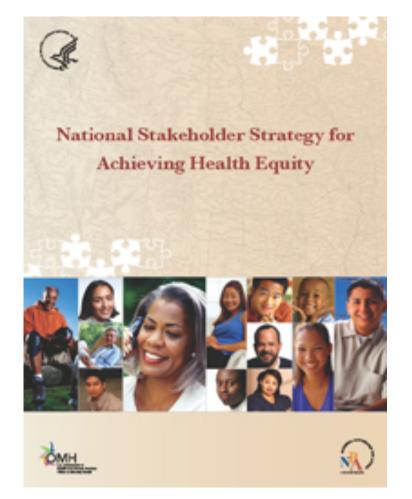


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SEPTEMBER 2013

of the report on
Health Equity and
Leadership

The Importance of Leadership in Achieving Organizational Cultural Competency

Prepared for The Colorado Trust by Erica Baruch, 7D; Sherry Freeland Walker, editor

▶ HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS WITH PATIENTS FROM DIVERSE POPULATIONS NEED STAFF WHO UNDERSTAND AND INTERACT EFFECTIVELY WITH PEOPLE FROM OTHER CULTURES. Studies show that biases and prejudiose can result in differences in care and in health disparities among patients. Yet, these organizations often find it challenging to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care. Experience from a seven-year Colorado Trust initiative shows that organizational leaders can make or break an organization's ability to provide high-quality, culturally sensitive care to all its patients.

When leaders are committed to and involved in developing cultural competency across their organization, the quality of care can rise for all and the organization can reap added benefits such as improved operations. Little, however, has been written about specific strategies that allow leaders to bring about comprehensive cultural competency change throughout an organization – change that often requires modifications to services as well as established policies and practices, and staff attitudes and behaviors.

The Colorado Trust paper, Health Equity and Landership: The Importance of Landership in Achieving Organizational Cultural Competency, summarizes lessons learned from the Equality in Health initiative (EIH). This initiative involved 26 Colorado organizations in efforts to reduce health disparities by improving cultural competency. The paper examines the important role leaders play in promoting, guiding and supporting cultural competency development throughout a health care service organization.

Commitment from the top helps gain staff buyin and the resources needed for the successful implementation of changes. When leadership, in particular the executive director (ED) or chief executive officer (CEO), makes it clear that cultural competency is a guiding organizational value, supports the changes taking place and plays an active role in making those changes happen, others are likely to follow his or her lead.<sup>2</sup>

Although more research is needed to better understand the return on investment of ED or CEO time and participation," the EIH initiative constraints that leadership engagement in cultural competency work promotes progress and sustainability. Leaders of health service organizations can use the information in the full paper to guide future efforts and assure all Coloradans receive qualify, equitable health care.

Comprehensive organizational cultural competency development is a concerted, systematic effort by an organization to understand, appreciate and interact with people from other cultures and/or belief systems.

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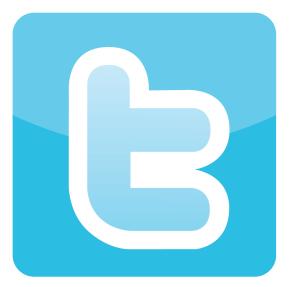


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- Eagle
- Fort Collins
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- Grand Junction
- Gunnison

- Lamar
- Leadville
- Montrose
- Monte Vista
- Pueblo
- Rifle
- Steamboat
- Telluride
- Yuma





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### **Today's Presenters**

- Elizabeth Myung Sook Krause, ScM
   Vice President of Policy and Communications
   Connecticut Health Foundation
- Nichole June Maher, MPH
   President and CEO
   Northwest Health Foundation
- Yanique Redwood, PhD
   President and CEO
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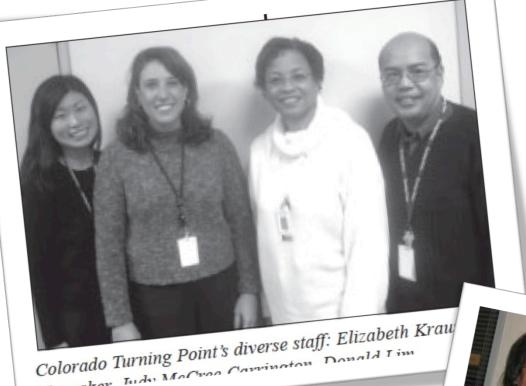


