

401 Mile of Cars Way, Suite 310
National City, CA 91950
Phone: (619) 474-0220
Contact: Diana Takvorian, Executive Director
Email: DianeT@environmentalhealth.org
[Http://www.environmentalhealth.org/](http://www.environmentalhealth.org/)
(AFHH)

Environmental Health Coalition is one of the oldest environmental justice organizations in the United States, using social change strategies to achieve environmental justice. EHC is dedicated to achieving environmental and social justice by empowering communities in the San Diego region acting together to make social change. EHC organizes and advocates to protect public health and the environment threatened by toxic pollution. EHC supports broad efforts that create a just society which foster a healthy and sustainable quality of life.

Environmental Law Foundation

1736 Franklin Street, 9th Floor
Oakland, CA 90405
Phone: (310) 450-7226
Contact: [Adam Lazar](mailto:alazar@envirolaw.org), Staff Attorney
Email: alazar@envirolaw.org
<http://www.envirolaw.org/>
(AFHH)

The Environmental Law Foundation (ELF) is a California nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of human health and the environment. Among ELF's principal concerns is an enforcement program for polluters designed to protect the environment and public health, particularly to protect those with the least choice and greatest vulnerability to toxic risks.

Greenlining Institute

1918 University Avenue 2nd Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704
Phone: (510) 926-4004
Contact: John C. Gamboa, Executive Director
Email: john@greenlining.org
<http://www.greenlining.org/>

The Greenlining Institute works to improve the quality of life for low-income and minority communities. The institute emerged from the Greenlining Coalition, perhaps the oldest coalition of African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, and Latino community leaders organized around a common purpose. With the formal founding of the Institute in 1993, Greenlining set out to create an antidote to redlining, the illegal yet common practice of denying, limiting, or overcharging for financial services and products to low-income and minority communities.

The Prevention Institute

221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 96467
Phone: (510) 444-7738
Contact: Larry Cohen, Executive Director
Email: larry@preventioninstitute.org
<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/>

Prevention Institute's approach to eliminating health disparities focuses on advancing a deeper understanding of how fundamental causes of disparity, (e.g., economics and oppression) shape underlying determinants of health and illness. Focusing attention and resources on primary prevention could significantly reduce inequities in health outcomes.

Projects: California
Campaign to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health -- The Campaign's strategy (under development) identifies nine priority health disparity issues for the State, and delineates institutional, governmental, and community opportunities to improve healthcare and the environments in which people live, work, and go to school.
THRIVE: Community Tool for Health & Resilience In Vulnerable Environments -- THRIVE assesses community resilience factors linked to Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicators, to help communities identify ways in which they can eliminate health disparities and improve community health.

Western Center on Law and Poverty, Inc. (also see Sacramento and Vallejo locations)

3701 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 208
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Phone: (213) 487-7211
Contact: Pegine Grayson, Executive Director
Email: pgrayson@wclp.org
<http://www.wclp.org/>

The Western Center conducts litigation, legislative and administrative advocacy to increase low-income Californians access to medical care. In addition, the Center works to address healthy homes issues -- environmental hazards, such as lead paint, in the home that make housing a health program and predominantly affect low-income and people of color.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

BAY AREA

Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice

310 8th Street, Suite 102
Oakland, CA 94607
Phone: (510)434-7900
Eveline Shen, MPH, Executive Director
<http://www.apirh.org/>
(Oppy Agenda)

Formerly named Asians & Pacific Islanders for Reproductive Health, this Oakland-based group has worked for over 15 years to develop a vision and analysis that addresses the reproductive justice issues and needs in Asian communities.

The Edible Schoolyard

Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School
1781 Rose Street
Berkeley, CA 94703
Phone: (510) 558-1335
Contact: Marsha Guerrero, Director Special Projects
Email: info@edibleschoolyard.org
<http://www.edibleschoolyard.org/>

The Edible Schoolyard, in collaboration with Martin Luther King Junior Middle School, provides urban public school students with a one-acre organic garden and a kitchen classroom. Using food systems as a unifying concept, students learn how to grow, harvest, and prepare nutritious seasonal produce. Experiences in the kitchen and garden foster a better understanding of how the natural world sustains us, and promote the environmental and social well being of our school community.

The School Lunch Initiative

Chez Panisse Foundation
1517 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709
Phone: (510) 843-3811
Email: info@chezpanissefoundation.org
<http://www.school lunchinitiative.org/>
(ARC/NWFCO)

The vision of the School Lunch Initiative (SLI) is to connect formal academic subjects with experiential learning in instructional gardens, kitchen classrooms and the school lunch room to awaken the senses and encourage awareness and appreciation of the values of nourishment, community and stewardship of the land. As part of the learning experience, SLI will provide all students with delicious, healthy, seasonal meals made from local, sustainably grown ingredients. As part of the curriculum, students will be involved in activities that include growing, preparing, serving and enjoying food with adults and peers. The project began in 2004 to design and implement curriculum and food service innovations in a public school setting. This project is a public/private partnership of the Berkeley Unified School District, the Center for Ecoliteracy, and the Chez Panisse Foundation.

BUSD Nutrition Services

1720 Oregon St Berkeley, CA 94703
Phone: (510) 644-6200
Email: Ann_Cooper@berkeley.k12.ca.us
<http://www.berkeley.k12.ca.us>

Center for Ecoliteracy

2528 San Pablo Avenue Berkeley, CA 94702
Phone: (510) 845-4595
Email: info@ecoliteracy.org
www.ecoliteracy.org

The Center for Ecoliteracy is dedicated to education for sustainable living. The Center is a pioneer in providing tools, ideas, and support for combining hands-on experience in the natural world with curricular innovation in K–12 education. It administers a grant program and donor-advised funds, publishes extensively online and in print, and offers resources, seminars, and technical assistance in support of systemic change. It was founded in 1995 by Fritjof Capra, Peter Buckley, and Zenobia Barlow.

Chez Panisse Foundation

1517 Shattuck Avenue Berkeley, CA 94709
Phone: (510) 843-3811
Email: info@chezpanissefoundation.org
<http://www.chezpanissefoundation.org>

The Foundation envisions a nationwide public school curriculum at all levels that includes hands-on experiences in school kitchens, gardens, and lunchrooms. This curriculum will inspire students to choose healthy food and help them understand the impact of their choices on their health, the health of their communities, and the planet.

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations

300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 620
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: (510) 272-9536
Contact: [Jeffrey Caballero](mailto:Jeffrey.Caballero@aapcho.org)
Email: jeffc@aapcho.org
<http://www.aapcho.org/>
(AFHH)

The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) is a national association representing community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders within the United States, its territories and freely associated states, primarily through member community health centers.

Asian Pacific Environmental Network

310 8th Street, Suite 309
Oakland, CA 94607
Phone: (510) 834-8920
Contact: Vivian Chang, Executive Director
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<http://www.apen4ej.org/>
(AFHH)

APEN seeks to empower low-income Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities to achieve environmental and social justice, striving to build grassroots organizations that will improve the health, well-being and political strength of our communities. APEN currently works on three levels: Direct organizing in local communities, building a network of API organizations and working in multiracial alliances to affect regional and national social change.

Communities for a Better Environment (also see L.A. offices)

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Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: (510) 302-0430
Contact: Jennifer Bowen
Email: jbowen@cbecal.org
<http://www.cbecal.org/>

Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) is an environmental health and justice organization, promoting clean air, clean water, and the development of toxin-free communities. CBE's unique three-part strategy provides grassroots activism, environmental research, and legal assistance within underserved urban communities. CBE directly equips residents impacted by industrial pollution with the tools to inform, monitor, and transform their immediate environment. CBE also sponsors youth oriented programs for students ages 12-18 in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area and in surrounding communities called Youth for Environmental Justice (Youth-EJ).

Environmental Health & Justice Initiative The San Francisco Foundation

225 Bush Street, Suite 500
San Francisco, CA 94104
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Email: info@sff.org
<http://www.sff.org/programs/environment/environmental-health-justice/>

The San Francisco Foundation established the Environmental Health and Justice Initiative in 2000 to address the impact of environmental factors on local communities. The Initiative supports impacted communities, grassroots groups, and nonprofits as they promote protective public policies, minimize environmental health risks, engage in policy advocacy, and educate and involve residents in creating safe, healthy neighborhoods. The Initiative strengthens networks of individuals, groups, and agencies to link scientific knowledge, policy expertise, and community leadership to assure the right of all people to a healthy environment

Healthy Children Organizing Project

221 Main Street, Suite 480
San Francisco, CA 94103
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<http://www.healthychildrensf.org/>

HCOP's mission is to protect young children from preventable diseases caused by environmental hazards in San Francisco's low income and minority communities. HCOP focuses on diseases caused by environmental hazards, in particular lead poisoning and asthma. These diseases are most severe in low income and minority communities where environmental hazards are more prevalent and where access to health care and resources is limited.

Law Offices of J. Wallace Oman

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San Francisco, CA 94108
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(AFHH)

Firm represents tenants in San Francisco on all tenant-landlord matters, particularly: correcting housing code violations and habitability defects; defending against evictions; and preventing childhood lead poisoning by correcting lead hazards.

Legal Aid of Marin

30 North San Pedro Road, Suite 220
San Rafael, CA 94903
Phone: (415) 492-0230
Contact: [Janice Baldwin, Director of Administration and Finance](#)
<http://www.legalaidmarin.org/>
(AFHH)

Legal Aid of the North Bay provides free legal services to low income and senior residents of Marin County.

Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ)

800 Innes Avenue, Unit 11
San Francisco CA 94124
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<http://www.lejyouth.org/>
(AFHH)

Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ) is an urban environmental education and youth empowerment organization created specifically to address the unique ecological and social concerns of Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco, and the surrounding communities of Potrero Hill and Visitacion Valley. LEJ engages urban youth in traditional environmental problems by drawing concrete linkages between the state of human health, the environment, and urban quality of life. Serving over 2500 youth per year, the agency is currently focused on food access; the siting of schools near toxic sites; environmental and reproductive health; and green community development.

People Organized to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights

474 Valencia Street, #155
San Francisco, CA 94103
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Contact: Antonio Díaz, Organizational Director
Email: info@podersf.org
<http://www.podersf.org/>
(AFHH)

A multicultural membership-based group organizing residents of the Mission district of San Francisco to work on solutions to issues facing low income communities and communities of color, PODER confronts the San Francisco Mission district's environmental and economic injustices.

People United for a Better Oakland

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<http://www.peopleunited.org/>
(AFHH)

People United for a Better Oakland (PUEBLO) is a multi-ethnic, multi-issue community-based organization that fights for social, economic and racial justice in Oakland. By developing the political analysis, leadership, and organizing skills of members and allies, PUEBLO helps build power in Oakland communities and win institutional changes on the issues that affect residents' lives.

St. Peter's Housing Committee

474 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
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Email: info@comitedevivienda.org
<http://www.comitedevivienda.org/index.html>
(AFHH)

St. Peter's Housing Committee is a non-profit grassroots organization serving Mission profit grassroots organization serving Mission District tenants and all Spanish-speaking tenants of San Francisco. St. Peter's Housing Committee has assisted thousands of low income families and individuals on housing issues and Landlord/Tenant problems.

Western Center on Law and Poverty, Inc. (also see Sacramento and Los Angeles locations)

Bay Area Office
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Vallejo, CA 94591
Phone: (707) 373-4572
<http://www.wclp.org/>

The Western Center conducts litigation, legislative and administrative advocacy to increase low-income Californians access to medical care. In addition, the Center works to address healthy homes issues -- environmental hazards, such as lead paint, in the home that make housing a health program and predominantly affect low-income and people of color.

LOS ANGELES

Bet Tzedek Legal Services

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(AFHH)

Valley Bet Tzedek
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<http://www.bettzedek.org/>

Bet Tzedek – Hebrew for the “house of justice” – is one of the nation’s premier legal services organizations, providing free assistance to more than 10,000 people of every racial and religious background at its headquarters in the Fairfax area and its office in North Hollywood and at more than 30 senior centers throughout Los Angeles County.

Coalition for Economic Survival

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Los Angeles, CA 90020
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Email: contactces@earthlink.net
<http://www.cesinaction.org/>
(AFHH)

Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) is a grassroots multi-racial, multi-ethnic non-profit community-based organization. CES is dedicated to organizing low and moderate income people to win economic and social justice.

Communities for a Better Environment (also see Oakland Offices)

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Huntington Park, CA 90255
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<http://www.cbecal.org/>

Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) is an environmental health and justice organization, promoting clean air, clean water, and the development of toxin-free communities. CBE's unique three-part strategy provides grassroots activism, environmental research, and legal assistance within underserved urban communities. CBE directly equips residents impacted by industrial pollution with the tools to inform, monitor, and transform their immediate environment. CBE also sponsors youth oriented programs for students ages 12-18 in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area and in surrounding communities called Youth for Environmental Justice (Youth-EJ).

Concerned Citizens of South Central L.A.

4707 South Central Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90011
Phone: (213) 846-2500
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<http://www.ccscla.org/>
(AFHH)

CCSCLA fosters interest among its members and community in social, economic and environmental conditions and growth of their community. Additionally, to assist in the development of low income housing in Southern California communities by providing technical and other assistance to nonprofit housing development corporations.

Esperanza Community Housing Corporation

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Los Angeles, CA 90007
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<http://www.esperanzachc.org/>
(AFHH)

Esperanza Community Housing Corporation works to achieve comprehensive and long-term community development in the Figueroa Corridor neighborhood of South-Central Los Angeles. Community residents of all ages and ethnicities are the foundation of Esperanza's grassroots work.

Crystal Stairs, Inc.

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Los Angeles, CA 90056
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contact@crystalstairs.org
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Leimert Park Village Office
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Los Angeles, CA 90008-4908

Nickerson Gardens SAGE Center
1450 East 114th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90059
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Crystal Stairs, Inc. is one of the largest private, nonprofit child development corporations in the State of California. It was incorporated to provide service, research and advocacy in the fields of child care and development, maternal employment, and family functioning.

Healthy Homes Collaborative (part of SAJE)

617 South Olive Street, Suite 810
Los Angeles, CA 90014
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<http://www.saje.net/programs/healthyhomes.php>
(AFHH)

Healthy Homes Collaborative (HHC) is an association of community-based organizations and community leaders from within Los Angeles County, dedicated to improving housing conditions that affect health. Members of the collaborative represent a variety of interests, including affordable housing, tenants' rights, children's health/rights, environmental justice, public interest law, and general community issues.

Housing Rights Center

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Los Angeles, CA 90020
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Toll free: (800) 477-5977
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<http://www.hrc-la.org/>
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HRC has established an effective and comprehensive outreach and education program. We continuously develop and distribute written materials that describe the applicable laws that protect against housing discrimination and ways to prevent housing injustices.

Los Angeles Housing Law Project

1125 West 6TH Street, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Phone: (213) 481-0134

Court House Office
110 North Grand Ave.
Room 220a, Second Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone (213) 613-2760

Contact: Rod Field, Executive Director
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<http://www.lahlp.org/>
(AFHH)

The LAHLP works to ensure that all low-income families, regardless of immigration status, are afforded the opportunity for safe and decent housing that comply with habitability standards and remains affordable. In addition, the LAHLP strives to insure that these families have access to the legal system.

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

1102 Crenshaw Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90019
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Toll free number: (800) 399-4529
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(AFHH)

As LA's frontline law firm for low-income people, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles promotes access to justice, strengthens communities, combats discrimination, and effects systemic change through representation, advocacy, and community education.

SAJE – Strategic Action for a Just Economy

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<http://www.saje.net/>
(AFHH)

SAJE is an economic justice and popular education center that has been building economic power for working class people in Los Angeles since 1996. Over the past nine years SAJE's combination of community organizing, coalition-building, and grassroots policy has gained significant benefits for the community.

OTHER CALIFORNIA

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

2210 K Street, Suite 201
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<http://www.crlaf.org/>

The California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF) is a non-profit organization providing community education, public policy advocacy, training, technical and legal assistance to California's rural poor.

CRLAF's mission is to assist rural poor people to improve their economic, social, and political conditions in the United States. CRLAF targets its work in the areas of civil rights, community and economic development, education, employment, environmental justice, health, housing, immigration, labor, pesticides, worker safety, and workers' rights.

Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma

2651 Elm Street, Suite 100
Long Beach, CA 90806
Phone: (562) 427-4292
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www.lbaca.org
(AFHH)

Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma works to change the profile of childhood asthma in the most affected areas of the City of Long Beach through improved healthcare delivery and quality, outreach, education, support systems, and living environments, and changes in policy at all levels.

Pacoima Beautiful

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<http://www.pacoimabeautiful.org/>
(AFHH)

Pacoima Beautiful empowers the Pacoima community through programs that provide environmental education, advocacy and local leadership in order to foster a healthy and safe environment.

Santa Clara Children's Health Initiative

Valley Children's Health Initiative
2325 Enborg Lane
San Jose, CA 95128
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Toll Free: (888) CHI-5222
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<http://www.chikids.org/>

The Children's Health Initiative (CHI) was established in January 2001 to provide access to health insurance to the then estimated 71,000 uninsured children in Santa Clara County. Through an extensive outreach and enrollment project, Certified Application Assistants discuss the benefits of health insurance with families, evaluate the children's eligibility, and assist the family in enrolling their child/children in the appropriate health insurance program. CHI serves as the umbrella, helping children access Medicaid, S-CHIP or Healthy Kids (locally developed and funded to cover all children whose families earn 300% FPL or below, regardless of immigration status).

West County Toxics Coalition

1019 MacDonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94801
Phone: (510) 232-3427
Contact: Henry Clark, Executive Director
<http://www.westcountytoxicscoalition.org/>
(AFHH)

The Coalition's mission is to form an organization of residents that empowers the community to fight toxic exposure, protect the environment, and protect the health and safety of residents. The Coalition's work focuses on ensuring that the city, state and county implement environmental justice laws that have been adopted. Currently, the Community Health project in Richmond identifies environmental and health threats, such as chemical pollution, and advocates for resources to address the effects of toxins.

Western Center on Law and Poverty, Inc. (also see Los Angeles and Vallejo locations)

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<http://www.wclp.org/>

The Western Center conducts litigation, legislative and administrative advocacy to increase low-income Californians access to medical care. In addition, the Center works to address healthy homes issues -- environmental hazards, such as lead paint, in the home that make housing a health program and predominantly affect low-income and people of color.

