

## Office of Health Equity (OHE)

**Mission:** The Office of Health Equity exists to ensure health equity is embedded in an all-of-public health approach to overcoming persistent health disparities and health inequities across a range of population groups that disproportionately experience poor health outcomes.



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**Center Organizational Chart**

<https://www.cdc.gov/about/pdf/organization/ohe-org-chart.pdf>

**Points of Contact**

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### Priority Areas and Activities

Vision: All people have the opportunity to attain the highest level of health possible.

Integrate health equity principles into CDC public health programs, policies, data systems, and funding structures.

Mobilize partners to develop and implement evidence-based strategies that address health disparities and long-standing inequities including structural and social determinants of health.

Catalyze tools and processes that ensure diversity and health equity competencies, transform infrastructure, and mobilize the existing and future CDC staff and public health workforce.

Develop and implement strategies and policies to address and reduce the impact of gender discrimination and gendered racism, and promote health equity in the workplace.

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthequity/about/index.html>

### Center Level Technical Assistance Services and Programs

CDC's Office of Health Equity (OHE) supports the CDC John R. Lewis Undergraduate Public Health Scholars (Lewis Scholars) Program and the Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases (Ferguson) Graduate Fellowship. These programs provide internship and fellowship opportunities for qualified undergraduate and graduate students to gain meaningful experiences in public health settings. <https://www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/internships/index.html>

OHE is pleased to provide the Foundations of Health Equity Training Plan. This self-guided, online training plan is designed to facilitate foundational knowledge and skill development on topics related to health equity, health disparities, and structural and social determinants of health.

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthequity/training/index.html>

**For TAC Use Only**

## **Total Number of Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Tribes, TECs, or THOs for FY22**

Zero

## **Total Number of Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Tribes, TECs, or THOs for FY23**

One, Southern Plains Tribal Health Board

### **FY23 Funding Activities with Tribes, TECs, and THOs**

CDC-RFA-CD22-2201

CDC John R. Lewis Undergraduate Public Health Scholars Program and Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship: Exposure of Undergraduate, Graduate Students, and Postgraduates to Minority Health, Public Health, and Health Professions

\$761,500.00

September 30, 2022 - September 29, 2023

SPTHB has designed and implemented the THESIS program. This program provides internship opportunities for qualified undergraduate and graduate students to gain meaningful experiences in public health settings.

### **Health Equity Updates**

**Does your CIO's Health Equity initiative include activities or metrics that specifically address AI/ AN, Tribes, TECs, or THOs? (Yes/No) If yes, provide metric and/or describe activities (please be sure to include supporting links).**

No. Nevertheless, we consider the perspectives of AI/AN people vital for understanding the health of other minoritized groups. In matters of health equity science, for example, we generally engage OTASA or an SME designated by OTASA as we design and implement our work.

**Is your CIO currently collecting, receiving, or producing health equity data that includes AI/AN information? (Yes/No). If yes, describe the data being collected, received, or produced (please be sure to include supporting links).**

No. We do not have public health data systems in our CIO.

## Tribal Data Updates

**Please Provide a Brief Description of any Efforts to help Tribes/TECs/THOs Build or Improve Data Infrastructure. (Please be sure to include supporting links and references).**

We collaborate with the Data Modernization Initiative (which has Tribal representation), OPHDST, and other CIOs to help Tribes/TECs/THOs build and improve data infrastructure.

**Please Provide a Brief Description of any Efforts to help Tribes/TECs/THOs to Collect, Acquire, or Improve data. (Please be sure to include supporting links and references).**

We collaborate with the Data Modernization Initiative (which has Tribal representation), OPHDST, and other CIOs to help Tribes/TECs/THOs improve data.

**Please Provide a Brief Description of any Efforts to help Tribes/TECs/THOs Enhance their Ability to Manage, Analyze, Interpret, or Disseminate data. (Include training or technical assistance tools and resource links.)**

OHE has a strong collaboration with a Tribal SME (Delight Satter) around setting standard practice for analyzing Tribal and other Indigenous data. Considerations include sampling frameworks, top-coding AI/AN data, etc. Specific examples of activities can be provided upon request.