



## Catalyzing Communities

A ChildObesity180 Initiative

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative October 2022 newsletter!

In this month's newsletter, we're featuring resources and tools that explore using data to understand racial disparities in child health. We've highlighted several events (some as soon as this week!) that you might find interesting and informative, as well as some toolkits and funding opportunities. We hope these resources will be helpful to you and your community partners!

Also, we want to give you a heads up about an exciting Keynote Speaker Event we're planning for November. Dr. Alison Tovar, who is a member of the Catalyzing Communities Advisory Board, will be giving a (virtual) Keynote presentation—"Centering Equity in Early Childhood to Improve Nutrition and Food Security among Young Children"--- **on November 16th 1-2PM ET**. There will be more details to come, but if you want to register in advance, click [here](#)!

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**

- READ: The American Hospital Association released a report – [Using Data to Reduce Health Disparities and Improve Health Equity](#) to help healthcare system leaders identify health disparities by branching out from the usual data sets, investigate patterns in health disparities, and intervene with education by setting goals and measuring progress.

- WATCH: [Health Equity and Transformation through Community Advocacy](#). A recording of the 2021 Vohra Miller Lectures in Critical Public Health Issues event from the Dalla Lana School of Public Health.
- READ: [Striving Towards Racial Justice: A Call-to-Action for Pima County Community-Based Organizations](#) This call to action was recommended by our colleagues in Arizona. It provides information on the imperative to address racial injustice, and strategies your organization can implement to address racial inequities.
- EXPLORE: [diversitydatakids.org](#) reports on the [Child Opportunity Index](#) and focuses on the social determinants of health that impact children's future outcomes.
- READ: [Implementation science should give higher priority to health equity. Implementation Science.](#) (2021). This article, co-authored by Shiriki K. Kumanyika – a member of the Catalyzing Communities' Advisory Board – proposes an approach to centering health equity in health research.

## Tools and Guides

- [Racial Equity Toolkit: An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity](#) This resource, shared by our partners in Worcester, is designed to integrate explicit consideration of racial equity into decision making, including policies, practices, programs, and budgets. More tools and resources focusing on racial equity from the [Local and Regional Alliance on Race and Equity](#) are available [here](#).
- [The Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative](#) designed a [tool kit](#) that can help state departments and organizations assess their progress on achieving health equity. Check out other resources [here](#).
- [Advocating for Data Disaggregation by Race and Ethnicity](#) from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is a guide to help community leaders and advocates advance health equity by calling for changes in the way data are collected, analyzed, and reported. It also supports efforts to make the unique health needs and disparities faced by racial and ethnic populations visible.

## Events

- The Department of Health Studies at American University is hosting a virtual discussion on **October 6, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm ET** with the White House and national leaders regarding the 2022 White House Conference, National Strategy,

and ways to help end hunger and reduce nutrition-related diseases and health disparities. Click [here](#) to register.

- [The Roundtable on Health Literacy](#) convenes a series of 3 mini-workshops to explore how using health literacy best practices might impact trust in health institutions, and how that, in turn, might positively impact health equity. The final workshop in the series will take place virtually on **October 6th 1-2:30pm ET**. Click [here](#) to register.
- [The Health Literacy Annual Research Conference](#) is a virtual event on October 24-25, 2022 for investigators dedicated to health literacy research. It is “an opportunity to advance the field of health literacy, a method to raise the quality of our research, and a venue for professional development. Our aim is to attract a full range of investigators engaged in health literacy research including those involved in a broad array of public health, health services, epidemiology, translational, and interventional research activities” **Registration \$75**. Click [here](#) to register by **October 10th** for the **\$75 early bird special**.
- [The 2022 All In National Meeting \(AINM\)](#) is a virtual event on **October 25-26th** in which participants can hear from friendly voices working on multi-sector data-sharing projects in communities as they share a broad range of real-world experiences. Their dynamic presentations will explore the theme of *Centering Communities to Transform Shared Data Systems*. Sessions will highlight successful efforts to promote health and well-being through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. **Registration \$75**. Click [here](#) to register by **October 23rd**.
- [The NIMHD Director’s Seminar: Reducing Health Disparities in Hispanic Families--20 Years of Research, Lessons Learned, and Opportunities](#) Presenter Guillermo (Willy) Prado, Ph.D. is Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Miami. His work focuses on the development, evaluation, and dissemination of parenting interventions for Hispanic youth and their families and has appeared in over 140 peer-reviewed articles and chapters. His talk will 1) highlight existing health disparities among Hispanic/Latinx youth and 2) provide an overview of a Familias Unidas, a preventive intervention for Hispanic sexual minority youth and their families. **Airdate:** October 6, 2022, 2:00pm ET. Click [here](#) to watch the live event.
- [The Friedman School Speaker Series](#) includes 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 12:15-1:15pm (ET)** on the academic year schedule.

### **Funding sources/opportunities**

- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program](#) provides the nation’s most comprehensive learning experience at the intersection of health, science, and policy in Washington, D.C. It is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional mid-career health professionals and behavioral/social scientists with an interest in health and healthcare policy. Fellows participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health equity, healthcare, and health policy. **Application Deadline:** November 7, 2022, 3:00 p.m. ET. Click [here](#) for more information.
- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Systems for Action \(S4A\)](#) is a signature research program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that builds a Culture of Health by rigorously testing new ways of connecting the nation’s fragmented medical, social, and public health systems. The program supports research teams from across the U.S. in conducting scientific studies that evaluate the implementation and impact of novel approaches to systems alignment. **Application Deadline extended:** October 19, 2022, 3:00 p.m. ET. Click [here](#) for more information.
- [Special Solicitation: Evaluating the Implementation and Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic-Driven Policies and Programs to Improve Children’s Health and Well-Being. Healthy Eating Research](#), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is funding research focused on how pandemic-driven social and economic programs and policies related to poverty reduction impact child obesity, diet quality, and food and nutrition security. **Concept Paper Deadline:** October 12, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information.
- [Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society \(ComPASS\) Program:Community-Led. Health Equity Structural Intervention Initiative \(OT2\)](#), issued by the NIH, provides funding to community organizations to develop, implement, assess, and disseminate co-created community-led, health equity structural interventions, in partnership with research organizations, that intervene upon structural factors that produce and

perpetuate health disparities. This goal will be accomplished in three (3) phases: 1) the intervention planning and development phase; 2) the intervention implementation phase; and 3) the intervention assessment, dissemination and sustainability phase. **Letter of Intent Due:** November 18th, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information.

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