



Community Impact
Health Disparities Initiative

Building Community Partnerships to Reduce Health Disparities

Directory of High-Value Resources and Innovative Case Studies



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Best Practices for Community Partnerships

<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Resource Type</i>
<u>Assuring Healthcare Equity: A Healthcare Equity Blueprint</u>	National Public Health and Hospital Institute offers strategies on creating partnerships with the community, patients, and families.	Blueprint
<u>National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership</u>	National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership offers guidance on building partnerships between health care and legal institutions to advocate for vulnerable populations.	Toolkit
<u>National Partnership for Action Toolkit for Community Action</u>	National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities offers resources for understanding health disparities and engaging community members in action around health disparities.	Toolkit
<u>Keys to Successful Hospital-Community Health Center Partnerships</u>	Blog by the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers provides an overview of key elements of partnerships between hospitals and community health centers.	Blog
<u>Hunger in the Community: Ways Hospitals Can Help</u>	Book by Project Bread offers strategies hospitals can use to help patients address food insecurity.	Handbook

Case Studies of Successful Community Partnerships

<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Resource Type</i>	<i>Type of Partnership</i>
<u>Improving Community Health through Hospital-Public Health Collaboration</u>	Study assesses the performance of 12 partnerships between health care organizations and public health departments.	Research Study	Public Health Departments
<u>Mount Carmel Church Partnerships</u>	Brochure explains how Mount Carmel began volunteer health ministries in community churches to support wellness.	Case Study	Religious Institutions
<u>Religious Institutions Enlisted to Help Keep Fellow Worshipers Healthy</u>	News article reports on LifeBridge Health's partnership with a number of local churches.	News Article	Religious Institutions

<u>The Effects of Respite Care for Homeless Patients: A Cohort Study</u>	Study assesses the impact of respite care on the health of homeless individuals.	Research Study	Respite Care
<u>Connect Patients to Food, Other Basic Needs</u>	University Hospitals of Cleveland joins Health Leads, an organization that allows university students to serve as advocates for individual patients to address social factors related to health.	News Article	Universities
<u>Goshen College Working with Harvard Medical School to Study Mental Health Disparities in Minority Communities</u>	Goshen College plans to work with Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital to reduce racial/ethnic mental health disparities.	News article	Universities
<u>Healing the Homeless: A Community Collaboration</u>	Yale-New Haven Hospital partners with a local homeless shelter, Columbus House, to provide a temporary home for patients post-discharge.	Presentation	Homeless Shelters
<u>Hospitals Seek Behavioral Partners to Reduce Readmissions</u>	Gosnold on Cape Cod, an addiction treatment center, partners with a local provider to prevent readmissions related to behavioral health.	News Article	Behavioral Health Provider
<u>University of Minnesota Program in Health Disparities Research</u>	Webpage links to several research projects aimed at studying effectiveness of different community partnerships on reducing health disparities.	Webpage	Universities
<u>Commonwealth Fund: Forging Community Partnerships to Improve Health Care</u>	White paper presents results of four Medicaid managed care organizations that developed community partnerships to support both vulnerable members and nonmembers.	Research Study	State Agencies
<u>Healthcare and State Health Agency Collaboration Around Community Health Needs Assessments</u>	Describes a partnership among local and state public health leaders, hospital leaders, and community stakeholders in North Carolina.	Case Study	Public Health Leaders
<u>Community Health Partnerships to Improve Health and Wellness of Community Residents</u>	Partners HealthCare highlights several of its community partnerships designed to improve employment opportunities, access to care, and preventative care.	Case Study	Community Health Organizations