

State Partnership Program to Eliminate Health Disparities

The overarching goal of the State Partnership Program to Eliminate Health Disparities (funded in-whole by federal Office of Minority Health) is to help guide the NC Division of Public Health and community organizations in prioritizing their prevention efforts. The program is designed to assist and guide local and state governments, faith and community-based organizations and American Indian Tribes to invest in population-based interventions that can help keep healthy people healthy and those with poor health conditions from becoming unhealthier.

To accomplish this goal, the State Partnership Program to Eliminate Health Disparities will: **1) Capacity/ Infrastructure Building-** comprehensively examine the capacity, identify the needs, and provide technical assistance to our partnering faith and community based organizations and American Indian Tribes; **2) Workforce Development-** provide web-based cultural competence trainings to existing and new NC Department of Health and Human Service employees, local health departments statewide and community-based organizations; **3a) Leadership Development-** provide formal and non-formal community leaders with tools to intentionally engage local, state, and nationally elected officials, human service agencies, and educational institutions around policy and political issues regarding health, educational and economic disparities. **3b)** afford these same community leaders' opportunity to become NCOMHHD's Community Health Ambassadors (a lay health model) training on awareness and prevention of diabetes.

If you or your organizations wish to participate, contact George G Hill at 919.707.5040.