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News and Resources from Health Equity Initiative!

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are heartbroken by the recent events in Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX. We wish we had words that could provide meaningful comfort to the families and communities of the Black residents in New York State as well as the children and teachers in Texas who lost their lives in these two recent mass shootings. As parents, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, and spouses, we cannot think of greater pain and offer our condolences to the families and friends of the victims.

While we mourn the senseless loss of human life, we also call once more for standing up against all forms of social discrimination, racism, and hate language as well as for improving mental health support in our communities, workplaces, and schools.

Of most importance, in the wake of these unconceivable events, we seek to remind you that in 2022 alone, the U.S. already reported 200+ mass shootings of which **27 in schools** to date. Gun control is a health equity issue, so it's time to raise our voices in demanding that our legislators put communities and children first!

Contact your senator to speak about gun control measures to protect our families and communities and to address the many violence-related inequities that we know are interconnected with the root causes of social, racial, and health inequities.

As a member of our community, please do not hesitate to **share** your feelings and ideas on this and other important health equity issues. **Join us** and engage with our multisectoral community to advance health equity!

In solidarity and strength,



Renata Schiavo, PhD, MA, CCL,

Founder and Board President, Board of Directors

On behalf of everyone in our **HEI Board of Directors**

A Warm Welcome to New and Returning HEI Members!

Verónica López says, "I am a nurse who has spent my entire career dedicated to the medically



underserved. I have worked under the health disparities reduction initiative in Philadelphia, PA. and currently serve as Director of Health Equity under the 2-year, 4 million dollar Advancing Health Literacy grant with the Office of Minority Health for the City of Reading. I will complete my M.S.Ed with the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education in 2024. My goal in joining Health Equity Initiative is to maximize my impact and reach for my life-long passion"



A returning **organizational member**, GMMB says: "As a strategic communications firm **GMMB** works at the nexus of communications and policy on issues ranging from health care to education, to the environment and social justice. We joined Health Equity Initiative to regularly engage in dialogue on this issue, share best practices across sectors, and advance collective efforts to drive change."

Community Leaders Forums: Recent Reports and Upcoming Forums



To download and share this report and call to action and/or to learn about our other community leaders forums click [here](#) or go to our [Reports](#) page for the report only.

The Impact of COVID-19 on Women and Girls: Implications for Health Equity:

This Community Leader Forum aimed to capture local, national and global perspectives in the words of community leaders and their organizations. This report and call to action includes a summary of the discussion from the Forum and highlights specific recommendations for policy change and community-driven interventions as grounded in the experience of the community leaders who participated.

Be on the lookout for a second forum on racial healing and health equity and a forum on youth engagement in the health equity movement, including a focus on mental health equity.



We are grateful to Macy's Inc. for their generous support and partnership on our *Community Leaders Forums* initiative, which aligns with Health Equity Initiative's commitment to equitable community systems and to raising the influence of community voices on health, racial, and social equity issues. A heartfelt thank you to you all at Macy's!

New Report! Training for Health Equity

New Report! Training for Health Equity: Lessons Learned from Health Equity Initiative's Experience.

This report summarizes key findings and recommendations from evaluation surveys completed by participants in Health Equity Initiative's capacity building and training programs from 2011 to early 2020. The findings and recommendations in this report provide a useful implementation framework not only for Health Equity Initiative's future capacity building programs but also for other organizations committed to integrating health equity training in their future goals and endeavors.

Click [here](#) to download, share, and cite this free report!



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From Our Health Equity Blog



Health Equity and Racial Healing: Marking the 6th National Day of Racial Healing

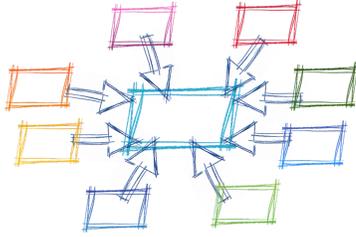
The National Day of Racial Healing takes place annually on the Tuesday after Martin Luther King Jr Day. This blog reminds us of the importance of standing together against racism and promoting healing. Read more [here](#).



Addressing Implicit Bias at the Local Government Level and Beyond

This blog post by Tina Wong, Melanie McDermott, Toni Lewis and Renata Schiavo discusses how implicit bias leads to unequal access and unequal allocation of resources in critical domains for community health and well-being. Read more [here](#).

Save the Date for Our Next Social and Community Catalyst Virtual Event on June 15!

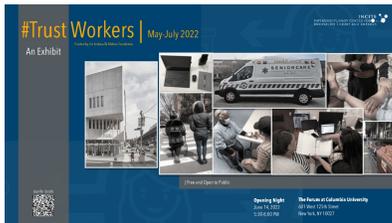


June 15 Virtual Social Event!

Save the date for our next *Social and Community Catalyst Virtual Event* on **Wednesday, June 15 from 5:30 to 6:45 pm EST**. Connect with colleagues across sectors and disciplines who share your passion for health, racial, and social equity, and share your ideas for next steps in the health equity movement.

Open to all, HEI members and non-members! Details to follow!

From Our Network: Upcoming Photovoice Exhibit



#TrustWorkers: (Re)Building Relationships between New Yorkers and the Medical System

An intimate exhibition featuring the photography of community health workers on the frontlines of building trust and delivering medical care.

Opening night on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM EST**.

Organized by the The Trust Project at the Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics (INCITE), Columbia University, Bronx Community Health Network, and other partners at Hunter College and Weill Cornell CTSC.

RSVP and additional details [here](#)

Farewell to HEI Fall 2021/Spring 2022 intern!

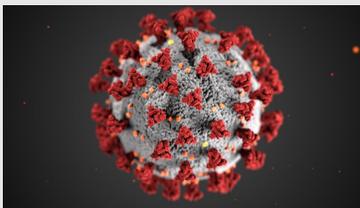


Nicole Carberry was the Fall 2021/Spring 2022 Communication and Social Media Intern at Health Equity Initiative. A fourth year undergraduate student when she started her internship, Nicole recently graduated from The College of New Jersey with a Communication major and a minor in Marketing. As her internship comes to an end, she is grateful for the opportunity to learn more about social discrimination and health communication. Upon graduation, she will be

working for a healthcare communication company as a marketing coordinator. **Congratulations and thank you for everything, Nicole! Keep in touch!**

Resources from Our Network on Health Equity (during COVID-19 and beyond)

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [Trends in Demographic Characteristics of People Receiving COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States](#)**
- ***Journal of Communication in Healthcare: Strategies, Media and Engagement in Global Health: [Special Issue! COVID-19 and Health Inequities: Insights from Communication Research and Practice](#)***
- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP): [Health Equity in Healthy People 2030](#)**
- **UNICEF: [Equity](#)** (multiple resources on health and social equity topics)



Please also visit our [COVID-19 and Health Equity Resources](#) page. We update this page regularly with resources and readings that point to the importance of keeping health equity on the table during the COVID-19 response and recovery.

Take Action!



There are many ways to get involved with Health Equity Initiative. Learn about how you can [take action](#) and support health equity!

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About Health Equity Initiative

Health Equity Initiative (HEI) is a member-driven membership organization dedicated to

building and sustaining a global community that engages across sectors and disciplines to advance health equity. By bringing together and enlisting the efforts of the public and private sectors, professions and communities that have both a stake and an influence on social determinants of health, HEI advocates for improving conditions and achieving equity in health for all. We focus on championing transformative change, supporting knowledge, engaging communities and leaders, and building capacity across sectors and disciplines to address barriers that prevent people from leading healthy and productive lives.

HEI is a federally recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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