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Colorado

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Colorado General Assembly recognized that although Colorado as a whole is a healthy State, racial and ethnic minorities, are disproportionately impacted by disease, injury, disability, and death. In addition, it declared that it is in the best interests of the State to establish a Health Disparities Grant Program (HDGP) under House Bill 05-1262. The purpose of this HDGP is to provide financial support for statewide initiatives that address prevention, early detection, and treatment of Cancer and Cardiovascular disease including diabetes or other precursors and Pulmonary Diseases in underrepresented populations. The Health Disparities Grant Program (HDGP) is housed within the Office of Health Disparities at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The program is coordinated with other programs within the state health department including the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease Program (CCPD), the Colorado Women's Cancer Control Initiative (CWCCI), and the State Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (STEPP) that are also allocated funds from the tobacco excise tax. CCPD and STEPP will establish grant programs specific to their goals.

Government-sponsored programs

Colorado Turning Point Initiative Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-7746
Phone: (303) 692-2000
Contact: Mauricio Palacio, Director
Email: cdphe.edohd@state.co.us
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/tpi>

The Colorado Turning Point Initiative is working to create systems-change in the policies and practices of agencies, organizations and communities toward the pursuit of health equity and the elimination of health disparities. Program goals include developing a minority health surveillance system, diversifying the public health workforce, improving cultural competency, building a statewide communication network and providing education about health disparities and their root causes as they relate to the determinants of health.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Brother Jeff's Community Health Initiative

608 26th Street, Executive Suite
Denver, CO 80205
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www.brotherjeff.com

Brother Jeff's Community Health Initiative's mission is to reduce the disproportionate HIV and AIDS rate among African-Americans and to enhance the quality of life for African-Americans living with HIV and AIDS regardless of age, faith, background or sexual orientation.

Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights

P.O. Box 201061
Denver, CO 80220
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Contact: Jacinta Montoya, Executive Director
Email: info@colorlatina.org
<http://www.colorlatina.org/>
(Oppy Agenda)

The mission of Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR) is to educate on, to advocate for, and to promote the quality of healthcare and reproductive rights for the sisterhood of Latinas. To this end, COLOR offers education, advocacy and technical assistance to the Latino community, key decision-makers, non-profit organizations, healthcare providers, governmental agencies, and the mainstream community to promote social justice for Latinas. COLOR's area of action include breast and cervical cancer, sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, family planning and contraception, abortion, and sexuality education.

Northeast Denver Housing Center

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<http://www.nedenverhousing.org/>
(AFHH)

Northeast Denver Housing Center works to create sustainable, healthy housing opportunities for underserved households through outreach, education and housing development.

Connecticut

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Connecticut has established the DMHAS Health Disparities Initiative with academic partners from Yale University and the University of Connecticut. Building on the cultural competency work led by Jose Ortiz and the DMHAS Office of Multicultural Affairs, our goal is to systematically review data to identify health disparities and implement strategies to eliminate them. An important aspect of this effort involves using a conceptual model to guide how we improve access to care, treatment engagement and retention, service delivery and community supports. Health disparities occur for reasons that are often subtle and complex, but we know they can be eliminated. For example, providing vocational supports has resulted in more paid jobs and has helped remove racial differences in the employment status of DMHAS mental health consumers. Likewise, we have been able to significantly reduce differences in access to care using programs like the Latino Outreach Initiative. Connecticut is fortunate because we have been working on improving cultural competency for the past seven years and have developed strategies that we know are effective. We will work to expand on these efforts as we pursue our goal of building a recovery-oriented system of care. As long as health disparities exist, we will continue to address these issues to ensure that everyone receiving DMHAS services gets the best possible quality of care.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Connecticut Citizens Action Group

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Hartford, CT 06105
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Contact: Amy McLean Salls, Director
Email: Amy@ccag.net
<http://www.ccag.net/>
(AFHH)

Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG) is a statewide membership organization dedicated to working with people to bring about social, economic and environmental justice. By utilizing grassroots power, CCAG has created change on the issues our members care about including quality, affordable health care and the protection of our environment.

Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice

P.O. Box 2022
Hartford, CT 06145
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<http://www.environmental-justice.org/>

The mission of Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice is to protect urban environments primarily in Connecticut through educating communities, through promoting changes in local, state, and national policy, and through promoting individual, corporate and governmental responsibility towards our environment.

Connecticut Health Foundation

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New Britain, CT 06052
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Email: monette@cthealth.org
<http://www.cthealth.org/>

The Connecticut Health Foundation has made a long-term commitment to eliminate factors that contribute to health disparities experienced by racial and ethnic populations in Connecticut. The Foundation selected the strategy of improving the diversity of the health care workforce as one important and concrete contribution to addressing the quality of care for minorities.

Environment & Human Health, Inc.

1191 Ridge Road
North Haven, CT 06473
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EHHI is dedicated to protecting human health from environmental harms through research, education and promotion of sound public policy. Environment and Human Health, Inc. is made up of doctors, public health professionals and policy experts committed to the reduction of environmental health risks to individuals.

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, Inc.

290 Pratt Street
Meriden, CT 06450
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Contact: Juan A. Figueroa, President
Email: info@universalhealthct.org
<http://www.universalhealthct.org/>

Believing that Connecticut needs to have a system of health care that provides excellent care at an affordable cost and leaves no one out, UHCFC seeks to be a catalyst that engages people and communities in shaping a democratic health system that provides universal access to quality health care and promotes health in Connecticut. To develop this mission, the board of directors and staff consults with health policy experts, organized labor, small business representatives, foundations, advocacy organizations and faith-based organizations.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition

2470 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605
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Barbara Edinberg, Assistant Director
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The Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition, BCAC, is a coalition of 81 member organizations committed to improving the well-being of Bridgeport's children through a program combining research, community planning, advocacy, community education and mobilization. BCAC promotes policies and programs to ensure that all children have the opportunity to grow up healthy and safe and receive the education and

skills to reach their full potential. BCAC's Health Task Force addresses critical health issues for children in Bridgeport, with an emphasis on addressing racial disparities in health care and health care access.

Hispanic Health Council

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Hartford, CT 06106
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jeannetted@hispanichealth.com
<http://www.hispanichealth.com/>

Hispanic Health Council (HHC) is a community-based, non-profit organization located in Hartford, Connecticut, committed to improving the health and social well being of Puerto Rican/Latinos and other underserved communities through community-based research, direct service, training and advocacy.

Naugatuck Valley Project

26 Ludlow Street
Waterbury, CT 06710
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The Naugatuck Valley Project is a regional organization to save and create jobs, affordable housing, critical public and private services in the Valley, one of the oldest and poorest industrial areas in the nation. The NVP Health Care Translation Project helps gain better access to care for non-English speakers by doing the research and mobilization needed to establish language interpretation services at Valley hospitals and health care facilities.

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Delaware

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Governor Ruth Ann Minner signed Executive Order Number 68, establishing the Health Disparities Task Force, which is charged with making recommendations to eliminate inequalities in disease and access to health care in Delaware. The 23-member Task Force, which will

include representation from community groups, state agencies, healthcare providers, and the community, will provide its final report to the Governor within one year. (see below)

Government-sponsored programs

Delaware Health Disparities Task Force

Delaware Health & Social Services
1901 North DuPont Highway, Main Bldg.
New Castle, DE 19720
Phone: (302) 255-9040
Email: dhssinfo@state.de.us
<http://www.state.de.us/governor/orders/webexecorder68.shtml>

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League

100 West 10th Street, Suite 710
Wilmington, DE 19801
Phone: (302) 622-4303
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Email: info@mwul.org
<http://www.mwul.org/>

In partnership with the Office of Lieutenant Governor John Carney, the MWUL has embarked on an initiative to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in the state of Delaware. The goals of the MWUL are consistent with the goals outlined in the Healthy Delaware 2010 report – to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities by ensuring that people of color in Delaware have access to quality services, information and support they need to become healthy citizens.

District of Columbia

Current District Initiatives (2008 update):

Mayor Fenty has organized the program, “Eliminating Health Disparities: Focusing on Fitness and Nutrition”. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that poor diet and physical inactivity is actually the second leading cause of death in that it contributes to the nation’s leading killers - heart disease, cancer and stroke. The District of Columbia ranks above the national average for all leading causes of death including heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes. African-American and Latino/Hispanic communities account for a disproportionate share of those chronic diseases. DOH is issuing a call to action to bring attention to the current health situation, and seek innovative solutions to eliminate health disparities. The Department of Health will also launch a patient education initiative that will provide educational information to residents that will emphasize preventive health care and appropriate use of emergency care and urgent care services.

[SEE NATIONAL LISTINGS AT END OF DIRECTORY FOR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN D.C.]

University-sponsored programs in the community

Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health & the Environment

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(AFHH)

The Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health & the Environment (MACCHE) was founded in 1999 and is the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit for Region 3. It is a joint project of the George Washington University Medical Center and Children's National Medical Center. Clinical activities of MACCHE include referrals and support of a clinic for pediatric lead evaluation.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Community Resources // D.C. Greenworks

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Community Resources is a regional, technical assistance nonprofit organization that brings innovative ideas, tools and experience, empowering urban communities to improve their social, physical and natural environments. Community Resources works in partnership with community groups, public agencies and nonprofit organizations to develop community-based environmental programs

Consumer Health Foundation

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<http://www.consumerhealthfdn.org/>

Consumer Health Foundation aims to improve the health status of Washington, DC-area communities -- particularly the most vulnerable members of these communities -- and to support the activities that enable people to be more actively involved in their own health. The foundation's work centers on reducing racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in access to health care and health outcomes, through consumer education and capacity building.

DC Action for Children

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<http://www.dckids.org/>
(ARC/NWFCO)

Grocery stores are one of the many places – like bus lines, health fairs, and community meetings – where D.C. Action for Children distributes information as part of its effort to reach out to city residents and sign them up for health coverage.

DC Asthma Coalition

1718 M Street, N.W., Suite 148
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<http://www.dcasthma.org/>
(AFHH)

The DC Asthma Coalition (DCAC) is a partnership of health care providers and educators, community-based, government, and civic organizations, environmental specialists, research institutions and universities, business leaders, asthma patients and caretakers who are working together to assist patients and families to manage and prevent asthma symptoms more effectively. It is dedicated to the promotion and implementation of comprehensive, coordinated, collaborative, interactive, creative, culturally sensitive, and holistic approaches that will improve the quality of life of individuals with asthma.

Lead Safe DC

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<http://www.lead safedc.com/>
(AFHH)

Lead Safe D.C. is a non-profit program that combines a broad family education initiative and a grassroots public policy task force with the goal of ridding the nation's capital of childhood lead poisoning. The program, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, is in its second year and has reached over 1,000 mothers in high-risk neighborhoods with lead poisoning prevention education.

Mary's Center for Maternal Child Care, Inc.

2333 Ontario Road, NW
Washington, DC 20009
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Email: info@maryscenter.org
<http://www.maryscenter.org/>
(AFHH)

Mary's Center was established in 1988 with joint funding from the DC Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs and the DC Commission of Public Health to address the demand for Spanish-speaking maternal and pediatric services in the predominately Latino areas of Ward One. Today, the Center serves a multicultural population residing in every Ward of the city, with a focus on families who work in jobs where health insurance is not available.

NAACP – Washington Bureau

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(AFHH)

The NAACP Health Department's goals are to organize new NAACP branch health committees; develop national health education initiatives; expand community outreach; and sponsor collaborative programs with other national and local health organizations.

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Florida

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The 2007 Minority Health Disparities Summit addressed health challenges that impact racial and ethnic populations in Florida and examined current efforts to improve access to and the quality of health care for all Floridians. "This summit is a forum to discuss efforts to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities throughout Florida," DOH Secretary of Health Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H. said. "Every Floridian deserves the opportunity for a healthy life and the Department of Health is diligently working toward reducing health outcome gaps." The theme of the summit is "Addressing Health Disparities: Moving Beyond Hope to Action." This theme derives from the 2007 initiative from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health that empowers communities to take action and develop a common agenda to end health disparities.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Concerned Citizens to Combat Cancer, Inc.

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<http://www.freewebs.com/cc2ccancer/>

Mission of CCCC includes: to address the disproportionate rate of cancer incidence and mortality among the medically underserved population of Florida; to increase awareness about cancer incidence, risks, prevention strategies, treatment options and other available resources; to identify barriers that might impede

cancer preventions, detections and treatments plus identify the means to overcoming those barriers. Projects include the Partnership for Minority Health Education Initiative.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

National Conference for Community and Justice (regional office, main location in Brooklyn, NY)

Broward / South Palm Beach Region
300 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 340
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
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Email: gpricewise@nccj.org
<http://www.nccj.org/>
(Oppy Agenda)

NCCJ and its Broward County affiliate have identified health care disparities as a key area of focus, and have sponsored a local forum to educate and promote dialogue among community leaders, health care professionals, health systems administrators, and others.

Federation of Congregations United to Serve

142 East Jackson Street
Orlando, FL 32801
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<http://www.focusorlando.org/>
(Oppy Agenda)

Federation of Congregations United to Serve (FOCUS) is a multi-ethnic, inter-denominational, non-profit community organization affiliated with the Pacific Institute for Community Organization (PICO), which serves as a national network of congregation-based community organizations in over 100 cities. FOCUS is working to make sure that seniors and low-income families have access to health care services. As part of its campaign FOCUS has worked with health officials in Orlando to establish a mobile health-care unit to visit poor neighborhoods and public housing complexes.

Environmental and Occupational Health at Florida International University

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http://ssph.fiu.edu/environmental_health/index.html
(AFHH)

The Environmental and Occupational Health focuses on graduate training in the areas of Environmental Health/Toxicology and Occupational Health to prepare professional and researchers to discover and analyze the links between human health and exposure to the environmental and occupational factors.

Fanm Ayisien Nan Miyami Inc. (Haitian Women of Miami)

Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc.
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Miami, Florida 33138
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http://fanm.org/contents/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1
(AFHH)

FANM is known for its strong advocacy on behalf of Haitian refugees and other immigrants, and also provides much needed mental health, breast health, domestic violence intervention, crisis intervention, parenting and child care training, anger management, health access services and immigration services to hundreds Haitian women and their families. The agency also has a wealth of mental health, social service, education/outreach experience, in addition to extensive knowledge of cultural issues affecting the Haitian community.

Little Havana Activities & Nutrition

700 SW 8th Street

Miami, FL 33130

Phone (305) 858-0887 x229

Contact: Ramon Perez-Goizueta

<http://www.lhanc.org/>

(AFHH)

Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc. (LHANC) provides a wide range of social services to socially isolated and economically disadvantaged seniors in the South Florida area. Many of our services are provided free of charge to aid the rapidly increasing elderly population of Miami-Dade County by providing them with essential services in a loving and sensitive manner. The services provided by the Centers' bilingual staff and volunteers are numerous and diverse. Furthermore, the Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers work in collaboration with local municipalities to provide more efficient services to the elderly of South Florida.

Georgia

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Dr. Rhonda Medows, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Health, met with the newly appointed members of the Minority Health Advisory Council. During this meeting, she expressed her passion to reduce and eliminate health disparities among minority populations in Georgia. At the time, Georgia ranked 42nd nationally in health outcomes according to the United Health Foundation's *America's Health Rankings* report. Racial and ethnic minorities make up roughly one-third of Georgia's population, yet their disease burden is significantly higher. Georgia has well documented health disparities in cultural competence, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, kidney disease, cancer, stroke and HIV/AIDS. Improving health outcomes for minority and other underserved populations will result in reducing and eliminating adverse health outcomes.

University-sponsored programs in the community

Environmental Justice Research Center

223 James P. Brawley Drive

Atlanta, GA 30314

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Email: rbullard@cau.edu

<http://www.ejrc.cau.edu>

(AFFH)

"Based at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, EJRC provides research, technical, scientific, legal, and other support to community-based organizations (CBOs) and environmentally impacted communities in social justice areas related to environmental and economic justice, environmental racism, community health, and many more" (afhh). (see national groups)

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Día de la Mujer Latina

Día de la Mujer Latina, Inc.
3750 Venture Dr., Suite 100A
Duluth, GA 30096
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Contact: Venus Gines, CEO & Founder
Email: venusgines@yahoo.com
<http://www.diadelamujerlatina.org/>
(Oppy Agenda)

La lucha continúa pero no seremos vencidos..the struggle continues but we will not give up. The mission of Día de la Mujer Latina, Inc. is to promote health awareness to the underserved Latino community by providing culturally and linguistically proficient health education; a culturally-specific setting for early detection screening and prevention care; a resource information center, as well as patient navigation for follow-up services.

Intercultural Center for Health & Wellness, Inc. (c/o Día de la Mujer Latina)

3750 Venture Dr., Suite 100A
Duluth, GA 30096
Phone: (770) 814-8769
Contact: Richard Gines, Executive Director
Email: richiegines@bellsouth.net
<http://www.diadelamujerlatina.org/main/ichw/index.html>

Intercultural Center for Health & Wellness navigates the medically underserved community to health and wellness programs and a health resource hotline for a better understanding of Latino culture and traditions, and culturally proficient methods for health promotion and disease prevention.

Research Contacts

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Hawaii

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

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The Hawai'i EXPORT Center is a National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded research project that is focusing on diabetes health disparities in Native Hawaiians and Pacific Peoples which consist of Filipinos, Samoans, Tongans, etc.

The overall mission of the Hawai'i EXPORT Center is to reduce or eliminate diabetes related health disparities in Native Hawaiians and Pacific Peoples through "grass roots" partnerships that will foster research, research capacity building and community outreach.

The Hawai'i EXPORT Center operates within the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine. MedStar Research Institute is a collaborative partner located in Washington, D.C.

Idaho

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Statewide advocacy organizations

Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN)

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1151 Oakley
Burley, ID 83318
Phone: (208) 678-1708

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Website: <http://icanweb.net/>

The fundamental mission of ICAN is to provide a voice for Idahoans committed to progressive social change and to develop the power necessary to create those changes.

Illinois

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

University-sponsored programs in the community

Chicago Environmental Law Clinic

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Illinois Institute of Technology
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lawoffices@kentlaw.edu
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The mission of the Chicago Environmental Law Clinic is to enable people who are confronting urban environmental problems to have equal access to environmental justice. The Clinic provides legal education, advocacy and volunteer services in response to community-directed concerns, and is a means for recurrent policy issues in urban environmental cases to be articulated and advanced.

