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Office of Minority Health

Advancing Health Literacy through Federal Grant Initiatives and Local Solutions

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Improve Health Literacy: A Workshop*

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OMH Vision and Mission

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was created in 1986 as one of the most significant outcomes of the landmark 1985 Secretary's Task Force Report on Black and Minority Health. 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.

Our Work

OMH is focused on the collective goal of the success, sustainability and spread of health equity promoting policies, program and practices.

Overarching programmatic priorities:

1. Supporting states, territories and tribes in identifying and sustaining health equity-promoting policies, programs and practices
2. Expanding the utilization of community health workers to address health and social service needs within communities of color
3. Strengthening cultural competence among healthcare providers throughout the country

Select OMH Grant Funded Initiatives

National Infrastructure for Mitigating the Impact of COVID- 19 within Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities (NIMIC)

July 2020 through June 2023

Awarded to: Morehouse School of
Medicine for the development of
the National COVID-19 Resiliency
Network (NCRN)

Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Responses to COVID-19 (AHL)

July 2021 through June 2023

Awarded to: 73 local governments,
10 of which serve rural
communities and populations

Thank You!