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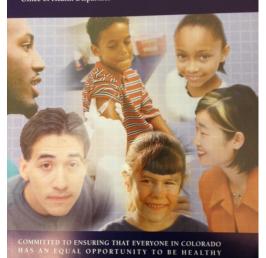
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### Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities in Colorado 2005

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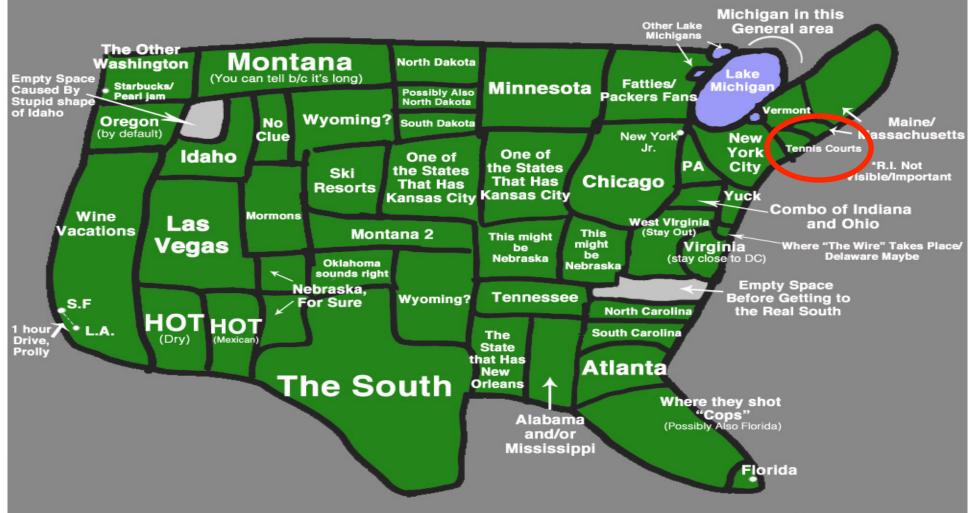


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## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS SEEN BY A NEW YORKER

\*Map to Scale



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### Connecticut

- 3.5 million residents
- 70 miles x 110 miles
- 169 Towns
- "Land of steady habits"
- "Two Connecticuts"



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## Why Health Equity Now?

It's the Right Thing for Us to Be Focusing On.

Health equity is the work we do well. Our 12-year legacy of reducing racial and ethnic health disparities helps us lead by effort and example as we work to bridge the gaps in our health care system.

Evolving to Meet the Need >





#### **Our Mission**

Everyone deserves the opportunity for optimal health—regardless of

Learn more about our New Strategic Direction





### **Health Disparities >>> Health Equity**



2007-2017 strategic plan

- -public will building
- -patient-provider encounter

2013 Shift to Health Equity as Central Focus

2000 RE HD priority adopted 2003-2009

Community-Driven Health Promotion grants 2005-2007

Hospital Grand Rounds 2007-2008

Health
Literacy in
Adult
Education
Grants

2009-2011

Partnering with Practicing MDs

2010-2011

Leadership Council

1999

CT Health founded

2002-2005

Multicultural health grants

- -workforce diversity
- -cultural competence
- -health promotion

2004 - 2005

REHD Policy Panel 2006-2008

FQHC Diabetes Disparities Grants 2009 -present

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2011 - present

Equity through medical home

2005-present

**Health Leadership Fellows Program** 





#### A NEW FOCUS ON EXPANDING HEALTH EQUITY

#### HOW WE DEFINE IT

When some think of Health Equity, they see an end – in other words, that we should all enjoy the same level of health. When we think of health equity, we see the beginning – that first we must all have a fair shot to take ownership of our health. So while we continue to believe in the importance of eliminating disparities, our immediate focus will be to expand health equity by helping more people gain access to better care – especially those who disproportionately lack it now, people of color.



#### HOW WE ACHIEVE IT

We will leverage our resources and relationships so more people can:





Get Enrolled

It starts by helping people get enrolled and stay enrolled in an affordable health insurance plan.





Navigate The System

Once enrolled, show them how to navigate the health care system to get the kind of care they need, when they need it. This includes bringing care to where they are – including community health centers, hospital clinics and school-based health centers.





Access Better Care

Finally, make sure that their providers are offering the kind of care we all want to receive – care that is affordable, comprehensive (including mental, oral and physical health), and accountable to the goal of improving our health.