Loyola University Child Law Center

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Chicago, IL, 60611
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<http://www.luc.edu/law/academics/special/center/child/>
(AFFH)

Loyola University Chicago is a nationally recognized leader in legal education and advocacy for children. Its ChildLaw Center and Clinic offer degree programs for legal and non-legal professionals who seek a specialized understanding of the law in order to better serve the unique needs of children and families. Our mission is to promote justice for children through interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship and service, and through the development of a new legal specialty, pediatric law.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Applied Research Center (ARC) (also see locations in New York and California)

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Chicago, IL 60601
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Fax: (312) 727-0411
<http://www.arc.org/>

Launched in 1981, ARC was born out of the community organizing experience. Both activists and academics recognized a need for rigorous study of the practice of organizing and the need for solid research into the issues around which organizers were mounting campaigns. Today ARC is a leading research lab and foundry where academics and activists forge tools to spark social progress and measure the results. ARC recently published, with the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations, Closing the Gap: Solutions to Race-Based Health Disparities (Summer 2005)

Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health

28 E. Jackson, Suite 710
Chicago, IL 60604
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Email: info@icah.org
<http://www.icah.org/>
(Oppy Agenda)

ICAH was founded in 1977 as the Illinois Caucus on Teenage Pregnancy. Today, ICAH is focused on promoting a positive approach to adolescent sexual health and comprehensive support for young parents. ICAH's strategies to support this mission include development of young leaders, policy analysis and development, advocacy, and training of both youth and adults.

Voices for Illinois Children

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Voices for Illinois Children champions the full development of every child in Illinois to assure the future well-being of the people of the state. We work with families, communities and policymakers to ensure that all children grow up healthy, nurtured, safe and well-educated

Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois

125 South Wacker Dr., 14th Floor
Chicago, IL, 60606
Phone: (312) 424-0200
Contact: Nancy B. Ronquillo, President and Chief Executive Officer
<http://www.chasi.org/>
(AFFH)

Chasi's volunteers and staff, and comprehensive quality programs in nearly 40 Illinois counties help children and families overcome the obstacles of poverty, abuse, and neglect to achieve healthy family structures and self-sufficiency.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Bethel New Life, Inc.

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Chicago, IL 60651
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Fax: (773) 473-7871
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<http://www.bethelnewlife.org/default.asp>
(AFHH)

Bethel New Life is a place-based (West Garfield Park) community development corporation (CDC) with faith at its foundation. Since 1979, we have faithfully innovated to developed initiatives that deal with the causes of problems in ways that build on the strengths of the people and community. This approach is known as asset-based community development, and runs counter to the more common "needs-based" model of community development.

Community Lead Education and Reduction

Erie Family Health Center
2750 W. North Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647
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Contact: Lee Francis, MD, MPH, CEO/President
<http://www.riefamilyhealth.org/>
(AFHH)

With 50 years of experience, Erie Family Health Center serves over 30,000 patients annually through eight primary sites, including three elementary school-based health centers, a teen health center and a dental health center.

Great Lakes Center for Occupational and Environmental

2121 W. Taylor Street M/C 922
Chicago, IL, 60612
Phone: (312) 355-0138

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(AFFH)

The Great Lakes Centers for Occupational and Environmental Safety & Health is a multi-institutional and multidisciplinary center that provides professional education, research, and service in occupational safety and health to Illinois and its surrounding states. The Centers devotes special attention to the problems and needs of minority and disadvantaged workers and communities, the specific occupational and environmental safety and health needs of our region, and to the development of innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to addressing these needs.

Lawndale Christian Health Center

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Chicago, IL 60623
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Email: information@lawndale.org
<http://www.lawndale.org/>

Lawndale Christian Health Center (LCHC) is a community-based nonprofit organization, founded in 1984 and dedicated to improving the health of Chicago's Lawndale and Garfield communities. LCHC provides quality primary care services without regard for a patient's ability to pay and serves as a community resource for eliminating health disparities.

Westside Health Authority

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Chicago, IL 60651
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<http://www.healthauthority.org>

Westside Health Authority (WHA) has pioneered innovative approaches to re-establishing the well-being of West Side communities. WHA has made a substantial contribution to developing people and community through activities such as spearheading the community's effort in 1990 to raise money to purchase the closed St. Anne's Hospital.

Howard Area Community Center

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(AFFH)

Infant Welfare Society of Chicago

3600 W. Fullerton Ave.
Chicago, IL, 60647
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(AFFH)

Metropolitan Tenants Organization

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(AFFH)

The Mission of the Metropolitan Tenants Organization is to educate, organize and empower tenants to have a voice in the decisions that affect the affordability and availability of decent and safe housing.

People for Community Recovery

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Chicago, IL, 60827
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<http://www.geology.wisc.edu/~wang/EJBaldwin/PCR/>
(AFFH)

PCR's mission is to enhance the quality of life for low-income residents living in communities affected by pollution. PCR educates, advocates policy and programs in an effort to coordinate local residents on issues of the environment, health, housing, neighborhood safety and economic equity. PCR has found a significant correlation among various industrial processes-- the byproducts of which pollute the air, land and water--and the health status of urban minority communities.

Peoples Law Office

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(AFFH)

For 40 years, People's Law Office has successfully represented victims of the police and other government officials. We have fought for justice for people who have been tortured or physically abused, wrongfully arrested or convicted, unfairly sentenced to death, or targeted as a result of their political beliefs or organizing efforts on behalf of movements struggling for justice and liberation. Through our lawsuits we have uncovered secret abuses by police and government officials - including a torture ring inside the Chicago Police Department - and have recovered millions of dollars for our clients through settlements and trial verdicts.

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Indiana

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Partners Recruiting Opportunities for Minority Student Education (PROMiSE) project was formed in order to eliminate health disparities, such as asthma, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, infant mortality, and mental health, from Indiana's underserved communities. The reversal of these disparate trends in health care service comes from the focused efforts of INShape Indiana, the Indiana State Department of Health - State Office of Minority Health (ISDH, SOMH), the Indiana Minority Health Coalition (IMHC), the Indiana Area Health Education Center (IN-AHEC), and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). Although the overall health of the nation has improved, many racial and ethnic groups continue to experience the devastating effects caused by inadequate access to health care. The consequence of this is that minority groups are more likely to suffer from chronic disease and poor health. The good news is that, according to findings in the National Healthcare Disparities Report, targeted improvement interventions could significantly reduce healthcare disparities. Clearly, the lack of adequate minority health professionals in Indiana is a significant barrier towards the elimination of health disparities.

University-sponsored programs in the community

William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health

IU Center of Law – Indianapolis
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<http://www.indylaw.indiana.edu/centers/clh/>

The Center for Law and Health conducts legal and empirical research on health law issues in Indiana and the nation; analyses health law issues for the bar, government, and the health care community; and expands the curriculum and teaching of health law at the law school, while providing opportunities for student participation in Center-sponsored research initiatives, educational programs, and health law internships.

Get the Lead Out Task Force - Memorial Hospital

615 N. Michigan Street
South Bend, IN, 46601
Phone: (574) 472-1351
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<http://www.ikecoalition.org/index.html>
(AFFH)

Get The Lead Out! (GTLO!) was conceived in the fall of 2000 by the Community Leadership Institute (CLI) at Aquinas College as a way to "bring the community together in strategic action that ends childhood lead poisoning in Kent County." GTLO! is comprised of over 30 organizations, with representation from local government, human services, environmental advocacy, health care, education, child advocacy, housing providers, neighborhood-based organizations, CLEARCorps, and others.

Projects: Lead and Healthy Homes: Most sources of mercury to children have been dramatically reduced. But we have a legacy that must be addressed - the legacy of deteriorating lead-based paint. And with 35% of children in some Indiana neighborhoods and one of nine tested statewide having elevated blood lead levels, the problem must be addressed. Most of IKE's work has been through the Lead-Safe Indiana Task Force which it formed in September of 1999. The Task Force has flourished since then.

Sewage in Our Streams: 105 municipalities in Indiana have sewer systems that combine storm water and domestic and industrial sewage. Many of these systems overflow into neighborhood streams that children play in even in moderate rains. The solutions are tough to find. Preliminary estimates are that it will take \$4 billion in Indiana alone to reduce the 20 billion gallons of annual overflows.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Inc.

3737 North Meridian Street, 3rd Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46208
Phone: (317) 926-4011
Contact: Nancy Jewel, President & CEO
Email: [njewel@imhc.org](mailto:njewell@imhc.org)
<http://www.imhc.org/>

The Indiana Minority Health Coalition (IMHC) is a non-profit organization whose vision is to ensure that "no ethnic/minority child, adolescent or adult will experience preventable health conditions at any greater rate than non minorities." IMHC was created in 1992 by local coalitions united in an effort to address the disparities that exist between minority and white populations.

Indiana Public Health Association

P.O. Box 1705
Indianapolis, IN 46206
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Email: info@inpha.org
<http://www.inpha.org/>

IPHA continues on the foundation created over fifty years ago by bringing together health care providers, environmental health professionals, registrars and educators in partnership with Indiana communities to be a voice for the health of the public.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Heartland Center

6819 Indianapolis Blvd.
Hammond IN 46324
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<http://www.heartlandctr.org/index.htm>

Heartland Center is a not-for-profit organization serving the people of Northwest Indiana through research on social issues, educational programs, leadership training and community coalition building. It's mission is to work in solidarity with all segments of society, especially the poor, to construct a more just and human society. The center was founded in 1987 by Christian groups.

Hispanic/Latino Minority Health Coalition of Greater Indianapolis

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Indianapolis, IN 46208
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<http://www.hlmhc.org/>

Hispanic/Latino Minority Health Coalition of Greater Indianapolis works to enhance the quality of life for Indiana's Hispanic and Latino communities through education, advocacy and quality health care services.

Iowa

Current Statewide Initiatives (2008 update):

Statewide advocacy organizations

Iowa Citizen Action Network (ICAN)

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Des Moines, Iowa 50310
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485 Hwy 1 W
Iowa City, Iowa 52246-9922
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Fax: (319) 354-0833

Contact: Betty Ahrens, ED
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Kansas

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment under the direction of Secretary Roderick L. Bremby established an advisory committee in September 2005 whose focus would be to help establish a strategic framework and direction for the Office of Minority Health. Specifically, he asked the group to help institute a framework aimed at addressing and eliminating health disparities among racial, ethnic and tribal populations in Kansas. A framework that will allow the office to build capacity and resources in a targeted and outcome focused manner. The advisory committee is comprised of representatives from identified health areas: public, private, community and academic. The committee will serve as an advocacy group to address unique health issues impacting racial/ethnic and tribal populations including access to health care, disease specific health disparities, and culturally appropriate and linguistically competent health care programs. The ongoing role of the committee will focus on assisting in the determination of key priorities and initiatives for the office, and affirming a policy framework that guides the activity of the office.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Kansas Minority Health Advocacy Network

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The purpose of the Kansas Minority Health Advocacy Network is to bring together the key leaders as well as the community-based groups across the State of Kansas in order to advocate to public and private entities for the purpose of being accountable towards eliminating health status disparities in Racial and Ethnic minorities.

Kentucky

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Healthy Kentuckians 2010 is Kentucky's commitment to the national prevention initiative Healthy People 2010. Common overarching goals of these initiatives are to increase the quality and years of healthy life and eliminate health disparities.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Metropolitan Housing Coalition

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Louisville, KY 40204-4533

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<http://www.metropolitanhousing.org/>

The Metropolitan Housing Coalition exists to bring together this community's private and public resources to provide equitable, accessible housing opportunities for all people through advocacy, public education and support for affordable housing providers. Projects: "Out of Breath: Childhood Asthma, Poverty and Housing"

Louisiana

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Building on the findings from the report, *Minority Health in Louisiana: A Report to the Legislature*, Louisiana has taken the first steps by planning for the expansion and increase of information and statistical research on minority health in this state.

Government-sponsored programs

Louisiana Office of Mental Health

Bienville Building

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<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=62>

The mission of the Louisiana Office of Mental Health is to transform mental health care in Louisiana to ensure that people served are treated with dignity and provided an integrated, consumer-driven system of care which supports recovery and resiliency. We serve the public, people with mental health needs and challenges, and people with co-occurring disorders.

OMH operates an effective, efficient, comprehensive, integrated and culturally competent system of mental health services guaranteeing consumer and family involvement so as to meet the needs of adults with serious mental illness and of children with serious emotional disturbance and reduce the need for out-of-home placement.

University-sponsored programs in the community

Deep South Center for Environmental Justice

Dillard University

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New Orleans, LA 70122
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Fax: (504) 816-4032
Contact: Dr. Beverly Wright, Founder & Director
Carolyn Woullard
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<http://www.dscej.org/>
(AFFH)

The Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ) was founded in 1992 in collaboration with community environmental groups and universities within the region to address issues of environmental justice. The DSCEJ Community/University Partnership, under the auspices of Dillard University in New Orleans, provides opportunities for communities, scientific researchers, and decision makers to collaborate on programs and projects that promote the rights of all people to be free from environmental harm as it impacts health, jobs, housing, education, and general quality of life.

Loyola University of N.O. School of Law

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New Orleans, LA, 70118
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(AFFH)

The Law Clinic is a fully functioning legal clinic which allows third year law students the opportunity to represent indigent clients under the supervision of experienced attorneys. By participating in the law clinic, student practitioners not only have the chance to experience firsthand what representing clients is like, but they also have an opportunity to further the Jesuit ideals of scholarship and service at Loyola by providing legal representation to the needy.

Statewide advocacy organizations

ACORN National Louisiana/New Orleans ACORN

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New Orleans, LA, 70117
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(AFFH)

ACORN National Louisiana and New Orleans ACORN are the state and local affiliates of Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now. They organize for a living wage, lead poisoning prevention, and voting rights in the area.

Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN)

PO Box 66323
Baton Rouge, LA 70896
Phone: (225) 928-1315
Contact: David Brown and Marylee Orr
Email: contact@leanweb.org
www.leanweb.org

LEAN is an umbrella group for organizations that work on environmental issues. It connects citizens with corporate and government organization to assess and solve environmental problems in order to improve the environment for all Louisiana citizens.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Advocates for Environmental Human Rights (AEHR)

650 Poydras St., Ste. 2523
New Orleans, LA 70130
Phone: (504) 799-3060
Contact: Monique Harden, JD – Co-Director & Attorney
Nathalie Walker, JD – Co-Director & Attorney
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<http://www.ehumanrights.org/>

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Washington, DC 20036
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Fax: (202) 293-7110

AEHR is an environmental justice law firm dedicated to providing legal advocacy for communities working towards attaining their fundamental human right to a clean and healthy environment.

Common Ground Health Clinic

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New Orleans, LA 70114
PO Box 741801
New Orleans, LA 70174-1801
Phone: (504) 361-9800
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www.cghc.org

Common Ground Health Clinic was created after Hurricane Katrina to respond to the medical needs of those who could not evacuate. It offers free health care for those without insurance and it is working to provide

culturally competent health care to reduce health disparities. Additionally, it provides bilingual services and the Latino Health Outreach Project to increase the Latino population's access to health care.

Center for Empowered Decision Making (CEDM)

1515 Poydras Street, Ste. 1060
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The Center for Empowered Decision Making uses the strategies of community engagement, capacity building and community mobilization in building healthy neighborhoods and communities in New Orleans. Post Katrina activities for the Center include developing health care delivery services in Baton Rouge and New Orleans for storm affected populations.

Children's Defense Fund – Louisiana (also see Washington, D.C. and Mississippi locations)

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New Orleans, LA 70113-1027
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http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/PageNavigator/Katrina_freedom_schools

The Children's Defense Fund strives to ensure every child has a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life. CDF advocates and lobbies for policies in the areas of child health, child welfare and mental health, early childhood development, education and youth development, and family income and jobs. CDF is working with Southern and Dillard Universities to train college students to work with Katrina children in summer and after school programs.

Institute of Mental Hygiene

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imh@imhno.org
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IMH promotes increased access and quality of mental health services for children. Among its goals are connecting mental health providers in low-income communities with universities and child-serving institutions; partnering with other organizations that would like to add mental health services to their existing programs; building mental health leadership capacity in the community; and supporting advocacy efforts, infrastructure development, and improving the effectiveness of local mental health groups.

Louisiana Bucket Brigade

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New Orleans, LA 70119
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The Louisiana Bucket Brigade conducts independent environmental sampling in New Orleans to assist communities to reduce pollution and protect public health.

Louisiana Public Health Institute

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New Orleans, LA 70112

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LPHI works to improve the health and quality of life in New Orleans through public-private partnerships at the parish and state level. It creates partnerships in order to promote policy change, disseminate information to improve community capacity, and expand knowledge through applied research.

Moving Forward Gulf Coast, Inc. (MFGC)

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MFGC is a private empowerment effort, led by natives of the Gulf Coast region, developed in response to the Hurricanes of 2005. Focusing primarily on communities of color in Slidell, New Orleans, Gulfport/Biloxi, Pearlinton and Mobile, MFGC recruits and works with volunteers from around the nation and provides free assistance to families that cannot afford to rebuild their homes. MFGC volunteers work to assist hurricane survivors take charge of healing their lives and reconstruct their communities by shifting the paradigm of social change toward producing self-sufficiency and self-determination.

New Orleans Legal Assistance

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New Orleans, LA 70112
Phone: (504) 529-1000
Toll Free: (877) 521-6242
Contact: Laura Tuggle
Contact: Ranie Thompson
<http://www.nolac.org/>

West Bank Jefferson, Plaquemines, and St. Charles
4051 Westbank Expressway
Marrero, LA 70072
Phone: (504) 340-1381
Toll Free: (800) 624-4771

New Orleans Legal Assistance provides free legal aid for low-income individuals. Part of its work focuses on increasing the poor's access to health care. Additionally, it works with community groups and other legal advocacy organizations to protect the rights of the poor.

People's Environmental Center

1136 North Galvez Street
New Orleans, LA 70119
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<http://www.peoplesenvironmentalcenter.org/>

The People's Environmental Center informs New Orleans residents about the environmental conditions in their neighborhoods with the goal of organizing residents to advocate for their environmental rights.

People's Hurricane Relief Fund/People's Organizing Committee

2226 Ursulines

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NewOrleansSurvivorCouncil@gmail.com
<http://www.peoplesorganizing.org/>

The People's Organizing Committee (POC) is a collaboration organizers from various groups under the People's Hurricane Relief Fund (PHRF). POC aims to build and sustain a network of community leaders, organizers, and community organizations in order to assist those most impacted by Katrina. This network will serve as a means to help develop local leadership for the relief effort.

St. Thomas Health Services

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New Orleans, LA 70130
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<http://www.stthomaschc.org/>
(ARC/NWFCO)

The clinic launched by the St. Thomas Resident Council, St. Thomas Health services, is the community's primary vehicle for addressing the range of issues that affect the mostly low-income African American community that it serves. St. Thomas Health Services has been a model for integrating a broader vision of community health (one that includes explicitly addressing the consequences of racism and discrimination), and accessible, high quality primary care.

