Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative February 2023 newsletter! February is Black History Month, and this year the theme is Black Resistance, which honors the "Black led institutions and affiliations [that] have lobbied, litigated, legislated, protested, and achieved success." The Association for the Study of African American History provides more about the theme in an executive summary (link). We've also provided links to explore Office of Minority Health (OMH) resources and the inaugural presentation of the National Health Equity Grand Rounds below.

Additionally, we're featuring resources about the Results Based Accountability (RBA) Framework. RBA is an action-oriented process that supports the identification of specific strategies and partners who can play critical roles in generating community impact. We've also included several events, toolkits, and funding opportunities that may be of interest. We hope these will be helpful to you and your community partners.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to others in your community who might be interested.

Thank you for your partnership!

The Catalyzing Communities Team

Resources and articles of interest

- VISIT: The HHS Office of Minority Health has created a website for Black History Month 2023, "highlighting the role that food insecurity and nutrition have on common health disparities faced by Black and African American communities" The website includes links to additional resources and social media graphics.

- READ: NPR published this background on how Black History Month evolved.

- WATCH: Achieving equity with Results-Based Accountability Webinar by Clear Impact, focuses on using Results-Based Accountability to advance racial equity. This 1.5-hour webinar describes how to use the framework and tools of

Results-Based Accountability (RBA) to work toward greater equity in a community. Click **HERE** to watch more videos by Clear Impact.

- READ: [The Results Leadership Group](#) provides a [summary overview](#) of the RBA Framework and the steps to action.

- READ: The US Department of Health and Human Services provides [success stories](#) of the ways Americans have transitioned to healthy eating and an active lifestyle.

- EXPLORE: The [Equity and Results](#) group developed a [framework](#) that joins Racial Equity Principles with a Results Based Framework to deliver racially equitable results.

- WATCH: [Food Literacy for All](#) is a community-academic partnership online course based at the University of Michigan. For winter 2023, the theme is "Roots: Food, Power and the Climate Crisis." Structured as an online evening lecture series, Food Literacy for All features different guest speakers each week to address challenges and opportunities of diverse food systems. The course is free, and speakers are recorded so they can be viewed anytime. **Register HERE**.

- LISTEN: [Stanford School of Public Policy](#) released an inspiring podcast series with farmers, hunger relief organizations, school districts, states, anti-hunger advocates and more. Learn how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the food system in the [latest podcast episode](#).

Tools and Guides

- The [Results-Based Accountability Implementation Guide](#) is organized around questions people typically ask about Results Based Accountability and Outcomes-Based Accountability and is intended for those working to implement RBA or OBA in their community, city, county, council, state or nation.

- [The Social Determinants of Health Virtual Expedition Modules](#) ,developed by the American Hospital Association, provide a way to understand and tackle the social determinants of health, an introduction to Upstream Quality Improvement, how to use Upstream Quality Improvement to address food insecurity, how to use Upstream Quality Improvement to address housing insecurity, and how to use Upstream Quality Improvement to address transportation.

- [Clear Impact](#) created a [Results-Based Accountability Guide](#) that uses and is based upon concepts and materials developed by Mark Friedman, author of

Trying Hard is Not Good Enough (Trafford 2005) and founder and director of the Fiscal Policy Studies Institute.

Events

- The National Health Equity Grand Rounds presents: [History of Racism in US Healthcare: Root Causes of Today's Hierarchy and Systems of Power](). This event will highlight the root causes of present-day health inequities by tracing the social, economic, political, geographic, and environmental forces that shape opportunity for health in the United States. Keynote speaker Harriet A. Washington, MA, author of *Medical Apartheid*, will explore the history of structural inequities in health care and unethical medical experimentation followed by a panel conversation moderated by American Medical Association (AMA) Chief Health Equity Officer Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH, and featuring Rupa Marya, MD; David Ansell, MD, MPH; and Jack Resneck, Jr., MD. Join on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 2pm ET.** Click **[HERE]()** to register.

- The NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series hosts Dr. Guadalupe Ayala who will present *["Community-engaged Approaches for Preventing and Controlling Obesity Among U.S. Latinos/Hispanics"]()*. In her presentation, Dr. Ayala will describe a program of research in a rural community to address the issues of obesity and diabetes in the US Latino/Hispanic community on **Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 2:00 to 3:00pm ET**. This program of research was an outgrowth of early collaborations between a research team and representatives from a Federally Qualified Health Center seeking to improve the health of the community. The partnership began with an outward-facing research agenda to one that involved significant policy and system changes within the healthcare settings. Using examples from three research projects, Dr. Ayala will describe changes to their research approach and health outcomes achieved. Click **[HERE]()** to join.

- NOPREN's February State-of-the-Science will host Dr. Christina Economos who will present "[Lessons from the Shape Up Somerville Impact Evaluation: Catalyzing Communities to Prevent Obesity and Achieve Child Health Equity]()" on **Monday, February 13, 2023 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm ET.** Click **[HERE]()** to join.

- [The Friedman School Speaker Series]() includes (hybrid) presentations from professionals across a wide range of topics in the field of nutrition. Our speakers include both researchers and practitioners of nutrition science and policy from academia, government, industry, and the non-profit sector. "Live" on **Wednesday afternoons from 12:15-1:15 pm (ET)** on the academic year schedule.

Funding sources/opportunities

- The CDC released an RFA for the [School-Based Interventions to Promote Equity and Improve Health, Academic Achievement, and Well-Being of Students](#) funding opportunity. The purpose of this 5-year cooperative agreement is to protect and improve the health and well-being of school-age children and adolescents in underserved and disproportionately affected communities. Recipients will use the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model to: establish key partnerships to support school health programs; promote dissemination and implementation of CDC school health guidelines, tools, and resources through Professional Development (PD) and Technical Assistance (TA); and use action planning to implement physical activity, school nutrition, and school health policies, practices, programs, and services within state and local education agencies (LEAs), schools, and out-of-school time (OST) settings. **Application deadline**: February 11, 2023 11:59 pm ET. **Apply [HERE](#)**.

- The NIH released an FOA for the [Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities](#) grant which solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to health disparity populations and their health care providers. Access to useful, usable, understandable health information is an important factor when making health decisions. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers. **Application deadline**: February 17, 2023 5PM local time. **Apply [HERE](#)**.

- The WIC Community Innovation and Outreach (WIC CIAO) Project Team is pleased to make available funding through a [Request for Application (RFA)](#) to WIC State and local agencies, including Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs), and nonprofit entities and organizations to develop, implement, and evaluate innovative outreach strategies to increase WIC awareness, participation, benefit redemption, and reduce disparities in program delivery. Up to $10 million will be available under this WIC CIAO Subgrant RFA. **Application deadline:** March 23, 2023. **Apply [HERE](#)**.

- The CDC announces the availability of fiscal year 2023 funds to implement CDC-RFA-DP23-2312: [The State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) Program](#). Funding will support activities at the state and local governmental levels to implement evidence-based strategies and leverage resources from stakeholders and sectors (e.g., agriculture, transportation, education, business, commerce, and housing) in their populations of focus related to poor nutrition and physical inactivity. This NOFO will fund recipients to work with state and local partners to improve nutrition and access to safe physical activity, including breastfeeding, early care and education, and family healthy weight programs. **Application deadline:** March 28, 2023 11:59PM ET **Apply [HERE](#)**.

- [Healthy Eating Research](#) (HER), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is funding research on supportive family policies and programs that have strong potential to impact equitable access to nutritious food

in communities, nutrition security, diet quality, and improved nutrition and health outcomes. **Application deadline:** April 5, 2023. **Apply HERE**.

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