## Health Insurance + Medical Home = Reduced Inequities



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#### Issue Brief

#### Achieving Better Quality of Care for Low-Income Populations: The Roles of Health Insurance and the Medical Home in Reducing Health Inequities

Julia Berenson, Michelle M. Doty, Melinda K. Abrams, and Anthony Shih

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For more information about this study, please contact.

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To learn more about new publications when two become available, visit the Funds Web site and register to receive email sierts.

Commonwealth Fund pub. 1600 Vol. 11 ABSTRACT: In the United States, uninsured and low-income adults experience substantial health and health care inequities when compared with insured and higher-income individuals. A new analysis of the Commonwealth Fund 2010 Biennial Health Insurance Survey demonstrates that when low-income adults have both health insurance and a medical home, they are less likely to report cost-related access problems, more likely to be up-to-date with preventive screenings, and report greater satisfaction with the quality of their care. Moreover, the gaps in health care between them and higher-income populations are significantly reduced. The Affordable Care Act includes numerous provisions that will significantly expand health insurance coverage, especially to low-income patients, as well as provisions to promote medical homes. Along with supporting the full implementation of coverage expansions, it will be important for public and private stakeholders to create coportunities that enhance access to medical homes for valnerable populations.

#### OVERVIEW

In the United States, low-income individuals and families experience substantial disparities in health care and health outcomes when compared with their more well-off counterparts. The recession, poor employment levels, and income trends of the past decade have undermined the ability of low-income individuals and familian to maintain health insurance coverage, gain access to high-quality health care, and achieve health and well-being. It is imperative to find strategies and models of care that will eliminate health care inequities and close the health care divide.

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Extending health insurance coverage is a necessary step in improving access to quality health care. Insurance coverage reduces financial barriers and facilitates access to a regular provider or usual source of care. Research by The Commonwealth Fund demonstrates that compared with people who are insured all year, people who lack health insurance are less likely to have a regular source



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### **ACA: Strengthening CT Navigators and Assisters**

- First local grant to Navigator program
- Convener of philanthropic community
- Supplemental funds for Assisters
- Dental benefits training module
- Navigator and Assister Program steering team
- Access Health CT Brokers and Navigators Advisory Committee
- What's next? Exploring how CT Health can add value to leveraging the ACA to scale and sustain community health workers

## **Equipping Policy Advocates with Strong Analysis**

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### Consequences of Proposed Eligibility Reduction of HUSKY A Parents



#### FINDINGS

- Under a new budget proposal, 37,500 low-income working parents currently insured under Medicaid will lose elgibility in 20%; many of these current enrollees will be elgible for transitional Medicaid assistance for up to one year.
- Tighter HUSKY eligibility requirements effective in 2014 will immediately restrict eligibility for lowincome parents who are not currently enrolled.
- While current HUSKY parents will be eligible to purchase commercial insurance through the Connectaut Health insurance Exchange in 2014, their out-of-pocket health care costs will increase by an average of \$1,800 per year.
- Of the 37,000 parents affected, an estimated 7,000 to 11,000 may not pruchase health insurance offered through the exchange – even with federal subsidies – because of increased out-of-pocket costs.
- Parents who purchase insurance through the exchange may limit use of needed health care due to higher cost sharing obligations.
- Low-income children are less likely to have health insurance coverage if their parent or parents are uninsured.

#### OVERVIEW

Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloys 2014-2015 biennial budget proposal to recture HLS KY A parent eligibility may active saly affact an estimated 37,9000m-in come working adults with children and could lead to thousands of newly uninsured residents. Currently, parents who are emolled in HLS KY A, the states Macdical program, are instituted with:

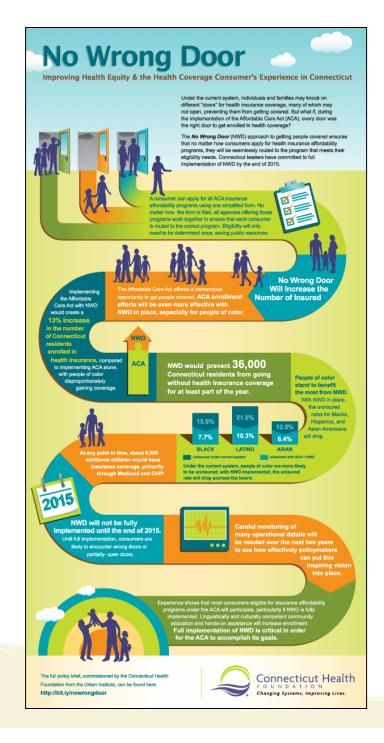
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2) have children under age 19 who are enrolled in the HUS KY A program.