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Maine

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Government-sponsored programs

The New England Minority Health Committee Regional Initiative to Eliminate Health Disparities

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<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/index.htm>
(Oppy Agenda)

In partnership with the USDHHS the New England states began collaborating in 1997 to develop strategies to address racial and ethnic health disparities regionally. As a result of joint planning the first "Eliminating Health Disparities by 2010" conference was held in Rhode Island April 1999. Two important outcomes

resulted from this first conference. First, time was provided for participants to meet as states to identify state specific health disparity needs. The goal was to develop state specific plans. Second, a commitment to continue the regional collaboration resulted in the initiation of conference planning activities for the 2001 conference hosted by Vermont and New Hampshire.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Environmental Health Strategy Center

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The Environmental Health Strategy Center works to protect human health by reducing exposure to toxic chemicals, expanding the use of safer alternatives, and building partnerships that focus on the environment as a public health priority. The Environmental Health Strategy Center frames toxic pollution as a public health issue, focuses on proven solutions and draws strength from both the environmental and public health movements.

Maryland

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene services are organized and delivered in a manner designed to eliminate health disparities among its ethnic and racial populations, thereby leading the way to a Healthy Maryland in the New Millennium. In fulfillment of the Department's mission to promote the health of all Maryland citizens, the Health Disparities Initiative shall focus the Department's resources on eliminating health disparities, partner with statewide organizations in developing policies and implementing programs and monitor and report the progress to elected officials and the public. The target ethnic/racial groups shall include African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans.

Government-sponsored programs

Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities

Maryland Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston St., Room 500
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Email: healthdisparities@dnhm.state.md.us
<http://www.mdhealthdisparities.org/>

The Health Disparities Initiative shall focus the Department's resources on eliminating health disparities, partners with statewide organizations in developing policies and implementing programs and monitors and reports the progress to elected officials and the public. The target ethnic/racial groups include African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans.

University-sponsored programs in the community

Morgan-Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions

(A joint project of Johns Hopkins and Morgan State University)

Bloomberg School of Public Health

Johns-Hopkins University

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Baltimore, MD 21205

Phone: (410) 614-0161

Contact: Rachel Relosa

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<http://www.jhsph.edu/healthdisparities/index.html>

The Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions (HCHDS) is dedicated to the elimination of disparities in health and health care among racial and ethnic groups, socioeconomic groups, and geopolitical categories such as urban, rural, and suburban populations. The HCHDS conducts multidisciplinary basic and translational research with the goals of advancing knowledge on the causes of health and healthcare disparities and developing interventions to eliminate them. The HCHDS works collaboratively with community-based organizations, historically black colleges, and minority serving institutions to carryout the work of the center.

NIEHS Center in Urban Environmental Health

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

615 North Wolfe Street

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<http://www.jhsph.edu/dept/EHS/Centers/UrbanEnviroHlth/>

The growth of urban centers around the country and the associated environmental risk factors has had a profound impact upon the health of urban area residents. Research at the Johns Hopkins Center in Urban Environmental Health examines how interaction of socioeconomic status and environmental exposure contribute to health disparities.

University of Maryland Env. Health Education Center

655 W. Lombard Street Room 402

Baltimore, MD, 21201

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(AFFH)

Developed by a cadre of environmental and community health nursing experts, EnviRN is dedicated to supporting nurses seeking accurate, timely and credible scientific information on environmental health and nursing. Our goal is to create a "virtual nursing village" where nurses can share strategies, tools, resources, and ideas in order to promote environmental health in their workplaces, homes, schools, and communities. The ultimate goal is to prevent environmental disease by increasing the numbers of nursing professionals who can recognize environmental etiologies and risk factors; promote health through risk reduction and control strategies; and empower individuals, families and communities through education, practice, research, policy and advocacy.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Minority Access, Inc.

5214 Baltimore Avenue

Hyattsville, MD 20781-2044

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<http://www.minorityaccess.org/>

Minority Access, Inc. has a Cooperative Agreement with the Office of Minority Health, supported by the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to help close the health disparities gap, in part by increasing the participation of minorities in biomedical research by identifying and honoring minority students and their supporters of any race.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning

2714 Hudson Street
Baltimore, MD 21224
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Contact: Ruth Ann Norton, Executive Director
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<http://www.leadsafe.org/>

The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning is dedicated to preventing childhood lead poisoning through advocacy, outreach and education. Working in partnership with the community, the Coalition is committed to ensuring that all children grow up in healthy, affordable lead-safe housing and that community based solutions for lead safe housing are implemented which will result in healthier children and healthier communities. The Coalition also provides Environmental Justice training through their Community Health Leaders Advocacy program.

Public Justice Center

1 North Charles Street, Suite 200
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
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<http://www.publicjustice.org/>

The Public Justice Center's Health Rights Project acts as a "watchdog" for poor people who need health insurance. In addition, the project advocates with government agencies to simplify and improve access to care and brings consumer voices to the decision-making table.

ACORN Baltimore

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(AFFH)

African American Environmental Association

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<http://groups.msn.com/AAEA>
(AFFH)

The African American Environmentalist Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the environment, enhancing human, animal and plant ecologies, promoting the efficient use of natural

resources and increasing African American participation in the environmental movement. AAEA resolves environmental injustice and racism through the application of practical environmental solutions. We are one of the nation's oldest African American-led environmental organizations.

Kennedy Krieger Institute

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Baltimore, MD, 21205
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<http://www.kennedykrieger.org/>
(AFFH)

Kennedy Krieger Institute is an internationally recognized facility located in Baltimore, Maryland dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with pediatric developmental disabilities through patient care, special education, research, and professional training

Massachusetts

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Advocates in Massachusetts successfully secured funding for the state's first-ever Office of Health Equity in the 2009 budgets for both the House and Senate (Governor Patrick included funding for the office earlier this year). The Office of Health Equity will coordinate the efforts of public agencies to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in Massachusetts; provide leadership, technical support, and resources for public health commissions, departments of public health, and assorted other state agencies that affect health outcomes for communities of color; and administer competitive grant programs to support evidenced - based disparities reduction programs. The Massachusetts Office of Minority Health (MOMH) promotes the health and well being of ethnic minority communities throughout the Commonwealth by increasing the Department of Public Health's capacity to respond effectively to the critical public health needs of these communities. Because groups currently experiencing poorer health status are expected to grow, while other groups will decline, the future health of Massachusetts as a whole will be influenced substantially by our success in improving the health of these racial and ethnic minorities.

Government-sponsored programs

Boston Public Health Commission

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Boston, MA 02118
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<http://www.bphc.org/>
(Oppy Agenda)

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino announced a plan designed to address the city's racial and ethnic disparities in health care, providing \$1 million in grants to pay for hospitals to begin tracking ethnic and racial

differences in care delivery and underwrite cultural sensitivity training for physicians. The city's initiative also calls on hospitals to diversify their staffs and collaborate with religious groups and community coalitions that work in black, Latino and Asian communities. The \$1 million initiative will be funded partially by grants from foundations, health care providers and the city.

University-sponsored programs in the community

Family Advocacy Program

Maternity 6
91 East Concord Street
Boston Medical Center
Boston, MA 02118
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Email: kate.marple@bmc.org
<http://www.familyadvocacyprogram.org/>

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is a medical-legal collaborative designed to improve the health and well-being of low-income families with children. FAP provides free legal services for families whose children are served by BMC and affiliated neighborhood health centers; consultation, training and resources for health care providers; technical assistance to new and established medical-legal collaboratives; and support for legislative advocacy and policy reform initiatives. Working closely with pediatricians, FAP attorneys have successfully advocated for broad change through policy reform initiatives on several fronts, including the provision of state mental health services for children.

Statewide & regional advocacy organizations

Asthma Regional Council

The Medical Council (ARC)
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<http://www.asthmaregionalcouncil.org/>

To reduce the impact of asthma across New England, through collaborations of health, housing, education, and environmental organizations with particular focus on the contribution of schools, homes, and communities to the disease and with attention to its disproportionate impact on populations at greatest risk. The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2001 data shows that the New England region has the highest rates of asthma in the country - nearly 1.7 of the nation's 17 million asthma sufferers in 2001 reside in the New England region. Low income families have the highest burden.

Disparities Solution Center Institute for Health Policy

Massachusetts General Hospital
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Boston, MA 02114
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<http://www.massgeneral.org/disparitiessolutions/>

The Disparities Solution Center is dedicated to the development and implementation of strategies that advance policy and practice to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health care. The Disparities Center is the first disparity center to be based in a hospital, which supports its practical focus on moving the issue of disparities in health care beyond research and into the arenas of policy and practice.

Health Care For All

30 Winter Street, 10th floor
Boston, MA 02108
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<http://www.hcfama.org/>

HCFA seeks to create a consumer-centered health care system that provides comprehensive, affordable, accessible, culturally competent, high quality care and consumer education for everyone, especially the most vulnerable. We work to achieve this as leaders in public policy, advocacy, education and service to consumers in Massachusetts.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Alternatives for Community & Environment

2181 Washington Street, Suite 301
Roxbury, MA 02119
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<http://www.ace-ej.org/>

Based in Roxbury, Massachusetts, Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE) builds the power of communities of color and lower income communities to eradicate environmental racism and classism and achieve environmental justice. In neighborhoods like Roxbury, cumulative hazards contribute to and further aggravate poor health conditions, such as high rates of asthma. ACE believes that these injustices are the result of *political* disempowerment and economic abandonment.

Bowdoin Street Community Health Center

230 Bowdoin Street
Dorchester, MA, 02122
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<http://www.bowdoinstreethhealth.org/services.asp>
(AFFH)

The Community Health Team is committed to improving the health of the Dorchester Community by helping residents access health care on a regular basis. The Team is staffed by community outreach workers who go door-to-door, talking to residents and neighbors about health-related issues. Health workers partner with community residents and community-based agencies to identify health issues and develop programs to address those needs.

Codman Square Health Center

637 Washington Street
Dorchester, MA 02124
Phone: (617) 825-9660
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<http://www.codman.org/>

The Codman Square Health Center serves as a resource for improving the physical, mental and social well being of the community. The Health Center was conceived by a group of neighborhood activists in the 1970's, who joined together to improve the neighborhood. Codman Square Health Center initiatives

address the social, emotional and educational needs of adults and youth while celebrating the cultural and ethnic diversity of the community and the potential of every individual.

DotWell – A Partnership Between Dorchester House Multi-Service Center & Codman Square Health Center

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Dorchester, MA 02122
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DotWell is our new name for the Health Services Partnership, established by Dorchester House Multi-Service Center and Codman Square Health Center. DotWell works to provide integrated clinical and community services to address health disparities, build social capital, and meet the complex needs of the dynamic Dorchester community

Boston Urban Asthma Coalition

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Dorchester, MA, 02124
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<http://www.buac.org/>
(AFFH)

The Coalition serves as a clearinghouse and network for those in the city who are committed to improving the problem of asthma in Boston. Participating organizations include community activists who work alongside leading scientists and physicians to develop new approaches to prevention and intervention. Over time the organization has grown from a group of concerned individuals looking for a systemic means to address the asthma epidemic in Boston into a large coalition which achieves its work through member led committees.

Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative

504 Dudley Street
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(AFFH)

The Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative is an innovative, high performing holistic community change effort that continues to thrive. Residents lead a community collaboration with the shared goal of creating a vibrant, high quality diverse urban village. Today, the dramatic rebuilding of human, social and physical infrastructure has signaled that this is a neighborhood on its way back. DSNI focuses on three strategic areas: community economic development, leadership development and collaboration, and youth opportunities and development.

Lead Action Collaborative

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(AFFH)

The Lead Action Collaborative is a partnership of non-profit organizations, foundations, and government agencies that has been working to substantially reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning in

Boston's highest risk neighborhoods. The Collaborative also facilitates networking on lead issues among grassroots organizations, non-profit groups, and public agencies.

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Michigan

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Health Disparity Reduction and Minority Health Program was established to provide a persistent and continuing focus on eliminating disparities in the health status of Michigan's at-risk populations of color. The purpose of the office is to ensure that policies, programs and implementation strategies are culturally and linguistically tailored to significantly reduce the mortality and morbidity rates of Michigan's populations of color. The office also collaborates with state, local and private sectors to advance and implement health promotion and disease prevention strategies.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Maurice & Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice (Guild Law Center)

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(See "National Groups" for description)

Michigan's Children

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www.michiganschildren.org

One of Michigan's Children's top three priorities is the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in outcomes for children. They have been involved in addressing health disparities through that work, including partnerships with local coalitions addressing infant death disparities, advocacy for increased funding for health disparity projects, and partnerships with health providers. They produced a publication relating to health disparities which was funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and resulted in follow-up media work and planning.

Michigan League for Human Services

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Founded in 1912, the Michigan League for Human Services is a nonprofit, nonpartisan statewide policy and advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring that Michigan's low-income residents achieve economic security.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Migrant Health Promotion (also see Texas location)

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(Oppy Agenda)

Migrant Health Promotion builds on community strengths to improve health in farmworker and border communities. Our programs provide peer health education, increase access to health resources and bring community members together with health providers, employers and policymakers to create positive changes. Farmworkers and community members participate in health training and share what they have learned with their families and peers.

Get the Lead Out Coalition - Aquinas College Community Leadership Institute

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The Get the Lead Out Coalition is a group of parents, UTEP faculty and students, El Paso Community College, community leaders, neighborhood groups, schools and school children and concerned citizens, whose mission is to protect the health of border residents in El Paso, Texas, Ciudad Juarez, and Southeastern New Mexico. The GTLO Coalition also encourages community dialogue to prevent the reopening of American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO) and to promote sustainable growth for El Paso that is ecologically and economically sound.

Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services

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(AFFH)

ACCESS is a human services organization committed to the development of the Arab American community, and the greater community. To support this goal, ACCESS provides a wide range of human and cultural services as well as advocacy work.

Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice

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Established in 1994, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ) was formed for the express purpose of addressing the disproportional burdens faced by people of color and low income residents in environmentally distressed communities. DWEJ is a coalition of community leaders, academia, environmentalists, and others committed to restoring the city to a good place to live. The goal is to create an empowered community that has the capacity to address environmental concerns and to participate in decision-making activities where they are able to offer solutions to the problems that they face.

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Minnesota

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

In 2001, the Minnesota Legislature created the Health Disparities in Minnesota Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI). It is a 10-year statewide initiative to address and Health disparities are defined as eliminate racial/ethnic health disparities in the difference in health status Minnesota through local and statewide activities and Community and Tribal Health Grants. The mission of the EHDI is to support culturally appropriate public health programs designed and implemented by racial and ethnic communities. and American Indians The success of these programs is built on community assets, and grounded in the cultural Disparities are a result of a complex

beliefs, practices, and traditions of communities. interplay of many factors including racism, access to health care, social. The EHDI is administered through the Minnesota Department of Health Office of Minority and Multicultural Health (OMMH). This statewide initiative focuses on Africans/African Americans, American Indians, Asians, Latinos and Tribal Nations in eight health disparity areas: breast and cervical cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, healthy youth development, immunization, infant mortality, HIV/AIDs and sexually transmitted infections, and unintentional injury and violence.

Government-sponsored programs

Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative Office of Minority & Multicultural Health

Minnesota Department of Health

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The purpose of the Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative is to close the gap in the health status of African Americans/Africans, American Indians, Asian Americans, and Hispanic/Latinos in Minnesota compared with whites in the following priority health areas: breast and cervical cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections, healthy youth development, and violence and unintentional injuries, and by 2010, decrease by 50 percent the disparities in infant mortality rates and adult and child immunization. Identifying and/or creating new and innovative strategies to address racial/ethnic disparities is a key part of the EHDI program, as is a focus on prevention and early detection.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Sustainable Resources Center

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Sustainable Resources Center works to build vital communities that meet people's needs today while enhancing the environment for future generations. SRC focuses its efforts on lead issues, energy use, and healthy homes. SRC believes that barriers to service should be removed so that health, housing, education and other human and funding resources are made easily available to families. SRC's policies have been established so that services are family friendly and involve everyone in the work of creating and sustaining healthy homes.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Phillips Lead Collaborative c/o Sustainable Resources Center

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Phillips Lead Collaborative works with families, property owners and neighborhood associations to reduce the risks of lead poisoning for children through education, lead removal and gardening activities.

Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association

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(AFFH)

GMDCA is a child care resource and referral agency located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that helps families find child care and eligible parents pay for child care. The Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association is committed to the healthy development of all children.

Mississippi

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

In 2005, the Office of Health Disparity Elimination organized the Katrina Relief Symposium. The Office identified housing, stress management, and capacity building for faith-based and community-based organizations as high-focus priorities in facilitating rebuilding efforts on the coast and across the region. In addition, the Office of Health Disparity Elimination provided Disaster Preparedness training, formulated a Survival manual and a faith-based training manual for communities throughout Mississippi.

Government-sponsored programs

Office of Health Disparity Elimination

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Since its inception, the office has been committed to eliminating health disparities based on sound scientific evidence which protects and promotes the health of all Mississippians.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Mississippi Health Advocacy Program

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MHAP promotes health system change by developing innovative health and human services policy and monitoring implementation. The program also provides information and support to front-line workers and poor communities as they work to address problems at the local level. Mississippi Health Advocacy Programs (MHAP) combines research, analysis and grass-roots organizing to improve health policies, practices and funding in Mississippi, especially in support of the state's poor and under served people.

Missouri

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The mission of the Missouri Office of Minority Health is to develop systems and community capacity to eliminate health and wellness disparities. This can only be achieved through a heightened awareness of health, strategic partnerships and community engagement at every level. Consequently, minority health is about everyone -health care providers, social service organizations, industry, faith-based organizations, schools, policy makers and individuals getting involved.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Healthy Homes Network

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(AFFH)

The Healthy Homes Network of Greater Kansas City (HHN) is a community-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of safe and healthy homes. The HHN brings both experience and commitment to finding solutions that are affordable and practical for high-risk housing in low-income communities. The HHN strives to help people and communities make every home healthy by ensuring that it is dry, well ventilated, and free of pests, poisons, and dangerous gases. This is an investment that pays huge dividends by reducing medical costs, improving the home's durability and resale value, and, most importantly, safeguarding our children's health.

St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition

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(AFFH)

The St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition is a diverse group of individuals and public and private organizations working together to reduce and eliminate lead exposure in the St. Louis metro area, especially among children. It includes an extremely broad range of interests including neighborhood associations, hospitals and healthcare organizations, doctors, property owners associations, tenant associations, churches, businesses, local schools, and city and county government

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Montana

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Statewide advocacy organizations

Montana People's Action

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Our mission is to bring citizens together around education and action that will increase our ability to be self-determining. Through our efforts, Montana citizens can increase their control over the decisions that affect their lives. It is critical that the issues we respond to are articulated by the communities of the powerless which we organize and represent. These communities of need include: the poor; the elderly; women and children; family farmers and ranchers; native Americans; Hispanics; other minority populations; the unemployed; rural citizens; the disabled; and others who are not in a position to control their own economic security.

