



Region IX Office of Minority Health

The Office of Minority Health was established in 1987 in response to recommendations of the Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health (the Heckler Report, 1985-86). First authorized by statute in 1990, it was most recently reauthorized along with the OMH by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (42 USC 300u-6).

Vision: *"A Nation free of disparities in health and health care"* (HHS Action Plan)

The mission of the Office of Minority Health is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities. We do this by:

- Policies , Programs and Practices
- Awareness
- Data
- Partnerships and Networks
- Research, Demonstrations and Evaluation

Office of Minority Health priorities are:

- Affordable Care Act
- HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
- National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity (NSS/ NPA)

We Promote OMH and National Campaigns/Initiatives

- **Minority Health Month**- April Annually
- **National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health Care (CLAS)**
www.thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov
- **National Partnership for Action (NPA)** Regional Health Equity Council Region IX;
5 Goals: Awareness; Leadership; Health System and Life Experience; Cultural & Linguistic Competency; Data, Research, and Evaluation; 20 strategies.
- **State Offices of Minority Health:** AZ, CA, GU, HI, NV
- **Healthy People 2020:** health equity, eliminate disparities, improve health for all groups
- **National Prevention Strategy**
- **National HIV/AIDS Strategy and Viral Hepatitis Plan**
- **Seasonal Influenza**

- **HHS Promotores de Salud Initiative**
- **Health Care Quality-OMH and Office National Coordinator for Health Information Technology-Reducing Cancer Among Women of Color App Challenge:** It challenged innovators and developers to create a mobile device-optimized tool that engages and empowers women to improve the prevention and treatment of breast, cervical, uterine, and ovarian cancer in underserved and minority communities and that can interface with provider electronic health records- <http://chanllenge.gov/ONC>
- **Million Hearts Campaign**-prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes by 2017-ABCS: ASA for people at risk; BP control; Cholesterol management, Smoking cessation;
- **HHS Oral Health Initiative** 2010 ,the "silent epidemic" of dental and oral diseases that burdens millions of children and adults throughout the United States;
- **2012 Environmental Justice Strategy and Implementation Plan:** “a nation that equitably promotes health community environments and protects the health of all people” www.hhs.gov/environmentaljustice/
- **White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics**
- **White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**
- **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)**
- **White House Initiative for Tribal Colleges and Universities**

We Provide Training and Support:

- Region: Grant Writing; Technical Assistance, not limited to data collection, analysis, and dissemination; promoting evidence-based best practices, event planning; outreach & education; strategic partnership development; capacity building, strategic planning, program development, more...
- Office of Minority Health Resource Center/ Services
 - Knowledge Center
 - Information Specialists
 - Communications
 - Capacity Building Team
 - Resources Persons Network
 - Technology
 - Library Center
 - Information Services
 - Health Campaigns/OMH Publications
 - Technical Assistance
 - Networking & Outreach
 - Web Services

We Disseminate Information:

- <http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov>
- Office of Minority Health Resource Center 800-444-6472

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