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### **Elevating a Cadre of Health Equity Champions**





### **Health Leadership Fellows Program**

Health Equity Focus
9 Classes
180 Fellows
Over 75% Leaders of Color

## Increasing Health Equity Media Coverage: Program for Journalists





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NYT Best Selling
Author; Manager of
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Reporter:
"Shortened Lives:
Where You Live
Matters"



Jocelyn Elders, MD
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General,
Professor Emerita of
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### **Evaluation Dashboard**

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### **Colorado Trust Health Equity Series:**

### **Foundation Solutions to Advance Health Equity**

**September 12, 2013** 

Yanique Redwood, PhD, MPH
President & CEO
Consumer Health Foundation



### Values and Beliefs

- There is enough for all of us
- We can create better systems
- Opportunity is the starting place for individual effort
- We share a common humanity





### Vision

We envision a region and nation in which everyone has an equal opportunity to live a healthy and dignified life. By everyone, we mean all people regardless of race, ethnicity, immigration status, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age or income.

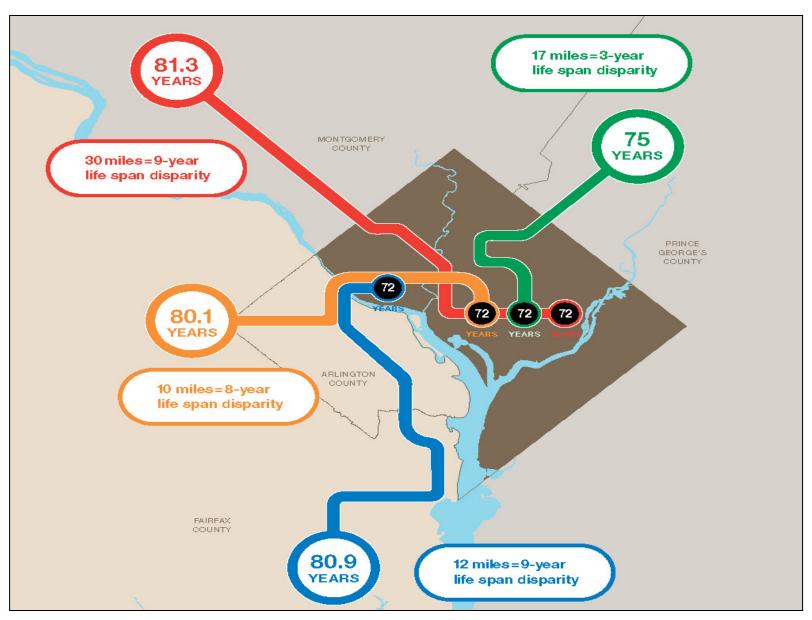


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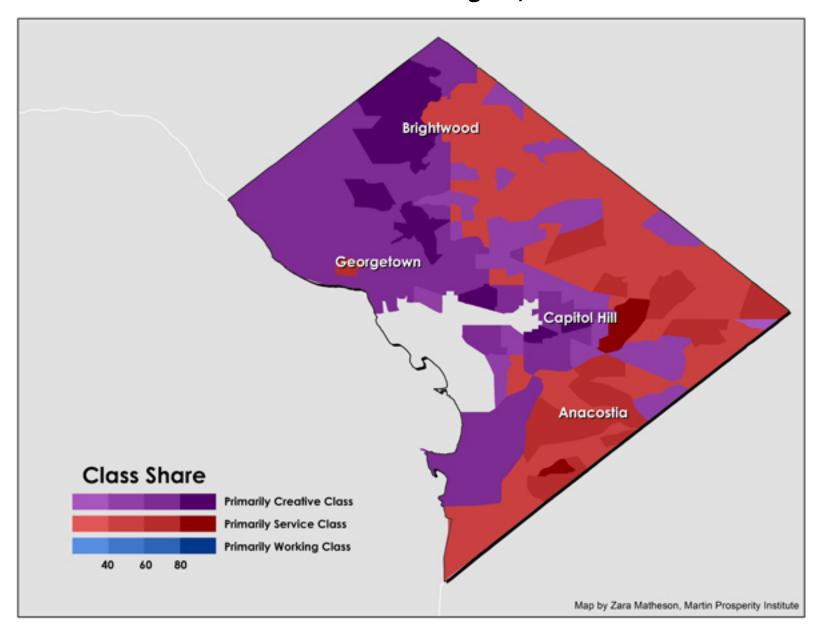