Montana Migrant & Seasonal Farmworker's Council, Inc.

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The Montana Migrant & Seasonal Farmworker Council, Inc.-- Migrant Health Program, Inc. provides access for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families to comprehensive, culturally competent primary and preventive health care, transportation, outreach, dental, pharmaceutical, occupational health and safety, and environmental health. These programs use bilingual, bicultural lay outreach workers, health personnel, and culturally sensitive appropriate protocols that cover all life-cycles.

Nebraska

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Nebraska 2010 Health Goals and Objectives outlines a set of health goals and objectives to be achieved by 2010. These goals are consistent with the national goals: eliminating health disparities and increasing the quality and years of healthy life for all people in Nebraska. The question is how to move this agenda forward in a way that optimizes resources and prioritizes needs. As the Nebraska Health and Human Services System moves to make improvements to transform public health in our state², the Office of Minority Health serves as a catalyst for this transformation by identifying and advocating for populations that are disproportionately affected by illness. Given its finite resources, the Office of Minority Health allocates resources to those minority-serving public health institutions that meet the greatest needs while helping develop local synergies in existing structures. It must identify and address health concerns for segments of the Nebraskan population that are often overlooked. To optimize existing resources and focus acquisition of new resources, it proceeds strategically.

Government-sponsored programs

Nebraska Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health

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The Office of Minority Health and Human Services (OMHHS) represents and advances the interests of people of color for the purpose of reducing the disparity that exists between the health status of racial/ethnic minorities and non-minorities in Nebraska. Central issues are to improve access to health services for racial/ethnic minorities; improve data collection strategies; increase racial/ethnic minority representation in

science and health professions; develop relevant and comprehensive research agenda; and expand community-based health promotion and disease prevention outreach efforts.

Nevada

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Nevada State Legislature created the Office of Minority Health with passage of Assembly Bill 580 during the 2005 legislative session. Included in the bill was the creation of an Advisory Committee, composed of nine members reflecting the ethnic and geographical diversity of the state. The mission of the Nevada Office of Minority Health is to improve the quality of health care services for members of minority groups; and to increase access to health care services; to seek ways to provide education, address, treat and prevent diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority populations.

Nevada Office of Minority Health

Office of Minority Health

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Division

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New Hampshire

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The New Hampshire Minority Health coalition is composed of community-based organizations, state and local agencies, local companies and private residents representing diverse, underserved minority communities who are concerned about the appropriate delivery of health care services to these communities.

Statewide advocacy organizations

New Hampshire Minority Health Coalition

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<http://www.nhhealthequity.org/>

The coalition works to identify populations in the state with barriers to accessing appropriate healthcare, to advocate for appropriate services and to empower these populations to be active participants in their own health care. The primary target population of the NHMHC is racial, ethnic, and linguistic minorities.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

The Way Home

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Healthy Homes Services is a program of The Way Home (TWH), a non-profit tenant rights and social services agency in Manchester, New Hampshire. The program trains and employs low-income community residents, including parents of lead-poisoned children and children at high risk, to provide environmental health services to their communities. These services, which include low-cost hazard control, peer education, and the provision of products that reduce environmental health hazards, have proven to be one way to advance primary prevention efforts.

New Jersey

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The *Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative* has led to New Jersey's first strategic plan to improve the health of racial and ethnic populations. These groups lack access to effective health care, have higher rates of illness and death, and suffer more complications from chronic health conditions. The Office of Minority and Multicultural health is leading the effort to reduce New Jersey's deep, persistent health disparities.

Government-sponsored programs

Office of Minority & Multicultural Health

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The Office of Minority and Multicultural Health works to prevent disease and to promote and protect the well-being of racial/ethnic minorities at all stages of life, accomplishing this mission through increasing public and health professional awareness of persistent race/ethnic disparities and by developing effective health policies and culturally competent programs that lead to better access and utilization of quality health care services.

University-sponsored programs in the community

Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities

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Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities is dedicated to promoting long and healthy lives for members of New Jersey's culturally and racially underserved communities. New project on "Addressing Cancer Disparities in New Jersey"

New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute

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The New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute, (NJPPRI) identifies, analyzes and disseminates information critical to informed public policy development in and for the African-American community in New Jersey and the region. NJPPRI assists organizations such as the state-wide NAACP to implement local initiatives to address health disparities.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Healthy Eating & Activity Together Initiative (HEAT)

An Initiative of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)
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The focus of the Healthy Eating and Activity Together (HEATSM) Initiative is prevention of obesity in children and identification of children at risk for obesity and its physical and psychological morbidities. The HEAT Initiative includes the development of an evidence-based, culturally appropriate clinical practice guideline for health professionals focused on optimal nutrition, feeding/eating, and physical activity to guide care. Additional objectives of HEAT are to educate about good nutrition, feeding/eating, and physical activity behaviors; and to encourage change in public policies to ensure access to high-quality resources for nutrition and physical activity for all children and families.

New Jersey Citizen Action

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As the state's largest citizen watchdog coalition, New Jersey Citizen Action works to protect and expand the rights of individuals and families and to ensure that government officials respond to the needs of people rather than the interests of those with money and power. Through organizing campaigns that promote

economic, social, racial and political justice, [NJCA](#) encourages the active involvement of New Jersey residents in challenging the public and private institutions and agencies that impact our lives.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Ironbound Community Corporation

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(AFFH)

The Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) is a nonprofit community-based organization rooted in the ethnically diverse Newark neighborhood called Ironbound. Founded in 1969 by community residents, ICC's major role has been to work with neighborhood people to develop and operate programs and services to meet the needs of the area and improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and the general community.

ISLES

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Isles operates a vast array of activities that recognize the interdependence of physical, economic, health, and social development strategies to address the problems of distressed communities. Each year, Isles directly reaches central New Jersey residents with programs in: at-risk youth job training, affordable housing development, financial literacy training, homeownership counseling, community gardening, environmental health and education, community organizing, and regional planning.

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New Mexico

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

In July 2005, the Department of Health's, Office of Policy and Multicultural Health (OPMH) received a federal grant from the Department of Health and Human Service's,

Office of Minority Health to address health disparities. As part of this grant, OPMH created the Health Disparities Advisory Committee (HDAC). The committee provides a direct link between the Department of Health and local, tribal and rural communities to provide a better focus on health disparities. The purpose of the HDAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Director of OPMH regarding critical health disparity issues impacting minority populations.

Statewide advocacy organizations

SouthWest Organizing Project

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SWOP is a statewide multi-racial, multi-issue, community based membership organization. Since 1980 we have worked to make it possible for thousands of New Mexicans to begin to have a place and voice in social, economic and environmental decisions that affect our lives.

New York

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) is the Health Department's center for issues relating to the health of racial and ethnic minorities. It was created by legislation in 1992. Allocation of grant dollars to community organizations is a key function of the office. OMH has funded 36 projects on a variety of health promotion and risk reduction issues of special concern to minority populations. These include violence prevention among adolescents, diabetes, and organ donation. The projects have led to the development of peer education programs, health education modules and campaigns, extensions of clinic hours to reach more community members, bilingual media campaigns to promote organ donors and programs for primary oral/dental care. Currently OMH is funding 16 community partnerships to address health disparities. These partnerships are engaged in mobilizing community responses to health care needs by establishing viable coalitions that reflect the population and utilizing the resources of the community.

Government-sponsored programs

New York City Coalition to End Lead Poisoning

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(AFFH)

New York City is committed to the national goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning by the year 2010. Once finalized, the New York City Lead Poisoning Prevention Plan will guide the efforts of city agencies and non-government partners to reach that national goal.

Bellevue Hospital

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Bellevue Hospital serves people from every corner of the world, in hundreds of distinct languages. Bellevue is exceptional in its ability to meet the language needs of this diverse patient population. The hospital has employed a three-tiered system of language services, offering traditional interpretation as well as an innovative system that provides high-quality interpretation while building the patient-doctor relationships and trust that are often compromised in the presence of an interpreter. (ARC/NWFCO)

University-sponsored programs in the community

Columbia Center for the Health of Urban Minorities (CHUM)

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CHUM proposes to lead, coordinate and support efforts at the Health Sciences Campus of Columbia University aimed at improving the health of Latinos and African-Americans in northern Manhattan and contribute nationally towards the reduction and ultimate elimination of health disparities.

Human Rights Clinic, Columbia Law School

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The pursuit of international human rights is a hallmark of Columbia Law School's reputation. The Law School's pioneering Human Rights Clinic exposes students to the practice of law in the cross-cultural context of international human rights litigation and advocacy. From the clinic's beginnings, students have been immersed in some of the most important human rights issues of our era.

The clinic combines regular classroom instruction with specially tailored exercises and simulations designed to instill the basics of good legal practice. In addition to research and writing, the clinic fosters the development of other fundamental lawyering skills, such as interviewing and counseling clients, fact investigation and development, case organization and management, legal drafting, and oral advocacy.

EXPORT Center for Health Disparities in Smaller Cities

State University of New York at Albany
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CEMHD is a collaborative effort focusing on [minority health disparities in the smaller cities and towns of New York](#). We work toward eliminating minority health disparities by developing capacity in [faculty](#) at the University at Albany and in partnering with [community groups](#) to; 1. identify [community health concerns and sources of disparities](#); 2. plan [strategies to alleviate them](#); and 3. and test their effectiveness.

Brooklyn Health Disparities Research Center

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
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<http://www.downstate.edu/healthdisparities/>

A project of SUNY Downstate Medical Center and the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health, the center will provide research and educational resources to better bridge the borough's health care gaps.

Statewide advocacy organizations

The Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health

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<http://www.arthurasheinstitute.org/>

The Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health (AAIUH) works to reduce morbidity and mortality from disease among the most vulnerable populations in urban areas through improved access to care and increased health knowledge.

Applied Research Center (ARC)

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Launched in 1981, ARC was born out of the community organizing experience. Both activists and academics recognized a need for rigorous study of the practice of organizing and the need for solid research into the issues around which organizers were mounting campaigns. Today ARC is a leading research lab and foundry where academics and activists forge tools to spark social progress and measure the results. ARC recently published, with the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations, [Closing the Gap: Solutions to Race-Based Health Disparities](#) (Summer 2005)

New York Academy of Medicine
Racial/Ethnic Disparities Working Group
New York Academy of Medicine

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(AFFH)

The Office of Health Disparities is concerned with eliminating racial, ethnic, cultural, social, economic and linguistic health disparities, particularly in East and Central Harlem. The Office provides leadership in developing, implementing, evaluating and sustaining health disparities research. It is working to develop and disseminate culturally sensitive and relevant health information to low-income African American and Latino community members. The Office is also working to expand community outreach, and to develop educationally comprehensive research training and mentorship of students from all educational levels, from elementary school through medical school.

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

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New York Lawyers for the Public Interest is a nonprofit, civil rights law firm that strives for social justice. In partnership with member law firms, corporate law departments and other organizations, NYLPI helps underrepresented people develop legal strategies to serve their vision for themselves and their communities. NYLPI's Environmental Justice and Community Development Project offers legal assistance and community organizing resources to environmentally-distressed neighborhoods, addressing the problem that communities of color and low-income communities in New York City bear an unfair burden of environmental harm, depressing local economies while damaging residents' health and quality of life. NYLPI's Access to Health Care Program works with community groups to remedy systemic barriers to health care access through administrative enforcement of civil rights laws, litigation, and other forms of advocacy. Access to health care includes issues of access for linguistic minorities as well as the problem of hospital closures in medically underserved low-income neighborhoods.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

BRONX

Bronx Health REACH

c/o IUFH
16 East 16th St.
New York, NY 10003
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Fax: (212) 989-2840
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Email: Bronxhealthreach@institute2000.org
<http://www.institute2000.org/bhr/>

Bronx Health REACH is a coalition which recognizes that our communities are only going to become healthier if we work together to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities through efforts to improve health care, bring about environmental change, provide health education, and encourage changes in legislation and policy.

For a Better Bronx

199 Lincoln Ave, Suite 214
Bronx, NY 10454

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(AFFH)

For A Better Bronx (FABB) serves the South Bronx community by working for environmental justice and countering institutional racism. FABB seeks to improve the lives of all Bronx families through creation and support of community programs focused on sustainable resources, improved environmental health, economic justice and community education. We work as people of color to create change in our community. We respond to environmental racism and its effects by community organizing, education initiatives, youth empowerment and increasing access to healthy food for low-income Bronx residents.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Project - Montefiore Medical Center

111 East 210th Street – Safe House
Bronx, NY, 10467
Phone: (718) 920-5016 Main Office
Safe House : (718) 547-2789
Contact: Nancy Redkey, Project Coordinator
<http://www.cehn.org/cehn/resourceguide/mmc.html><http://www.cehn.org/c>
(AFFH)

The Montefiore Lead Poisoning Prevention Program addresses all aspects of childhood lead poisoning from diagnosis and treatment to education and research. Their mission is to treat lead-poisoned children and their families and to educate families at risk, other medical providers and local, state and national legislators and policy makers.

BROOKLYN

Make the Road By Walking

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list@maketheroad.org
<http://www.maketheroad.org/>

A not-for-profit, membership-led organization based in Bushwick, Brooklyn. Make the Road organizes not just for economic justice, but for workplace justice, a safer and healthier environment. The Project organizes building, block, and corner associations that can demand action from both landlords and local politicians on lead poisoning and other health and environmental issues.

National Conference for Community and Justice (National Headquarters)

The National Conference for Community and Justice
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Brooklyn, New York 11217
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<http://www.nccj.org/>

NCCJ has identified health care disparities as a key area of focus, and have sponsored a local forum to educate and promote dialogue among community leaders, health care professionals, health systems administrators, and others.

UPROSE

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Brooklyn, NY 11232
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(AFFH)

United Puerto Rican Organization of Sunset Park (UPROSE) is dedicated to youth, family and community empowerment. Sunset Park is a working class waterfront community and the site of many industrial uses, numerous truck routes, waste disposal and electric power plants. Through educational workshops, organizing, leadership development, UPROSE builds community power. In addition to environmental justice work, UPROSE provides educational programs.

Pratt Area Community Council

Main Office
201 Dekalb Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11205
Phone: (718) 522-2613
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Home Services Office
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pacc@prattarea.org
<http://www.prattarea.org/>
(AFFH)

PACC embraces a vision in which people strive together to build an equitable, diverse, engaged, and flourishing community in central Brooklyn. They offer financial, homeowner and business educational workshops, provide loans and grants to homebuyers, homeowners and small businesses, work to prevent foreclosures, and continue business retention and revitalization activities and begin the process of developing a Business Improvement District on Fulton Street.

MANHATTAN

MFY Legal Services

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(AFFH)

MFY was founded on the principle of equal access to justice through community-based legal representation of poor New Yorkers. Working in concert with neighborhood social service providers and community

advocates, we reach out to those most in need to help resolve the problems faced by large numbers of low-income New Yorkers: housing, jobs, health care, entitlements, and family violence. We provide advice and representation to over 10,000 New Yorkers each year and initiate affirmative litigation that impacts many thousands of people.

Chinese Progressive Association

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New York, NY, 10002
Phone: (212) 274-1891
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<http://www.cpaboston.org/>
<http://www.aafny.org/directory/new/search.asp?agencyid=46>
(AFFH)

The Chinese Progressive Association is an advocacy, education, and social services organization serving the Chinese community in New York City. Programs include counseling, advocacy, immigrant rights education, voter education, English and citizenship classes, an environmental health project, youth afterschool programs, and social/recreational activities. New members and volunteers are welcome.

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation

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New York, NY, 10033
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Contact: Matthew Chachere
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<http://www.nmic.org/>
(AFFH)

Washington Heights and Inwood have more privately owned apartment units, and more housing code violations, than any other neighborhood in the city. Violations include such items as failure to provide heat in the winter, lead paint violations, rats and other vermin, water infiltration through ceilings and walls, non-functioning bathroom fixtures, failure to provide adequate building security, broken windows, and non-functioning elevators.

Harlem Children's Zone

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New York, NY 10035
Phone: (212) 360-3255
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<http://www.hcz.org/>

Harlem Children's Zone, Inc. is a non-profit, community-based organization that works to enhance the quality of life for children and families in some of New York City's most devastated neighborhoods. Formerly known as Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families, HCZ Inc.'s 15 centers serve more than 12,600 children and adults, including over 7,500 at-risk children. The emphasis is not just on education, social service and recreation, but on rebuilding the very fabric of community life. HCZ Inc. intentionally develops programs where other agencies are not located.

West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc. (WE ACT)

WE ACT for Environmental Justice (WE ACT)
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Based in Northern Manhattan, WE ACT advances its mission through research, public education, advocacy, mobilization, litigation, legislative affairs & sustainable economic development. WE ACT, a vigorous advocate for and a significant monitor of the Northern Manhattan environment, is a non-profit, incorporated, community-based organization that was staffed in October 1994. WE ACT's mission is to inform, educate, train and mobilize the predominately African-American and Latino residents of Northern Manhattan on issues that impact their quality of life -- air, water and indoor pollution, toxins, land use and open space, waterfront development and usage, sanitation, transportation, historic preservation, regulatory enforcement, and citizen participation in public policy making. Projects include "If You Live Uptown, Breathe at Your Own Risk Campaign", urging the Transit Authority (TA) to commit to modifying bus depots to accommodate natural gas buses, and to invest in clean-fuel buses only; the "Healthy Home, Healthy Child Campaign;" and community-based health research programs.

LONG ISLAND

Eraser Racism

6800 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 109W
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ERASE Racism operates as an education and networking hub for leaders from nonprofits, local government, businesses, community groups, and health, education, welfare, and philanthropic organizations who are motivated to rid the region of institutional racism. ERASE Racism develops and promotes policies and initiatives to end the perpetuation of institutional and structural racism in arenas such as public school education, housing, health care, and economic development.

UPSTATE

Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning

c/o Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency
1150 University Ave.

Rochester, NY 14607

Phone: (585) 256-2667

Contact: Joseph Hill- Communications Director

Email: jhill@leadsafeby2010.org

<http://www.leadsafeby2010.org/>

The Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning provides leadership and advocacy in a local effort to empower the community and its residents to prevent the lead poisoning of children by creating an environment that is free of lead hazards, with the goal to end childhood lead poisoning in Monroe County by 2010.

Group 14621 Community Association, Inc.

1171 North Clinton Avenue

Rochester, NY 14621

(585) 266-4693

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Eugenio Cotto, Jr.

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http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us/ocd/apps/Profiles/profile_detail.asp?applid=452

Group 14621 Community Association (centered in the 14621 zip code neighborhood) is an advocacy agency working to involve community members in collective efforts to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods;

enhance education, employment, housing and recreation opportunities for residents; and foster personal responsibility, understanding and appreciation of diversity and similarities.

