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News and Resources from Health Equity Initiative!



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are pleased to present you with [Health Equity Initiative's](#) Summer/Fall 2023 Newsletter.

This September 2023 marks 12 years of Health Equity Initiative's efforts to build community, capacity, and resources in support of health equity across sectors and disciplines. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this work, including our many [partners](#) and [members](#) over the years.

We invite you to take a look at our [history, vision, values, goals and focus](#), and to download and share our many [resources](#). We hope that you find these resources useful to your efforts and professional development, and that they ultimately help integrate or strengthen the prominence of a health, racial, and social equity lens in your work and organizations.

I also want to feature our [Community Leaders Forums](#), which we started in 2020 at the height of the pandemic, and align with our commitment to equitable community systems and our long-standing work to raise the influence of community voices on health equity. The series provides a much needed forum to discuss and advocate for community-driven solutions to advance health equity. Examples of recent forums and reports are also included in this newsletter. We are grateful to Macy's Inc for their support of this program since 2021.

Finally, I hope this note finds you well and that your efforts to addressing health, racial and social inequities have been advancing our collective mission this year and brought hope and solutions to communities that have been historically marginalized or experience other kind of disadvantage or vulnerability - both in the United States and around the world.

Thank you for being part of our community and following our work.

With warm wishes,

[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 Some of Our New HEI Members!



Dr. Denalerie Johnson-Faniel is the inaugural chief of outreach and community health relations of the Division of Civil Rights, Office of the Attorney General-New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety. She sat on the state's health equity subcommittee and climate change disparities team while also directing the equity and inclusion department for the State Hospital of New Jersey before joining the American Civil Liberties Union national team as the Senior Director of Organizational Management, Equity and Inclusion. She joined HEI because as a Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. member, she believes that partnership-based advocacy for equitable access to healthcare helps further global community-conscious engagement. It also helps advance social action-related public health efforts for all.

Community Leaders Forums: Recent Recordings, Reports and Upcoming Forums

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Youth Engagement and Health Equity: Lessons Learned and Community-Driven Strategies



Community Leaders Forum:
Report and Call to Action

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Community Leaders Forums aim to capture local, national, and global perspectives in the words of community leaders and their organizations. The 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. **Stay tuned for upcoming forums on Mental Health Equity and Youth Engagement and Health Equity (Part 2)!**



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 all of you at [Macy's!](#)

Advocacy Training



Advocating for Health Equity: A Training Webinar for CBOs and Nonprofits - A Recap of Our August 15 Event

With the generous support of [Macy's Inc.](#), Health Equity Initiative held an interactive training webinar on August 15th for community leaders and CBOs to strengthen advocacy and policy communication skills and increase the reach of community-driven solutions in policy and institutional settings in support of health equity. Organizations represented by participants included the [DeLoach Lupus Foundation](#), [El Puente](#), [Ripple Effect](#), [Sayva](#), and [The College of New Jersey](#). Thanks to facilitators [Renata Schiavo](#), [Bree Bode](#), [James Mallare](#), and [Lenore Cooney](#) for leading the workshop on this topic, and thank you, participants, for an interesting and equity-minded conversation!

Stay tuned for more information regarding an additional Advocacy Training in the coming months!



Grassroots AAPI Advocacy: Closing the Health Equity Gap

A former student from The College of New Jersey, Steph Shen, contributed to HEI's [Health Equity Blog](#) to share details about the AAPI Advocacy Campaign, which aims to address implicit racism towards the AAPI community and the various health and social issues that are evident as a result. Steph and other campaign members work to make the voices of AAPI students heard! **Click [here](#)** to visit the post and learn more about the Advocacy Campaign at TCNJ!

Conferences from our Network!



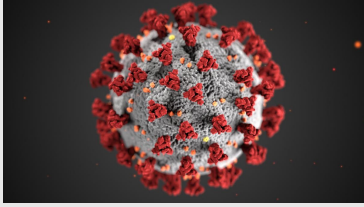
October 3rd, 2023: [NYU Langone Health Equity Symposium](#) in New York, New York



October 23rd-25th 2023: National Committee for Quality Assurance [Health Innovation Summit](#) in Orlando, FL

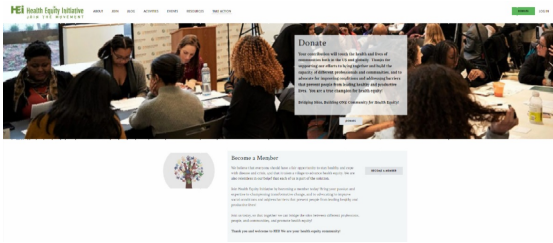
Resources from Our Network on Health Equity (on COVID-19 and beyond)

- American Public Health Association: [Racism as a Public Health Crisis](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [Designing Community Health Efforts with Health Equity in Mind](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [Global Health Equity Strategy: 2022-2027](#)
- Kaiser Family Foundation: [Racial Equity and Health Data Dashboard](#)
- National Institutes of Health: [Tips for Inclusive Community-Engaged Research](#)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): [Health Equity Factsheet](#)



[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.

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