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#### Class-Divided Cities: Washington, D.C. Edition





## Solutions to Advance Health Equity

- Going Beyond Healthcare
- Advocacy for Systems Change
- Racial Equity







## Going Beyond Healthcare

- Education
- Living Wages
- Safe and Affordable Housing
- Workforce Development
- Food Equity





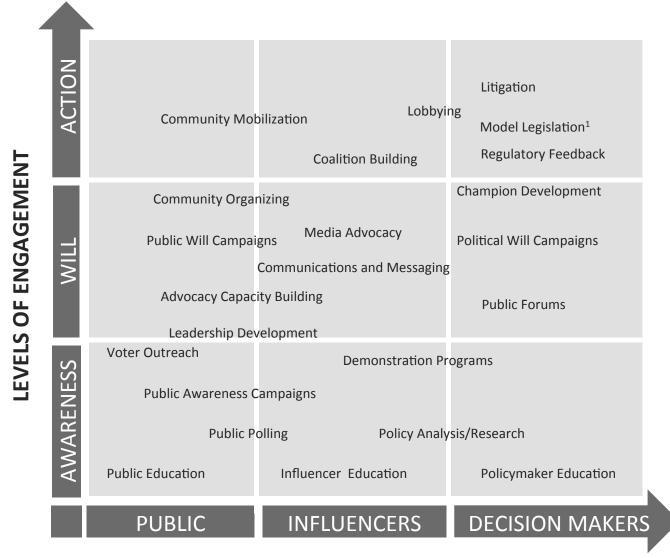


## Advocacy for Systems Change

- Research
- Community Education
- Public Will Campaigns
- Policy Analysis
- Community Mobilization
- Coalition Building



## Collective Field of Advocacy



**AUDIENCES** 



## Racial Equity

A goal and a process whereby people of color have an equal opportunity to live a healthy and dignified life.



## Racial Equity

- Racial Equity Training
- Capacity Building
- Demographic Data Collection
- Communications
- Media Training





## Wealth Building Initiative

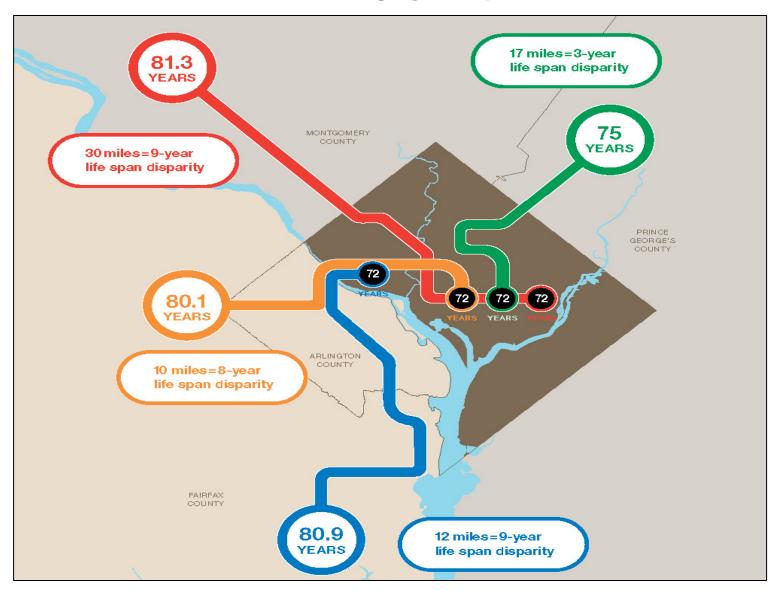
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- Living wage





