

Health Equity: Focusing on Health In All Policies

A Disparities Foresight Briefing
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The Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust

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The Disparity Reducing Advances Project



"Health Equity:
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Opening Remarks by
Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen
Chair of
The Congressional Black Caucus
Health Braintrust

The Logic of the DRA Project

- Health disparities in the U.S. are significant
- They are not perceived by most in the U.S.
- Pursuit of equity (fairness) is a trend like civil rights, anti-slavery and women's rights, which will take time and support. However, it can be accelerated
- Commitment to Health Equity is growing: 'Healthy People 2010', IOM's 'Crossing the Chasm' & 'Unequal Treatment' Reports; Reports by RWJF & other foundations; WHO
- There will be disparity reducing advances which can be identified and accelerated
- The DRA Project, using the DRA Partner Network and those we affect, can do this.



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The 8 Disparity Reducing Advances from The DRA Project

Public Health

1. **Refocusing on the Community and Social Determinants of Health & Disparities**
2. Healthy Eating/Active Living (HEAL)– Lessons on Reducing Disparities
3. Obesity Prevention in Schools
4. Reach U.S.

Health Care

5. The Expanded Care Model/Health Disparities Collaboratives
6. Integrative Primary Care
7. Navigators
8. Continuous Passive Biomonitoring

Today's Speakers

- ***Larry Cohen, MSW***, Executive Director, Prevention Institute
- ***David R. Williams, PhD***, Florence & Laura Norman Professor of Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health and Staff Director, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission to Build a Healthier America
- ***Dolores Acevedo-Garcia, PhD***, Associate Professor of Society, Human Development and Health, Harvard School of Public Health
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