Orchard Street Community Health Center

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Rochester, NY, 14611
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(AFFH)

Orchard Street Community Health Center is a collaborative efforts that links the scientific expertise of healthcare professionals with community resources and priorities. The Health Center is located in a neighborhood with a high incidence of childhood injuries. As specific injuries and locations are addressed, the Health Center will add more groups to the coalition.

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North Carolina

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Minority Health Advisory Council (MHAC) was established by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Council has the following duties and responsibilities to serve racial and ethnic minority communities: Advise and make recommendations to the Governor and Secretary of Health and Human Services; Identify limitations associated with existing laws, regulations, programs, and services; Examine the financing and access to health services; Identify and review health promotion and disease prevention strategies; Support policies and legislation to improve accessibility and delivery of health services.

University-sponsored programs in the community

Minority Health Project

Department of Epidemiology
UNC-CH School of Public Health
2104D McGavran-Greenberg, CB#7435
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7435
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Contact: Victor J. Schoenbach, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
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<http://www.minority.unc.edu/>

The overall purpose of the Minority Health Project (MHP) is to improve the quality of available data on racial and ethnic populations, to expand the capacity of minority-health researchers to conduct statistical research and develop research proposals, and to foster a network of researchers in minority health.

Morgan-Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions

(A joint project of Johns Hopkins and Morgan State University)

Minority Health Project

Department of Maternal and Child Health School of Public Health
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Rosenau Hall, CB #7445
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7445
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The Morgan-Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions (CHDS) is dedicated to the elimination of disparities in health and health care among racial and ethnic populations, socioeconomic groups and geopolitical categories such as urban, rural, and suburban populations. CHDS conducts multi-disciplinary basic and translational research with the goals of advancing knowledge on the causes of health disparities and developing interventions to eliminate disparities.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Environmental Poverty Law Project, LANC – Greensboro

A Statewide Initiative of Legal Aid of North Carolina
122 North Elm Street, Suite 700
Greensboro, NC 27401
Phone: (336) 272-0148
Contact: Melany Earnhardt, Staff Attorney
Email: eplp@legalaidnc.org
<http://www.legalaidnc.org/public/learn/default.aspx>

The Environmental Poverty Law Project is a statewide initiative of Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. and provides free legal assistance and representation to low-income residents of North Carolina on environmental issues. The mission of EPLP is to provide low-income communities and residents of North Carolina with the necessary tools to ensure a safe and healthy environment in their communities, on the job and in their homes.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Greensboro Housing Coalition

122 North Elm Street, Suite 607
Greensboro, NC 27401
Phone: (336) 691-9521
Contact: Beth McKee-Huger, Executive Director
Email: Beth@greensborohousingcoalition.com
<http://www.greensborohousingcoalition.com/>

The Greensboro Housing Coalition is committed to bringing together housing and service providers to collaborate in identifying and addressing unmet housing needs in our community, advocating for decent, affordable housing for low and moderate income people and those with special needs. Housing problems, including housing-related health risks and unaffordable housing costs, disproportionate affect minorities in Greensboro.

Partnership Project

620 S. Elm Street, Suite 381
Greensboro, NC 27406
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<http://www.greensborohealth.org/>

The Partnership Project is providing a series of technical assistance resources and materials to support the development and strengthening of public-private partnerships to improve the quality and supply of child care. Projects: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care Initiative (with School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina)

Durham Affordable Housing Coalition

400 West Main Street
Suite 408
Durham, NC 27701
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Fax: (919) 688-0082
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<http://dahc.org/index.html>
(AFFH)

The Durham Affordable Housing Coalition (DAHC) is dedicated to promoting safe, fair and affordable housing in Durham, North Carolina. Incorporated in 1990, the Coalition is a non-profit organization working for social justice through the support of housing and community development.

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North Dakota

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Health Disparities Committee is a partnership of programs and organizations with facilities and resources to support populations experiencing disparities. Through collaboration, this group is working to document disparities and develop approaches to eliminate health disparities.

Ohio

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Ohio General Assembly created the Ohio Commission on Minority Health. The Commission is the first concerted effort by a state to address the disparity in health status between majority and minority populations. The Commission is an autonomous state agency with a biennial appropriation of \$3.5 million dollars of general revenue funds. The Commission is interested in funding projects which are innovative, culturally sensitive and specific in their approach toward reduction of the incidence and severity of those diseases or conditions which are responsible for excess morbidity and mortality in minority populations.

University-sponsored programs in the community

Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital - Case Western Reserve University MS

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Cleveland, OH, 44106
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<http://www.uhhospitals.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.uhhospitals.org/rainbowchildren>
(AFFH)

Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital is a dedicated pediatric hospital with experts who offer a depth and breadth of highquality care that is not available at any other institution in the region. As a leading academic medical center that is the primary teaching hospital of Case Western Reserve University, we offer cutting-edge therapies to area children long before they're available nationwide.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries

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Cleveland OH 44113
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<http://www.lutheranmetro.org/index.php>
(AFFH)

LMM serves and advocates with persons currently and previously involved in the criminal justice system, youth at-risk, people with disabilities, people dealing with long term care needs and people who are homeless.

Environmental Health Watch - Cleveland Environmental Center

3500 Lorain Avenue #302
Cleveland, OH, 44113
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Contact: Kimberly Foreman - Health Educator
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<http://www.ehw.org/>
(AFFH)

Environmental Health Watch is a not-for-profit public interest organization in Cleveland, Ohio. EHW provides information, assistance and advocacy to protect and sustain human health and the health of the environment. EHW has worked successfully with other organizations to develop, test and implement practical and effective model programs to protect human health and the environment.

Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati

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<http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/>
(AFFH)

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital and research center pioneering breakthrough treatments, providing outstanding family-centered patient care and training health care professionals for the future.

Cleveland Tenants Organization

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(AFFH)

Our mission is to preserve and expand the supply of safe, decent, fair, affordable and accessible rental housing in Greater Cleveland by: Informing citizens of their rights and duties in rental housing; Representing tenants and the interest of tenants in the preservation and promotion of rental housing rights; Empowering tenants individually and collectively to represent themselves and their interests; Advocating for the needs of low and moderate income tenants; Resolving disputes between landlords and tenants; Preventing homelessness; and Combating discrimination in housing based on race, religion, color, gender, handicap, familial status, social/economic class, and sexual orientation.

Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati

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<http://www.lascinti.org/>

We are a source of legal representation, information, advice and referral for people in need of legal help. Lower-income residents of Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren Counties are eligible for Legal Aid services. Legal Aid will arrange for services in any language.

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Oklahoma

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) was activated by authority of the Oklahoma State Board of Health. The Office of Minority Health was created, primarily, to address the disproportionately poor health of Oklahoma's racial and ethnic minority population, as identified in various state and federal reports. The mission of the OMH is to lead Oklahoma in improving the health status of Oklahoma's minority and underserved populations by partnering, developing policies and implementing strategies to reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities.

L.E.A.D. Agency Inc. - Local Environmental Act

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<http://www.leadagency.org/>
(AFFH)

Local Environmental Action Demanded (L.E.A.D.) Agency is a non-profit corporation with goals to educate the community on environmental concerns in Northeast Oklahoma, take action to counter environmental hazards putting Northeast Oklahoma residents at risk both physically and financially, conduct environmental workshops and seminars concerning environmental issues, and partner with other environmental organizations throughout Oklahoma and the nation.

Oregon

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Office of Multicultural Health plays a strong leadership role in helping the Public Health Division focus attention on communities of color, Indian tribal governments, and other multicultural groups. We are working to improve the health status of under-served and under-represented populations in Oregon through multicultural and culturally-competent approaches that influence the way in which health services are designed and delivered.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Physicians for Social Responsibility, Oregon Chapter

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Portland, OR 97205

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Physicians for Social Responsibility is committed to the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, the achievement of a sustainable environment, and the reduction of violence and its causes. The Oregon Chapter was founded in 1980 by a group of local physicians and scientists who were galvanized to help advocate against nuclear weapons and for the cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. They also helped evaluate the health of those downwind and downstream from radioactive iodine releases from Hanford.

Pennsylvania

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

University-sponsored programs in the community

Center for Minority Health

University of Pittsburgh

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130 Desoto Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15261

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<http://www.cmh.pitt.edu/>

Healthy Black Family Project (HBFP) seeks to prevent diabetes and hypertension in African American neighborhoods in Pittsburgh's East End.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY)

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Philadelphia, PA 19103

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<http://www.pccy.org/>

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PCCY is about making the lives of Philadelphia, and the region's children better, whatever it takes. PCCY fights for children to get their fair share of City and State budgets, for homeless children, for abused children, for children who can't afford to get to school cause they can't afford the bus fare, for children whose parents are being taken off welfare, for those children who have no safe place to go and nothing to do in the non-school hours, for children being threatened by lead paint poisoning or those receiving inadequate health care. Always, we're about children, boys and girls of all ages, from all neighborhoods, of all races, colors,

creeds and ethnic groups. We're Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth, and we're dedicated to the very kids who commonly get lost in the shuffle.

Community Legal Services

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Community Legal Services houses nine different legal units, each proficient in a different area of law: Community Economic Development, including the Childcare Law Project; Consumer Law; Elderly Law; Employment; Energy; Family Advocacy; Housing; Language Access; and Public Benefits, including the Advocating on Behalf of Children project (ABC).

This range of activity enables Community Legal Services to meet the many individual legal needs of impoverished Philadelphians. At the same time, our broad legal expertise empowers us to have a profound impact on local and national policy as we help policy makers understand the ramifications of policies on the most fragile members of our society. Community Legal Services is routinely at the forefront of emerging legal issues, clearing a path for the larger legal community to follow. The result: Community Legal Services makes equal access to justice a reality for low-income people in Philadelphia.

Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia

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The Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia is dedicated to advancing the Constitutional promise of equal citizenship to all persons irrespective of race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, gender or poverty. We use public education, continuing education of our clients and client organizations, research, negotiation and, when necessary, the courts to achieve systemic reforms that advance the central goals of self-advocacy, social justice and equal protection of the law for all members of society.

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Rhode Island

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

A Healthier Rhode Island by 2010: A Plan for Action, finalized in May 2004, is a guide to public health improvement efforts in Rhode Island over this first decade of the 21st century. The plan provides a snapshot of how Rhode Island measures up to Healthy Rhode Island 2010's 27 objectives and an overview of evidence-based strategies to address each objective. It is hoped that Rhode Island organizations and individuals will use this information to develop and implement interventions to improve the quality and years of life and eliminate disparities for all Rhode Islanders.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Rhode Island Legal Services

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Our basic priorities are to ensure that low-income people have food, shelter, income, medical care, and freedom from domestic violence. To accomplish this, RILS provides a full range of legal assistance, including advice and brief service, investigation, negotiation, and litigation in all state and federal trial and appellate courts. RILS also provides community legal education services to its client community.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Childhood Lead Action Project

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Providence, RI, 02909
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The Childhood Lead Action Project works to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Rhode Island through education, parent support and advocacy.

Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services

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GENS has a long and diverse history in housing development, community economic development and neighborhood revitalization. Incorporated in 1978 as Elmwood Neighborhood Housing Services, initially we focused on providing rehabilitation loans and technical assistance to homeowners to assist them in improving their homes.

South Carolina

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Office of Minority Health uses a variety of innovative and non-traditional approaches to address the health needs of South Carolina minority populations. Count Your Steps Initiative

A health promotion initiative intended to increase the number of minorities that begin a walking routine and to increase awareness of the benefits of walking.

<http://www.scdhec.net/health/minority/programs.htm>

Statewide advocacy organizations

Palmetto Health

5 Richland Medical Park Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
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Palmetto Health is a South Carolina nonprofit public benefit corporation consisting of Palmetto Health Richland and Palmetto Health Baptist in Columbia and Easley. Palmetto Health provides the local community with more low or no cost services than any other hospital in town.

South Dakota

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center

Native American Community Board
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Lake Andes, SD 57356-0572
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(Oppy Agenda)

The NACB has addressed health issues pertinent to the Native American community through cultural preservation, education, coalition building, environmental and natural resource protection since 1988. Projects include the Indigenous Women's Reproductive Health and Rights Program.

Tennessee

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Division of Minority Health and Health Disparities Elimination is the area contact for the national Office of Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service and associates with the Region IV Office, Southeast Region. The Division of Minority Health and Health Disparities Elimination serves as a central point for the Department on minority health issues. The Division of Minority Health and Health Disparities Elimination engages in projects providing essential leadership to address major public health needs. Collaborative efforts include community outreach, education, seminars and health promotion campaigns.

Appalachian Center of Translational Disparities Research

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The Specific Aim of the Center is to develop the resources and infrastructure to conduct multidisciplinary research aimed at translating existing theories and research about health promotion and disease prevention

into effective culturally appropriate interventions to eliminate health disparities among African American, Hispanic and rural disadvantaged Tennesseans living in the Appalachian area of the state and surrounding region.

Texas

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

University-sponsored programs in the community

Environmental Law and Justice Center - Texas Southern University in Houston

3100 Cleburne Avenue

Houston, TX, 77004

Phone: (713) 313-4270

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<http://www.tsu.edu/academics/law/programs/environmental.asp>

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The Environmental Law and Justice Center is a public interest, environmental project lending the expertise and commitment of the Civil Rights and Environmental Movement to disenfranchised minority and low-income communities in Texas and neighboring states throughout the South.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Migrant Health Promotion (also see Michigan location)

Relampago School

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(Oppy Agenda)

Migrant Health Promotion builds on community strengths to improve health in farm worker and border communities. Our programs provide peer health education, increase access to health resources and bring community members together with health providers, employers and policymakers to create positive changes.

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Utah

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Action Plan to Eliminate Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities in the State of Utah (Updated April 2008) helps all racial and ethnic minorities in Utah achieve optimal health through accessible and high-quality programs and policies. We accomplish our mission by increasing public and health professional awareness of persistent race/ethnic disparities and by developing effective health policies and culturally competent programs that lead to better access and utilization of quality health care services in Utah.

Center for Multicultural Health (CMH)

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The Center for Multicultural Health is the Utah office of minority health. It is part of the Utah Department of Health, Division of Community and Family Health Services. Its purpose is to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in Utah.

Vermont

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities is charged with development and implementation of Vermont's Strategic Plan to eliminate health disparities in the delivery of health prevention and health care services to Vermonters.

See Strategic Plan below:

http://healthvermont.gov/local/mhealth/documents/minorityhealth_strategicplan.pdf

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Burlington, VT 05402
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<http://healthvermont.gov/local/mhealth/minority.aspx>

Virginia

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The mission of the Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy (OMHPHP) is to identify health inequities, assess their root causes, and address them by promoting social justice, influencing policy, establishing partnerships, providing resources and educating the public. Learn more about the Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy. Virginia's State Health Commissioner created the Minority Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) to ensure that the health priorities and health concerns of Virginia's minority populations were adequately addressed by the Virginia Department of Health. The MHAC included appointed representatives from local, state, and federal public health agencies, University of Virginia's Center for Public Service, Virginia Commonwealth University's Department of Pharmaceuticals, Norfolk State University's Department of Political Science and Economics, Baptist General Convention of Virginia, Virginia Department of Health, Vietnamese Resettlement Association, Powhatan Society, Hispanic Committee of Virginia, private health care providers and consumers were added. MHAC's membership is intended to be representative of Virginia's minority and underserved populations. The MHAC works with the Office of Minority of Health in achieving its objectives.

Statewide advocacy organizations

United Parents Against Lead – Virginia

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(AFFH)

UPAL National is an organization of and for parents of Lead Poisoned Children working to end the continuing threat of lead poisoning through education, advocacy, resource referral and legislative action.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Tenant & Workers Support Committee

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Tenants & Workers United is a democratically-controlled, grassroots organization committed to winning social and economic justice and building the power of low-income people of Northern Virginia – Latinos/as, African Americans, tenants, immigrants, workers, women, and youth.

Washington

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

By 2012 the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities (the Health Disparities Council), will create a state action plan for eliminating health disparities in Washington State. The plan will look at health disparities broadly and also must specifically address a number of diseases and conditions specified in the legislation.

Government-sponsored programs

Public Health – Seattle & King County

Healthy Homes Program
DPH - Community Health Services Division (CHSD)
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Seattle, WA 98104
Phone: (206) 296-4600
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In Washington State, the public health department for Seattle & King County coordinates an infant mortality prevention program that seeks to reduce racial disparities in infant mortality, particularly in African American and Native American communities. We contract with community-based organizations which hire outreach staff from the community to engage and develop trust among low-income childbearing age women and young families, to help them enter and maintain preventive health services, including well-woman care, prenatal care, and children's health care.

Statewide advocacy organizations

Northwest Federation of Community Organizations (NWFCO)

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NWFCO's mission is to achieve systemic change by building strong state affiliate organizations and by executing national and regional campaigns that advance economic, racial, and social justice.

Farm Worker Pesticide Project

Room NB3, University Heights Center
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The Farm Worker Pesticide Project is a non-profit organization in Washington State directed by farm workers and their allies working for better protections against pesticides for farm workers and their families.

Local organizing and advocacy groups

Community Coalition for Environmental Justice

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A multi-issue organization, with a primary activities focus on environmental justice issues. Projects include the South End Odor Campaign to release information about PSCAA's air monitoring data, and to do continuous air toxics monitoring and promote pollution prevention in lower income neighborhoods where hazardous releases are concentrated; and the Garden Connection Project, in partnership with Cultivating Communities designed to increase low-income community access to organic food through community gardening and to promote intergenerational (youth and seniors) activities.

The Cross Cultural Health Care Program

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Recognizing the diversity and the different ways to health, the mission of the Cross Cultural Health Care Program is to serve as a bridge between communities and health care institutions to ensure full access to quality health care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.

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West Virginia

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The mission for the Office of Rural Health Policy's Minority Health Program (MHP) is to facilitate access to health education, health care delivery, health promotion and disease prevention initiatives. The MHP is responsible for developing policies, plans and a tracking system to ensure that community health needs are addressed. We also strive to improve the health status of all minorities in the state of West Virginia by assisting with the identification and elimination of any disparities. The WV Minority Health Program works in partnership with organizations, health care providers, government agencies and minority communities to ultimately improve the health status of racial and ethnic minority populations in West Virginia.

University Sponsered Programs

Bluefield State College

EXPORT Minority Health Institute
Bluefield, WV 24701

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http://www.bluefieldstate.edu/Minority%20Health%20Institute/about_export.html

Project EXPORT Center of Excellence is an extension of BSC Minority Health Institute. The primary goal of the EXPORT Center is to reduce the burden of health disparities experienced by racial and ethnic minorities, particularly the African-American populations in West Virginia. The EXPORT Center is currently a component of a National Institutes of Health grant project which provides funding for this program.