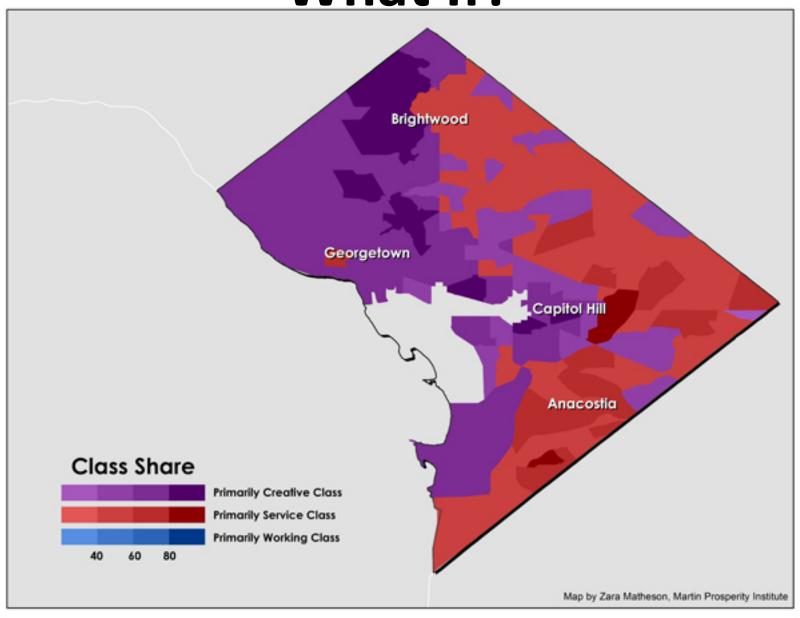


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## What If?





## **Health Equity**

- Going beyond healthcare
- Advocacy for systems change
- Racial equity
- Seeding innovation
- Knowing our values





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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Through our Health Equity Learning Series, we are pleased to host four events in 2013 featuring national experts:

- SEPT. 12: Elizabeth Myung Sook Krause, Vice President of Policy and Communications, Connecticut Health Foundation, and Nichole June Maher, MPH, President, Northwest Health Foundation, Yanique Redwood, PhD, President and CEO, Consumer Health Foundation, will speak about foundation solutions to advance health equity
- NOV. 15: Anthony Iton, MD, Senior Vice President, The California Endowment and Winston Wong, MD, Medical Director, Kaiser Permanente, will speak about solutions for tackling social determinants of health

In addition to The Trust hosting these distinguished speakers over luncheon events at our office in Denver, we will be partnering with others across the state to host simultaneous events in their communities with live-stream viewing of the events, also over lunch, followed by discussion and networking.

#### INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EVENTS

- . June 6, 2013 Brian Smedley, PhD, Vice President and Director of the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic
- January 31, 2013 Paula Braveman, MD, Director of the Center on Social Disparities in Health within the School of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco

#### NEWS

> 02/21/13 Making Sense of Health Differences, Disparities and Equity

#### PUBLICATIONS

- > Addressing Health Disparities Through Organizational Change -Evaluation Report (2012)
- > Adult Immunization & Health Screening and Education Project: A Model for Improving Minority Health - Evaluation (2005)
- > Equality in Health An Annotated Bibliography with Resources on Health Disparities and Cultural and Linguistic Competency (2007)
- > Health Equity and the Affordable Care Act - Summary (2013)
- > How the Affordable Care Act Can Help to Advance Racial and Ethnic Equity in Colorado (2013)
- Policy Brief on Mental Health Disparities in Colorado - Full Report (2006)
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#### RELATED LINKS

- > A Profile of Health Insurance Exchange Enrollees
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#### Feedback Survey September 12, 2013 Learning Lunch

Please take a moment to give us your feedback on the event today. Your responses will help us to plan future events like this one. You may leave your completed survey on the table before you leave.

1) What type of organization are you from?  □ Community organization  □ Policy/Advocacy organization  □ Direct service provider- Health	<ul> <li>6) Are you interested in attending future events like this?</li> <li>□ Yes □ No Why not?</li> <li>If yes, I would prefer to attend:</li> <li>□ In person □ Stream online □ I would like to have both options</li> </ul>				
□ Research/Evaluation □ Academic Institution/University □ Government □ Media □ Business □ Community member □ Foundation □ Other:	7) After attending this event today, do you feel more inclined to take action to promote health equity?  Yes No  If not, why not?  I already take action to promote health equity in my work; this has not changed  It is not a high priority for me/my work, but I hope that others address it				
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☐ The topic was of interest to me ☐ The speaker was of interest to me ☐ Networking with community members ☐ My relationship with The Colorado Trust ☐ I'm here for the free lunch ☐ Other.	8) Will you take any action based on this event?  I will take the discussion materials provided by The Trust back to my organization  I will share the recording of this event with others in my organization (available shortly on The Trust's website)  I will encourage others to attend future events like this one				
3) How relevant did you find the topic discussed today to your work?	□ Other: □ It is unlikely that I will take any action				
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### Thank you for joining us!