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News and Resources from Health Equity Initiative!

Spring/Summer 2026

Bridging Silos, Building One Community for Health Equity

A Note from Health Equity Initiative

Greetings from **Health Equity Initiative**!

We hope you're having a restorative spring. As we continue through 2026, HEI remains focused on strengthening connections across our community. Through shared resources, blog posts, social media updates, and conversations in our listserv group, we are committed to creating spaces for collaboration, learning, and engagement.

Looking ahead to the fall and winter, HEI is excited about our plans to launch new initiatives and deepen our engagement with the community.

We're especially looking forward to creating new opportunities to collaborate with community-based organizations (CBOs), bring the health equity community together for much needed conversations and action, and strengthen our collective impact.

In the meantime, we invite you to stay connected by joining the **listserv** and sharing resources, opportunities, ideas, and reflections with fellow community members, along with keeping up with HEI through the newsletter and our social media channels.

More updates are on the way. Stay tuned!

The **Health Equity Initiative Team**

Catching up on Our Health Equity Blog

Topics include building spaces for LGBTQ+ youth, microfinance as a tool for health equity, the intersection of health equity and health communication, and more! Starting in April 2025, the blog is generously supported by an unrestricted grant by **Macy's Mission Every One**!

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Don't forget to sign up for HEI's listserv!

HEI's listserv is a place to foster connection, collaborate, and share information about advancing health, racial, and social equity. To subscribe, **send an email** with "Subscribe" in the subject line and your name and affiliation in the body of the email or go to **Google Groups**.

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Highlighting Our Grantee Partners

Learn about how HEI 2025 grantee partners are making an impact. For more information on this program, visit the **Grantees Partners webpage**. We are proud to have contributed in small ways to this work. More details to follow in our 2025 Annual Report! Stay tuned also for additional information on the future of this partnership program!

GRAMEEN PROMOTORAS

Grameen Promotoras provided Community Health Workers (CHWs) with a training session on community advocacy for health equity - this helps CHWs assist their communities in advocating for healthcare and other rights.

APHA PHEHP HEALTH COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUP

The APHA Health Communication Working Group (HCWG) established the foundation for resources, events, and a dedicated committee to integrate a health equity lens in the field of health and risk communication.

The People's Theatre and their Youth Leadership and Cultural Empowerment Program for immigrant communities used HEI resources towards their holistic wraparound services in Washington Heights for students and their families, and integrated a health-equity lens in this work.

New City Neighbors empowered students to conduct a community asset mapping in Grand Rapids, MI and presented findings to community organizations and leaders for future programming on health equity.

The Trevor Project used HEI small grant towards its suicide prevention hotline and mental health equity initiatives for LGBTQI+ youth, including the newly launched Trevor Space, an online youth community.

Intern with Health Equity Initiative

Health Equity Initiative is looking for a Blog Writing & Development Intern who will be primarily involved with contributing posts to, and increasing engagement with, the Health Equity Blog. The blog covers cross-sectoral efforts, narratives, news, and stories of hope, healing, community engagement, and partnerships to advance health equity. Ideal applicants will have a background in communication studies and/or public health.

Know anyone who might be interested? Send them to **our website** to apply.

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Resources: International Summer Professional Development Program Opportunity!

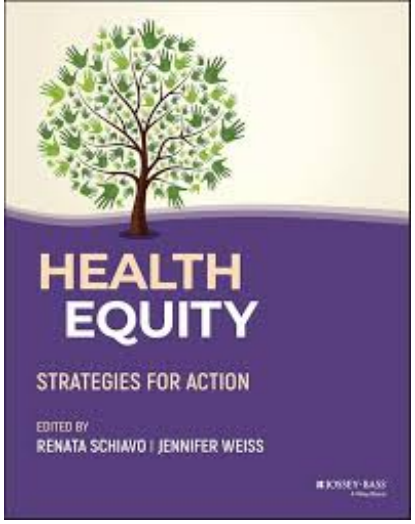
Last chance to register for the International Summer Professional Development Program on **"Health and Risk Communication in Pandemics and Beyond: Strategies for a Systems Thinking, Community-Centered, and Equity-Driven Approach"** lead by HEI founder Renata Schiavo. The registration deadline has been extended to June 15, 2026!

Every year, the Institute brings together professionals from around the world to Rome. It features guest lectures and site visits with leading international and national organizations, making it ideal for professionals in public health, health equity, communication, healthcare, global health, international development, human rights, medicine, and community development.

Check out this opportunity at **https://aur.edu/sbcc**

Resources: New Book by HEI's Founder! Health Equity: Strategies for Action

HEI's founder, **Renata Schiavo**, co-edited ***Health Equity: Strategies for Action*** with **Jennifer Weiss**, a long-time senior associate at Health Equity Initiative. This book walks you through key principles and practical



approaches to advancing health equity and include contributions from 45+ health equity pioneers. Renata and Jennifer also contributed several chapters to the book.

Use the special discount code for the HEI community if you decide to purchase this book on the **publisher's site**: PSY20 for 20% off.

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Upcoming Health Equity Conferences

2026 Social Determinants of Health & Health Equity Forum
June 25th - 26th, 2026

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Center for Healthcare Innovation's 14th Annual Health Equity Symposium
June 30th - July 1st, 2026

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2026 Black Maternal Health Conference and Training Institute
September 10th - 12th, 2026

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Resources About Advancing Health Equity

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: **Where You Live Affects How Long You Live**

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World Health Organization: **Health Inequality Monitor and Health Equity Assessment Toolkit**

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Jobs in the Field

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Grassroots Manager, New York City

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About Health Equity Initiative

Health Equity Initiative (HEI) is a volunteer nonprofit 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.

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