



**Catalyzing  
Communities**  
A ChildObesity180 Initiative

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative Summer 2022 newsletter!

In this newsletter, we highlight some of the work of Dr. Shiriki Kumanyika, a renowned researcher who serves as an advisor to the Catalyzing Communities project. Dr. Kumanyika has made critically important contributions to the field of obesity and chronic disease prevention, with a particular emphasis on achieving health equity for Black Americans. We have also included tools and resources to help your organizations uplift voices and create impactful narratives, and some interesting events happening in the next week or so!

If you have information to share with others about an event or resource, or want to share your reflections about any part of the Learning Collaborative, please email anyone on the team.

Thank you for your partnership!  
The Catalyzing Communities Team

### **Resources and articles of interest**

- PODCAST: [Shiriki Kumanyika on the Disparities in our Food](#) explores questions pertaining to the intersection between food industries and disadvantaged communities.
- READ: [Advancing Health Equity Efforts to Reduce Obesity: Changing the Course](#). By Shiriki Kumanyika. 2022.
- ACTION: [Operation Good Food & Beverages \(OGF&B\)](#) is a national campaign to engage Black youth in a movement to promote healthier food and beverage options and counteract widespread unhealthy food marketing. Click [here](#) to learn more and join the campaign.

- READ: [Reframing Childhood Obesity: Cultural Insights on Nutrition, Weight, and Food Systems](#). By Vanderbilt Cultural Contexts of Health & Wellbeing Initiative.
- READ: [Blog post](#) featured by the [Interaction Institute of Social Change](#) on the experience of “undoing” in the context of racial equity work

## **Tools**

- The Communications Network [offers resources for nonprofits](#) to more effectively center diversity, equity, and inclusion in their communications practices.
- Larissa suggested this: <https://www.frameworksinstitute.org/>; a brief scan found this toolkit, which could be interesting: <https://www.frameworksinstitute.org/toolkit/framing-the-foundation-of-community-health/>

## **Events**

- [Baby Bonds in Context: A Systems Approach to Closing the Racial Wealth Gap](#)  
Join the Urban Institute for a discussion on **August 3, 2022 12:00pm - 1:30pm ET** with leading wealth experts and practitioners that will situate baby bonds within the context of other wealth-building and income-supporting policies, assess where baby bonds fit in an overall strategy for addressing the racial wealth gap, and show how state and local practitioners are developing systems approaches to tackling racial wealth gaps in their communities. Register [here](#).
- [“Engaging Communities in Addressing Structural Drivers of Obesity”](#) A one day virtual workshop hosted by the [The Roundtable on Obesity Solutions](#) on **Monday, July 25 (10 AM-3 PM ET)**. The workshop will focus on community engagement, explore the barriers and opportunities for solutions at the community level, and highlight examples that emphasize the intersection of obesity with structural racism, bias and stigma, and health communication. This will be the second workshop in the series, [Translating Knowledge of Foundational Drivers of Obesity into Practice](#). Register [here](#).
- [Nutrition as Prevention for Improved Cancer Health Outcomes](#), FREE 3-day workshop **July 26-28** hosted by the National Institute of Health (NIH) includes speakers that assess the scientific evidence on how nutritional interventions affect cancer health outcomes. After the workshop, an independent panel will draft a report on evidence gaps and identify priorities for future research. For more information and registration, click [HERE](#).

## **Funding sources/opportunities**

- [American Heart Association](#) - Voices for Healthy Kids funds coordinated tribal, state and local public policy issue advocacy campaigns with a focus on health equity. Click [here](#) to learn more about current funding opportunities.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) *Policies for Action* call for proposals. **An informational webinar will be held on July 26, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET** for interested researchers to learn more about this special funding opportunity and ask questions. Registration is required through this [link](#). For more information: <https://www.policiesforaction.org/call-proposals>

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<https://catalyzingcommunities.org>