Wisconsin

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

The Minority Health Program is the primary point of contact on minority health for the Department of Health and Family Services and develops initiatives to advance the health of racial and ethnic minority communities in Wisconsin. The Minority Health Program advises governmental programs at the federal, state, and local levels and collaborates with community-based organizations, tribal organizations, and other public and private sector partners working with minority populations.

Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, Inc.

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Milwaukee, WI 53208

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Milwaukee Healthy Beginnings Project (MBHP) promotes access to necessary prenatal infant services to ALL women, their infants and families in the project area. With special emphasis on African-American and Latino women, the goal of the project is to reach women of childbearing age, pregnant women and their infants, support networks that influence these families, and health providers in and outside the project area.

Wyoming

Current State Initiatives (2008 update):

Community Health Center of Central Wyoming

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The nonprofit CHCCW was founded in March 1999 to meet the increasing need for comprehensive health care for the medically underserved in central Wyoming. The medically underserved include the uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents of Central Wyoming. In the fall of 2000, the CHCCW assumed the clinical operations of the University of Wyoming Family Medicine Residency Program with which it has continued to be affiliated. Since that time, more medical providers have been added, a behavioral health department and dental clinic have opened, and a satellite clinic in western Fremont County was established. CHCCW also has implemented a statewide Ryan White HIV/AIDS comprehensive health care service delivery model as well as the Children's Advocacy Project, a centralized coordinating agency for child victims of abuse. Today, CHCCW is the largest primary care provider in the state. CHCCW physicians are board certified and have hospital privileges at Wyoming Medical Center. Through contractual arrangements, CHCCW provides care to approximately half the nursing home patients in Casper.

PART 2: National Organizations and Networks

AIDS Action

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AIDS Action has been instrumental in the development and implementation of major public health policies that improve the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS and that ensures evidence based prevention programs to stop the spread of new infections.

Alliance for Healthy Homes

Alliance for Healthy Homes
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Washington, DC 20013
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The Alliance for Healthy Homes was founded in 1990 as the Alliance To End Childhood Lead Poisoning. Our name change in July of 2003 reflects the expansion of our work on lead poisoning prevention to address other housing-related health hazards. We continue to build upon our work to protect children from lead hazards in their homes. We have concluded that new strategies are needed to address the changing landscape: the persistent high prevalence of lead hazards in low-income communities of color despite the dramatic decline in national prevalence. Properties that contain the worst lead hazards typically pose other health risks as well, such as mold, pesticides, and carbon monoxide. Protecting children's health requires solutions that address all hazards in their home environment. Addressing lead hazards in substandard housing offers natural opportunities for tackling the other health hazards that contribute to higher asthma rates and other health disparities burdening low-income families.

Projects: Community Environmental Health Resource Center

American Civil Liberties Union

Racial Justice Working Group

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Association of Communities Organizing for Reform Now (ACORN)

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ACORN members are working to achieve affordable health care for all. Work is currently underway to get more hospitals to institute “charity care”, or free care, programs and discounts. These policies can eliminate or reduce, hospital bills for families with low-and-moderate incomes. They often suffer from being uninsured or underinsured.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1600 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30333
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Inquiries: <http://www.cdc.gov/netinfo.htm>
<http://www.cdc.gov/>

CDC's Active Community Environments Initiative (ACES) promotes walking, bicycling, and the development of accessible recreation facilities. It was developed in response to data from a variety of disciplines, including public health, urban design, and transportation planning. These data suggest characteristics of our communities such as proximity of facilities, street design, density of housing; availability of public transit and of pedestrian and bicycle facilities play a significant role in promoting or discouraging physical activity.

Center for Genetics and Society

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The Center supports benign and beneficent medical applications of the new human genetic and reproductive technologies, and opposes those applications that objectify and commodify human life and threaten to divide human society. The Center works in a context of support for the equitable provision of health technologies domestically and internationally; for women's health and reproductive rights; for the protection of our children; for the rights of the disabled; and for precaution in the use of technologies that could alter the fundamental processes of the natural world.

Center for Health, Environment, and Justice

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“CHEJ is a national grassroots environmental organization founded to address threats faced by individuals nationwide to their right to a clean and healthy environment regardless of their race or economic standing. Its website contains details on both national and local environmental justice campaigns, opportunities for local community involvement, educational and informational resources, and technical assistance.”(afhh)

Center for the Advancement of Health

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The Center for the Advancement of Health translates to the public the latest evidence-based research on health, health care, prevention and chronic disease management, with an emphasis on how social, behavioral and economic factors affect illness and well-being. The Center also administers the W.K. Kellogg Scholars Program, which supports pre-doctoral and post-doctoral students working in community based health and health disparities issues.

Center for American Progress

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Center for Reproductive Rights

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The Center for Reproductive Rights uses the law to advance reproductive freedom as a fundamental right that all governments are legally obligated to protect, respect, and fulfill.

Center for Social Inclusion

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The Center for Social Inclusion CSI is an intermediary organization working to advance advocacy strategies that promote social inclusion of low-income non-whites. CSI acts as an information-gatherer, translator and incubator for policy reform ideas, and supporter of strategic alliances and networks to achieve full social inclusion of poor people of color. The Center is working with several community-based organizations in the South on issues of racial discrimination and land use.

Children's Defense Fund

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The mission of the Children's Defense Fund is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a *Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. Paying particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities, CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investment before they get sick or into trouble, drop out of school, or suffer family breakdown.

Children's Environmental Health Network

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The Children's Environmental Health Network is a national multi-disciplinary organization whose mission is to protect the fetus and the child from environmental health hazards and promote a healthy environment.

Clean Production Action

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<http://cleanproduction.org/>

Clean Production is a way of designing products and manufacturing processes in harmony with natural ecological cycles. It aims to eliminate toxic wastes and inputs and promotes the sustainable use of renewable energy and materials. Current projects include working with companies to substitute hazardous chemicals in products and production processes with Green Chemistry and safer substitutes; waste reduction through producer responsibility for product take-back; the promotion of sustainable agriculture for bio-based renewable materials, and awareness raising of the environmental and health implications of emerging new materials such as nanotechnology.

The Commonwealth Fund

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"A State Policy Agenda to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities" (June 2004) outlines a range of initiatives that states and localities are using to end racial and ethnic health disparities, and offers practical strategies for state policymakers and health leaders seeking to improve health care coverage, access, and outcomes for minorities.

Community Catalyst

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Community Catalyst believes that health care is a basic human right and that all people--including children, the poor, the elderly, minority communities, and others who are vulnerable--should have access to quality health care. Their work is aimed at strengthening the voice of consumers and communities wherever decisions shaping the future of the health system are being made.

Congressional Hunger Center

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The Congressional Hunger Center (CHC) is a unique non-profit anti-hunger leadership training organization located in Washington, DC. Our many friends and partners include Members of Congress, Hill staff who focus on hunger and poverty, and hundreds of hunger fighting organizations throughout the US and overseas. Members of Congress, Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) and Rep. James P. McGovern (D-MA), are the co-chairs of our board of directors, and exemplify our bipartisan approach to ending hunger.

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The Healthy States Initiative is a partnership between The Council of State Governments (CSG) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's designed to help state leaders access information they need to make sound decisions about public health issues.

Environmental Justice & Health Union

528 61st Street, Suite A
Oakland, CA 94609
<http://www.ejhu.org/>

"EJHU is an environmental non-profit organization focused on bringing together environmental health professionals and environmental justice activists to eliminate environmental disease in poor minority communities." (afhh)

Environmental Justice Research Center

223 James P. Brawley Drive
Atlanta, GA 30314
Phone: (404) 880-6911
Contact: Dr. Robert Bullard, PhD, Director
<http://www.ejrc.cau.edu/>

"Based at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, EJRC provides research, technical, scientific, legal, and other support to community-based organizations (CBOs) and environmentally impacted communities in social justice areas related to environmental and economic justice, environmental racism, community health, and many more" (afhh).

Families USA

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Phone: (202) 628-3030
Fax: (202) 347-2417
Contact: Nikita Barai, nbarai@hungercenter.org
Email: info@familiesusa.org
<http://www.familiesusa.org/index.html>

Families USA is a national nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans. Working at the national, state, and community levels, we have earned a national reputation as an effective voice for health care consumers for 25 years.

Friends of the Earth

1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, 600
Washington, DC 20036-2002
Phone: (877) 843-8687 - toll free
Fax: (202) 783-0444
Contact: Leslie Fields,
Email: fields_leslie@yahoo.com
E-mail for general information: foe@foe.org
<http://www.foe.org/>

Friends of the Earth is led by Brent Blackwelder, an environmental advocate for over 40 years. Its dedicated staff fight to protect the rights of all people to live in a safe and healthy environment, both at home or in countries around the world. Our campaigns demonstrate our belief that the fight for justice and the movement to protect the health of the planet are part of the same struggle.

Grantmakers in Health

1100 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20038
Phone: (202) 452-8331
<http://www.gih.org/>

Grantmakers In Health (GIH) is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to helping foundations and corporate giving programs improve the nation's health. Its mission is to foster communication and collaboration among grantmakers and others, and to help strengthen the grantmaking community's knowledge, skills, and effectiveness. GIH generates and disseminates information about health issues and grantmaking strategies that work in health by offering issue-focused forums, workshops, and large annual meetings; publications; continuing education and training; technical assistance; consultation on programmatic and operational issues; and by conducting studies of health philanthropy.

Health Policy Institute

Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies

1090 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005-4928
Phone: (202) 789-3500
<http://www.jointcenter.org/>

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies is a national, nonprofit research and public policy institution, informing and illuminating the nation's major public policy debates through research, analysis, and information dissemination in order to: improve the socioeconomic status of black Americans and other minorities; expand their effective participation in the political and public policy arenas; and promote communications and relationships across racial and ethnic lines to strengthen the nation's pluralistic society. The mission of the Joint Center Health Policy Institute (HPI) is to ignite a "Fair Health" movement that gives people of color the inalienable right to equal opportunity for healthy lives.

Institute for the Advancement of Multicultural & Minority Medicine (IAMMM) - Collaborative Partners Council

1701 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 667-6155
Contact: Richard Allen Williams, MD, Chair
www.iammm.org

IAMMM is a non-profit organization established to work with partners and alliances to eliminate disparities in health and health care among underrepresented and underserved multicultural communities, through research, education and advocacy. The Collaborative Partners Council (CPC) encompasses organizations that represent multicultural and multidisciplinary interests addressing health disparities through research, education and advocacy.

Ipas

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Phone: (919) 967-7052
Fax: (919) 929-0258
Contact: Patty Skuster, skusterp@ipas.org
Email: ipas@ipas.org
<http://www.ipas.org/>

Ipas is an international organization that works around the world to increase women's ability to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights, and to reduce abortion-related deaths and injuries. We believe that women everywhere must have the opportunity to determine their futures, care for their families and manage their fertility.

Jacobs Institute of Women's Health

2021 K Street, NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20006
Phone: (202) 530-2376
Email: infor@jiwh.org
<http://www.jiwh.org/>

The Jacobs Institute of Women's Health (JIWH) is a nonprofit organization working to improve health care for women through research, dialogue, and information dissemination

Kaiser Family Foundation

2400 Sand Hill Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Phone: (650) 854-9400
<http://www.kff.org/>

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

One Michigan Avenue East
Battle Creek, MI 49017
Phone: (269) 968-1611
<http://www.wkkf.org/>

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

1401 New York Ave., NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 62-8600
Contact: Barbara R. Arnwine, Executive Director
Email: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org
<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/>

The Committee's major objective is to use the skills and resources of the bar to obtain equal opportunity for minorities by addressing factors that contribute to racial justice and economic opportunity. Given our nation's history of racial discrimination, de jure segregation, and the de facto inequities that persist, the Lawyers' Committee's primary focus is to represent the interest of African Americans in particular, other racial and ethnic minorities, and other victims of discrimination, where doing so can help to secure justice for all racial and ethnic minorities. The Lawyers' Committee implements its mission and objectives by marshaling the pro bono resources of the bar for litigation, public policy advocacy, and other forms of service by lawyers to the cause of civil rights.

MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Socioeconomic Status and Health

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San Francisco, CA 94143-0848
Phone: (415) 476-7759
Contact: Nancy Adler
Email: nancy.adler@ucsf.edu
<http://www.macses.ucsf.edu/>

The mission of the Network on Socioeconomic Status and Health is to enhance our understanding of the mechanisms by which socioeconomic factors affect the health of individuals and their communities. The network's research agenda is designed to inform both policy and practice: to stimulate additional research in diverse fields, to contribute data to discussions of economic and social policy, and to provide a basis for social and medical interventions that will foster better health among individuals and communities.

Medical-Legal Partnership for Children

Boston Medical Center
91 East Concord Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02118
Phone: (617) 414-7439
Fax: (617) 414-7429
Contact: Ellen Lawton, Executive Director
Email: Ellen.lawton@bmc.org
<http://www.mlpforchildren.org/>

Medical-legal partnerships address the social determinants that negatively impact the health of vulnerable populations. With doctors well-positioned to screen patients for unmet legal needs through regular contact and a position of trust, and lawyers able to bring a new type of expertise to the healthcare setting, patients are treated more holistically than in a typical medical exam room and are seen earlier than in a traditional legal services office.

NAACP – Health Program Office

NAACP National Headquarters
4805 Mt. Hope Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215
Phone: (410) 580-5777
Contact: Dr. Lucille Perez, Director
<http://www.naacp.org/advocacy/health/>

National Alliance for Hispanic Health

1501 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 387-5000
Email: alliance@hispanichealth.org
<http://www.hispanichealth.org/>

As the nation's action, advocacy, and research forum for Hispanic health and well being, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health informs and mobilizes consumers, supports health and human service providers in the delivery of quality care, improves the science base for accurate decision making by promoting better and more inclusive research, promotes appropriate use of technology, insures accountability and advocates on behalf of Hispanics, and promotes philanthropy.

National Association of County and City Health Officials

1100 17th Street, NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 783-5550
Contact: Richard Hoffrger
<http://www.naccho.org/>

NACCHO is the national organization representing local public health agencies. NACCHO works to support efforts that protect and improve the health of all people and all communities by promoting national policy, developing resources and programs, seeking health equity and supporting effective local public health practice and systems.

National Black Environmental Justice Network

2040 S Stret, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 265-3263x230
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<http://www.ejrc.cau.edu/inbeejccpage.htm>

The National Black Environmental Justice Network, formerly known as the Interim National Black Environmental & Economic Justice Coordinating Committee, is a network of environmental justice advocates representing over 100 communities in 30 states across the country. NBEJN was formed in December 1999 during an emergency gathering of black community activists, labor groups, farmers, educators, youth, lawyers, and health professionals. NBEJN has undertaken a four-point strategy to combat environmental racism: 1. Safe and Healthy Communities; 2. Sustainable Development and Clean Production; 3. Civil Rights and Equal Protection Laws/Policies; and 4. International Human Rights Protections.

National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer

311 SPHW m/c 922
2121 W. Taylor St.
Chicago, IL 60612
Phone: (312) 996-8046
Contact: Robin Mitchell
Email: bird@uic.edu
<http://www.nblic.org/welcome.htm>

The National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer (NBLIC) is an outreach initiative of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). This program was established to serve as an effective means by which knowledge about cancer incidence, treatment and prevention is transferred from the research bench to the African American community in terms that are tangible and applicable to daily living.

National Black Nurses Association (NBNA)

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 330
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3803
Phone: 301-589-3200
Contact: Millicent Gorham, ED (National Office)
Email: NBNA@erols.com
Web: www.nbna.org/

NBNA's mission is to provide a forum for collective action by African American nurses to "investigate, define and determine what the health care needs of African Americans are and to implement change to make available to African Americans and other minorities health care commensurate with that of the larger society."

The National Center for Children in Poverty

Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University
215 W. 125th Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10027
Phone: (646)284-9600
Email: info@nccp.org
<http://www.nccp.org/>

The National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) is the nation's leading public policy center dedicated to promoting the economic security, health, and well-being of America's low-income families and children. NCCP uses research to inform policy and practice with the goal of ensuring positive outcomes for the next generation. We promote family-oriented solutions at the state and national levels.

National Center for Healthy Housing

10320 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Suite 500
Columbia, MD, 21044
Phone: (410) 992-0712
Contact: Rebecca L. Morley - Executive Director
Email: rmorley@centerforhealthyhousing.org
<http://www.centerforhealthyhousing.org/>
(AFFH)

The National Center for Healthy Housing, formerly the center for Lead-Safe Housing, was founded in 1992 to bring the housing, environmental, and public health communities together to combat childhood lead poisoning. As the National Center for Healthy Housing, we continue our important role as a non-profit organization in reducing children's risk of lead poisoning and will also expand our expertise to decrease their exposure to other hazards in the home, including allergens and irritants associated with asthma. Its mission is to develop and promote practical methods to protect children from environmental health hazards in their homes while preserving affordable housing.

National Council of La Raza

Raul Yzaguirre Building
1126 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 785-1670
<http://www.nclr.org/>

The National Council of La Raza - the largest national constituency-based Hispanic organization and the leading voice in Washington, DC for the Hispanic community - is a private, nonprofit organization established to reduce poverty and discrimination and improve life opportunities for Hispanic Americans. Four major functions provide essential focus to the organization's work: capacity-building assistance; applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy; public information efforts; and special and international projects.

National Economic and Social Rights Initiative (NESRI)

90 John Street, Suite 308
New York, NY 10038
Phone: (212) 253-1710
Contact: Cathy Albisa, cathy@nesri.org
<http://www.nesri.org/>

NESRI develops human rights research, documentation, and analysis to support and shape campaigns in partnership with social justice organizations working with communities. NESRI also works with partners to develop participatory documentation projects where community members are trained in human rights standards and documentation techniques in order to gather qualitative information that informs their advocacy, as well as strengthens their organizing.

National Health Law Program

2639 South La Cienega Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90034-2675
Phone: (310) 204-6010

1101 14th Street, NW Suite 405
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 289-7661
Fax: (202) 289-7724
Email: nhelpdc@healthlaw.org

211 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC, 27514
Phone: (919) 968-6308
Contact: Jane Perkins
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<http://www.healthlaw.org/>

The National Health Law Project is a national public interest law firm that seeks to improve health care for America's working and unemployed poor, minorities, the elderly and people with disabilities. NHeLP serves legal services programs, community-based organizations, the private bar, providers and individuals who work to preserve a health care safety net for the millions of uninsured or underinsured low-income people. NHeLP seeks to provide a seat at the table for representatives of low-income people, to protect consumers in the emerging managed care systems, and to find creative financing solutions that also preserve government's responsibility as provider of last resort.

