



Catalyzing Communities

A ChildObesity180 Initiative

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Catalyzing Communities Learning Collaborative September 2022 newsletter!

Building on our August Learning Collaborative workshop, we wanted to provide some resources about impactful storytelling. Sharing stories in the context of our work -- at Catalyzing Communities and otherwise -- is a critical way we can honor and elevate community voices, communicate insights and learnings, and create a compelling call to action. Respectfully centering diverse voices and experiences is an important part of working towards racial equity. We hope the resources below are helpful!

We also want to highlight the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health, scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2022! The event will be livestreamed, and you'll find more information and a link below.

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 Storytelling Project Model](#) by [Professor Lee Anne Bell](#) outlines a dialogue framework that helps diverse groups analyze and better understand how racism impacts organizations, communities, and the greater society.
- EXPLORE: [The Practice Space](#) features [resources and a toolkit](#) on fostering equity within storytelling.
- READ: [Are Your Data Visualizations Racist?](#). Alice Feng and Jonathan Schwabish. (2021)

- EXPLORE: The Urban Institute published useful materials relevant to equity and data visualization. [Applying Racial Equity Awareness in Data Visualization](#) by the Urban Institute includes a [data visualization style guide](#). Moreover, [The Do No Harm Guide: Applying Equity Awareness in Data Visualization](#) aims to help data practitioners approach their work through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The guide includes a data visualization [checklist](#) and [recommendations](#).
- READ: [Storytelling to access social context and advance health equity research](#). JoAnne Banks. (2012).

Tools

- [Purpose](#), a social impact agency, released the [Racial Justice Movement Storytelling Toolkit: Stories to Uplift & Messengers to Mobilize](#) designed for anyone looking to share or shape racial justice narratives.
- Check out this [interactive tool](#) by [The Opportunity Agenda](#) to help your organization create impactful messaging.
- The Office of Minority Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services has an [Online Knowledge Center Catalog](#) that provides access to the nation's largest repository of information dedicated to the health of minority populations within the United States and its territories.

Events

- [Invest Health](#) is hosting a two-day interactive learning and network building event on operationalizing equity-promoting policies – [Operationalizing Equity-Promoting Policies to improve the Social Determinants of Health National](#). The event will take place virtually on September 12th and 13th. **Register [here](#) by September 6th.**
- [The National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research \(NCCOR\)](#) is hosting a Connect & Explore webinar, [Reframing Childhood Obesity: Cultural Insights on Nutrition, Weight, and Food Systems](#) on **Wednesday, September 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET**. Based on a recently published report from the [Vanderbilt Cultural Context of Health & Wellbeing Initiative](#) and the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), the webinar will explore how public health programs can work with, not against, cultural traditions and norms and harness local creativity to change nutritional outcomes. Register [here](#).
- [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.

White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health

- The Biden-Harris Administration announced that it will host a [White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#) — the first conference of its kind held since 1969 — on **September 28 in Washington, DC**. The conference features a diverse group of experts, policy makers, and community leaders to address the nation’s intersecting challenges of food insecurity and diet-related diseases. During the Conference, the White House will release a new national strategy detailing the public and private sector approaches to reduce hunger and improve nutrition and health, especially among communities most affected. The event will be [livestreamed](#). You can sign up for alerts and read FAQs [here](#).

Funding sources/opportunities

- [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.

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