National Health Policy Forum

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Washington, DC 20037-1882

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www.nhpf.org

The National Health Policy Forum seeks to inform the public policy process by helping participants—federal health policymakers in the legislative and executive branches and in congressional support agencies—engage in rigorous, constructive, and respectful dialogue. The complex and contentious nature of health policy today challenges policymakers to mediate a diverse range of strongly held interests, beliefs, and values. NHPF strives to place these disparate, often conflicting views in historical and market context by presenting them at meetings, synthesizing related research in a range of publication formats, and conducting site visits to offer a practical perspective on health policy. This multi-faceted approach helps participants navigate the difficult decisions that confront them and provides a common point of reference for their deliberations and problem solving.

National Housing Law Project

614 Grand Avenue, Suite 320

Oakland, CA 94610

Phone: (510) 251-9400

Fax: (510) 451-2300

Contact: Catherine Bishop, Attorney

Email: cbishop@nhlp.org

<http://www.nhlp.org/>

The National Housing Law Project (NHLP) is a national housing law and advocacy center. The goal of NHLP is to advance housing justice for the poor by increasing and preserving the supply of decent affordable housing, by improving existing housing conditions, including physical conditions and management practices, by expanding and enforcing low-income tenants' and homeowners' rights, and by increasing opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities.

National Institutes of Health

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

6707 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 800

Bethesda, MD 20892-5465

Phone: (301) 402-1366

Fax: (301) 480-4049

Contact: John Ruffin, Director

<http://www.ncmhd.nih.gov>

The mission of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) is to promote minority health and to lead, coordinate, support, and assess the NIH effort to reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities. In this effort NCMHD will conduct and support basic, clinical, social, and behavioral research, promote research infrastructure and training, foster emerging programs, disseminate information,

and reach out to minority and other health disparity communities. NCMHD has funded state centers in California, Florida, Arizona, Texas, Connecticut, and Puerto Rico.

For a complete listing of NCMHD grant awards go to www.exporthealth.pitt.edu/links.htm

**National Institutes of Health
Centers for Population Health & Health Disparities**

1200 South Hayes Street
Arlington, VA 22202-5050
Phone: (703) 413-1100, x5092
<http://www.rand.org/health/pophealth/>

National Institutes of Health (NIH) established eight Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities, designed to support cutting-edge research to understand and reduce differences in health outcomes, access and care. All eight centers share an overall goal: to support cutting-edge research to understand and reduce differences in health outcomes, access and care.

National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty

1411 K Street, NW, Suite 1400
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 638-2535
Fax: (202) 628-2737
Contact: Eric Tars,
Email: etars@nlchp.org
<http://www.nlchp.org>

The mission of NLCHP is to prevent and end homelessness by serving as the legal arm of the nationwide movement to end homelessness.

National Lawyers Guild

Maurice & Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice (a.k.a. Guild Law Center)

2727 2nd Avenue, Suite 327
Detroit, MI 48201
Phone: (313) 962-6540
<http://www.sugarlaw.org/>
Contact: Thomas W. Stephens
Email: tstephens@sugarlaw.org
Contact: Julie Hurwitz, Executive Director
Email: jhurwitz@sugarlaw.org
Contact: Mark Fancher, Senior Staff Attorney
Email: mfancher@sugarlaw.org

A non-profit national litigation/policy project of the National Lawyers Guild. The mission of the GLC is to provide legal advocacy and support to the powerless, the oppressed, the disenfranchised, and those seeking social change. The underlying principle which directs this mission is the belief that economic rights and civil rights are inseparable. GLC supports grassroots and workers' justice movements through projects including Challenging Environmental Racism: Environmental Justice Project.

National Medical Association

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Washington, DC 20001
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<http://www.nmanet.org/>
(AFHH)

The NMA promotes the collective interests of physicians and patients of African descent. We carry out this mission by serving as the collective voice of physicians of African descent and a leading force for parity in medicine, elimination of health disparities and promotion of optimal health.

National Minority Quality Forum (Formerly National Minority Health Month Foundation)

1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Suite 575
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 223-7560
<http://www.nmqf.org/>

The National Minority Health Month Foundation, Inc. (NMHMF) was established to strengthen national and local efforts to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness in racial and ethnic minorities and other special populations through the use of evidence-based, data-driven initiatives. The primary goal of NMHMF is to assist healthcare providers, administrators, policymakers and community and faith-based organizations deliver precise health care services to high-risk communities by analysis of current information, organization of health care networks and management of minority health care resources.

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

40 W. 20th St.
New York, NY 10011

Phone: (212) 727-4534
Contact: Albert Huang, JD
Email: ahuang@nrdc.org
<http://www.nrdc.org>

The Natural Resources Defense Council is committed to ensuring that all people have a voice in decisions affecting their environment. Its mission includes reducing the disproportionate environmental burden carried by low-income communities and people of color.

National Women's Law Center, Health

11 Dupont Circle NW, #800
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 588-5180
Email: info@nwlc.org
<http://www.nwlc.org/display.cfm?section=health/>

The Center has worked to advance and protect women's health and reproductive rights—especially on behalf of low-income women, women of color, and other women who face additional barriers to health care access. The Center's Health and Reproductive Rights program addresses a broad range of health care concerns through national, state-wide and local efforts.

The Opportunity Agenda

1536 U Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 339-9315
www.opportunityagenda.org

The Opportunity Agenda works to protect and promote opportunity and human rights in the United States. Specific initiatives include a health equity program that seeks to establish a universal, comprehensive, equitable health care system in the United States, as well as to promote policies that support healthful communities.

Physicians for Social Responsibility

1875 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 1012
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 667-4260
<http://www.psr.org/>

Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) is a leading public policy organization with 24,000 members representing the medical and public health professions and concerned citizens, working together for nuclear disarmament, a healthful environment, and an end to the epidemic of gun violence.

PICO Network

The PICO National Network
171 Santa Rosa Avenue
Oakland, California 94610
Phone: (510) 655 2801
Fax: (510) 655 4816
<http://piconetwork.org/>
(Oppy Agenda)

PICO brings people together to strengthen families and improve communities. With more than one thousand religious congregations, schools and neighborhood institutions and one million families working in 150 cities and towns, PICO is one of the largest grassroots community efforts in the United States. Since 1972 PICO has created innovative strategies to increase access to health care, improve public schools, make neighborhoods safer, create housing opportunities, redevelop communities and revitalize American democracy.

Policy Link

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Email: info@policylink.org
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55 W. 39th St., 11th Floor, NY, NY 10018
Phone: (212) 629-9570
Fax: (212) 629-7328
communications@policylink.org
<http://www.policylink.org/>

PolicyLink is a national nonprofit research, communications, capacity building, and advocacy organization working to advance policies to achieve economic and social equity. PolicyLink collaborates with a broad range of partners to implement strategies to ensure that everyone—including those from low-income communities of color—can contribute to and benefit from economic growth and prosperity. Among our regional equity approaches is equitable development, a comprehensive local, regional, and state framework emphasizing equitable public investment, the fair distribution of affordable housing, and community strategies to improve health.

PolicyLink published two reports demonstrating the powerful influence of community conditions on the health of individuals and families. "Reducing Health Disparities Through a Focus on Communities" pulls from extensive interviews, site visits, and an exhaustive research review to make these connections. "Regional Development and Physical Activity: Issues and Strategies for Promoting Health Equity" explores the connection between development patterns, physical activity, and poor health. The report makes recommendations for facilitating increased physical activity by improving community design and suggesting new goals for community organizing.

Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC)

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Washington, DC 20005
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www.prrac.org

PRRAC's primary mission is to help connect advocates with social scientists working on race and poverty issues, and to promote a research-based advocacy strategy on race and poverty issues. PRRAC's current focus areas include regional housing desegregation, educational equity, and minority health disparities.

The Praxis Project

Makani Themba-Nixon, Executive Director
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Washington, DC 20009
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<http://www.thepraxisproject.org/>

The Praxis Project is a national, nonprofit organization that builds partnerships with local groups to influence policymaking to address the underlying, systemic causes of community problems. Committed to closing the health gap facing communities of color, we forge alliances for building healthy communities. We help local groups hold institutions and governmental agencies accountable by designing community-based plans, conducting research, developing media strategies and developing policy initiatives – to achieve sustainable results. Our goal is to build power at the local level to increase the capacity of communities to become effective advocates so that they are leaders and catalysts on the legislative and policy decisions that affect their lives. Projects include a model public health policies database and Labor Guide for public health activists.

Rebecca Project for Human Rights

2309 18th Street, NW Suite 2
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 265-3906 / (202) 265-3907
Fax: (202) 265-3909
Contact: Patricia Allard,
Email: pat@rebecaproject.org
<http://www.rebecaproject.org/>

The Rebecca Project for Human Rights (RPHR) is a national legal and policy organization that advocates for public policy reform, justice and dignity for vulnerable families. The Rebecca Project strives to reform child welfare, criminal justice, and substance abuse policies that impact the lives of vulnerable families. We frame the pervasiveness of violence against women and girls, the draconian conditions that too often characterize maternal incarceration, and the dearth of access to health and healing for mothers and their children, as fundamental human rights violations.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

PO Box 2316
College Road East and Route 1
Princeton, NJ 08543
Phone: (888) 631-9989
<http://rwjf.org/>

The mission of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. Our goal is clear: To help Americans lead healthier lives and get the care they need.

Summit Health Institute for Research and Education (SHIRE)

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Washington, DC 20001-2042
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Email: rperot@shireinc.org
<http://www.shireinc.org/>

HIRE works to eradicate health disparities and aid vulnerable populations in attaining optimal health. Communities, government agencies, corporations, and foundations look to SHIRE as an effective and trusted resource to identify inequities, propose solutions, and galvanize grassroots groups to address access to health care and quality of care issues among the underserved, particularly communities of color.

Sustainable Community Development Group, Inc.

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Washington, DC 20003
Phone: (202) 637-2467
Contact: Deeohn Ferris, JD
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The Sustainable Community Development Group, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to metropolitan sustainability, environmental health, smart growth, and equitable development.

Urban Institute Health Policy Center

2100 M St. NW
Washington, DC 20037
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Contact: Embry Howell
<http://www.urban.org/center/hpc/index.cfm>

The Urban Institute's Health Policy Center analyzes trends and underlying causes of changes in health insurance coverage, access to care, and use of health care services by the entire US population. Researchers address issues that arise from the inevitable trade-offs among health care costs, access, and quality.

Voices of Children Affected by Lead

15312 Murray Loop Road
Whitakers, NC 27891
Phone: (202) 937-4112
Contact: Kristin Joyner

Voices for America's Children

1000 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 289-0777
Contact: Debbie Stein, Director of Policy & Advocacy
Email: stein@voices.org , voices@voices.org
<http://www.voices.org/>
(AFHH)

Voices for America's Children is a national organization committed to working at the state and local levels to improve the well-being of children. With member organizations in almost every state, Voices provides a voice for the voiceless – children – in city halls and statehouses across the country.

Appendix A

Links – Potential Resources and Contacts

A

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
www.aapcho.org

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
www.apiahf.org

Asian Health Services Online
www.ahschc.org

Asian Pacific Islanders Women's Health
www.apanet.org/~fdala

Association of American Indian Physicians
www.aaip.com

American Psychological Association, Minority Fellowship Program
www.apa.org/mfp/

American Medical Association, Minority Health
www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/9935.html

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
www.astho.org

American Lung Association – Health House Program
www.healthhouse.org

Alliance for Healthy Homes
www.afhh.org

American Public Health Association – Public Health and the Environment 2004 Conference
<http://www.apha.org/about/Public+Health+Links/LinksMinorityHealth.htm>

Asian Health Services
<http://www.ahschc.org/>

Association of Asian American Community Health Organizations
<http://www.aapcho.org/>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
Research Activities on Minority Health
www.ahrq.gov/research/minorix.htm

B

Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)
www.bphc.hrsa.gov

Building for Health Materials Center
www.buildingforhealth.com

Bureau of Health Professions (BPHr)
www.bhpr.hrsa.gov

C

The Cross Cultural Health Care Program (CCHCP)
www.xculture.org

Center for American Indian Research and Education
www.nursing.ucla.edu/caire/

Center of Excellence in Minority Medical Education and Health
<https://www.msu.edu/user/coemmeh/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
www.cdc.gov

Center for the Advancement of Health – Racial Ethnic and SE Disparities in Health: Implications for Action Conference 2004
www.cfah.org

Center for Healthy Housing
www.centerforhealthyhousing.org

City Life/Vida Urbana – Healthy Homes Initiative
<http://www.clvu.org/>

Civilrights.org
www.civilrights.org

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Health
<http://www.cbcfinc.org/>

Community Voices
<http://www.communityvoices.org/>

D

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
www.dana-farber.org

Diversity Rx
www.diversityrx.org

Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Minority Health
<http://www.omhrc.gov/>

National Institutes of Health's Strategic Research Plan to Reduce and Ultimately Eliminate Health Disparities
<http://www.iom.edu/project.asp?id=22356>

E

Environmental Health Watch – Healthy House Initiative
www.ehw.org

F

G

Green Communities Initiative – Enterprise Foundation
Public Housing Authorities (State and Local)
www.enterprisefoundation.org/resources/green/index.asp

Global Rights
<http://www.globalrights.org/site/PageServer?pagename=index>

H

Harvard School of Public Health
<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu>

Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Minority Health Resources
www.kff.org/

HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)
www.hab.hrsa.gov

Home Energy Magazine – November/December 2001 (“Creating Airtight and Healthy Homes”)
<http://www.homeenergy.org/>

Habitat for Humanity
www.habitat.org

Health Consumer Alliance
<http://www.healthconsumer.org/>

I

Institute for Minority Health Research
www.sph.emory.edu/

Institute for Racial and Ethnic Health Studies
www.research.umbc.edu/chpdm/institute.htm

Indian Health Service
www.ihs.gov

Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health
Institute of Medicine – Minority Health
<http://www.iom.edu/topic.asp?id=18007>

Institute on Race, HealthCare, and the Law
<http://academic.udayton.edu/health/>

J

Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies – Health Policy Institute
<http://www.jointcenter.org/>

K

Kaiser Family Foundation – Race, Ethnicity, & Health care issue brief
www.kff.org

L

Latino Issues Forum
www.lif.org

M

Midwest Latino Health, Research, Training, and Policy Center
www.uic.edu/jaddams/mlhrc/mlhrc.html

Minority Health Network (MHNNet)
www.pitt.edu/~ejb4/min

Minority Health Professions Foundation
www.minorityhealth.org

Minority Health Project
www.minority.unc.edu

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)
www.mchb.hrsa.gov

MacArthur Network on SES and Health
<http://www.macses.ucsf.edu/>

Marin Institute
http://www.marininstitute.org/alcohol_policy/problem.htm

N

National Asian Women's Health Organization
www.nawho.org

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
www.naacp.org

National Black Child Development Institute
www.nbcdi.org

National Black Women's Health Project
<http://www.blackwomenshealth.org/site/c.eeJIIWOCIrH/b.3082485/>

National Center for Farmworkers Health
www.ncfh.org

National Alliance for Hispanic Health
www.hispanichealth.org

National Council of La Raza
www.nclr.org

National Hispanic Medical Association
www.home.earthlink.net/~nhma

National Indian Health Board
www.nihb.org

National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

www.latinainstitute.org

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center For Law and Social Policy
www.nnaapc.org

Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center
www.nativeshop.org/nawherc.html

National Minority AIDS Council
www.nmac.org

National Center on Minority Health & Health Disparities
<http://ncmhd.nih.gov/>

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Diabetes Initiatives
www.cdc.gov/diabetes/projects/index.htm

National Association of County and City Health Officials
<http://www.naccho.org/>

National Health Law Program
<http://www.healthlaw.org/>

National Library of Medicine Asian American Health
<http://asianamericanhealth.nlm.nih.gov/>

National Alliance for Hispanic Health
<http://www.hispanichealth.org/>

National Healthy Babies Healthy Mothers Coalition
<http://www.hmhb.org/index.html>

New England Asthma Regional Council – Technical Assistance Training (National)
www.asthmaregionalcouncil.org

O

Office of Minority Health (OMH)
<http://www.ask.hrsa.gov/minority.cfm>

Office of Minority Health Resource Center
www.omhrc.gov/

P

PolicyLink – Influence of Community Factors on Health Annotated Bibliography
www.policylink.org

Paso del Norte Health Foundation – Initiative: Healthy Homes

<http://www.pdnhf.org/initiatedetail.asp?id=58&sec=goals>

Providers Guide to Quality and Culture

<http://erc.msh.org/mainpage.cfm?file=1.0.htm&module=provider&language=English&ggroup=&mgroup=>

<http://erc.msh.org/mainpage.cfm?file=7.0.htm&module=provider&language=English&ggroup=&mgroup=>

Physicians for Human Rights

<http://www.phrusa.org/>

R

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH 2010)

Office of the Associate Director of Minority Health

www.cdc.gov/omhd

Rhode Island Childhood Lead Prevention Program (look for similar programs by state and city)

<http://www.health.ri.gov/lead/index.php>

S

Strategic Actions for a Just Economy – Healthy Homes Initiative

www.saje.net

“Senior Sites” – ex. Health and Housing Association Mid-Atlantic, associations of homes and services for the aging

www.seniorsites.com

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration, National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)

www.samhsa.gov/

T

The Center for Managed Care

www.ask.hrsa.gov/managedcare.cfm

The Office of Rural Health Policy

www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov

W

Wisconsin Occupational Health Laboratory – Healthy Homes

<http://www.slh.wisc.edu/wohl/healthyhome/index.php>

Appendix B

Resources/relevant publications

This is a selective listing of resources on health disparities. For a more comprehensive bibliography, see PolicyLink's Annotated Bibliography on "The Influence of Community Factors on Health" (Fall 2004), available at www.policylink.org.

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Vanessa Northington Gamble & Deborah Stone, "U.S. Policy on Health Inequities: The Interplay of Politics and Research," Journal of Health, Politics, Policy and Law (February 2006)

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Institute of Medicine, Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care 177 (Brian D. Smedley et al. eds., 2003)

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Panel on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Medical Care, The Right to Equal Treatment: An Action Plan to End Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment in the United States, Physicians for Human Rights (2003)

PolicyLink & Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies, Community Factors that Impact Health (2004) (a series of four issue briefs, available at www.policylink.org)

Public Law Research Institute of Hastings College of Law, University of California, et al, Environmental Justice for All: A Fifty-State Survey of Legislation, Policies, and Initiatives (2004)

United States Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health: Culture, Race, and Ethnicity – A Supplement to Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General (2001)

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