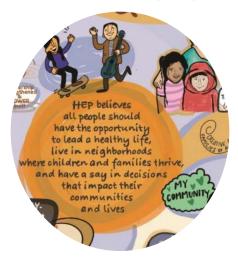


New Mexico Health Equity Partnership 2021 Year-End Highlights







Mission: Strengthen the capacity of communities to shift power relations and advocate for policy and systems changes to create healthy and just communities.

Shared value: What do we care about? Every New Mexican should have the opportunity to lead a healthy life, to live in neighborhoods where our children and families can thrive and to be able to have a say in the decisions that impact their communities and their lives.

Strategic celebrations!!!

Community driven research efforts to inform policy to advance health equity and racial justice.

- Invested in and provided technical assistance to Black Health New Mexico and McKinley Community Health Alliance to elevate issues connected to health in their communities.
 - Responding to community needs, Black Health New Mexico pivoted to invest in a Farm to Table program for the Black community and created a <u>film</u> to educate communities about the impacts of the program, the importance of food dignity, and the intersectional nature of social justice issues.
 - o McKinley Community Health Alliance has continued its journey to engage the community, collect data, and synthesize information to examine the connection
 - between a Housing First policy and household income/economic stability; childhood education; safety and broader health outcomes.
- Supported new follow up Health Impact Assessment (HIA) efforts (photovoice project, research brief, graphic video stories, etc.) for community partners (Chainbreaker, San

<u>Miguel HIA team</u>, <u>Santa Fe Indigenous Center</u>) to elevate their stories and make a more impactful case when communicating to decision makers and funders on housing justice, Indigenous health, and reintegration instead of incarceration.

- In partnership with Deconstructing Racism New Mexico, engaged regional partners and conducted preliminary steps towards beginning a Racial, Health, and Economic Impact Assessment in 2022.
- Finalized the <u>Indigenous HIA toolkit</u>, with HEP partners and Roanhorse Consulting, and utilized it in trainings for a more culturally grounded tool; disseminated it broadly in New Mexico.

Critical connections and convening to advance health equity and racial justice.

Invested in more visual forms of communication and worked with HEP community partners to unlift community partners.

partners to uplift community narratives, reports, graphics, etc. in a generative way that is respectful of BIPOC communities and disrupts the tri-cultural myth. Twenty-two new graphics and one graphic video was finalized! One more graphic video is in process.



- In collaboration with the Notah Begay III Foundation, facilitated new connections among Indigenous communities via three convenings focused on organizational wellness, inspiration and communications, and collective advocacy.
- As part of the Healthy Masculinities Collaborative with New Mexico Women.ORG,
 Tewa Women United, Together for Brothers, and Transgender Resource Center of New
 Mexico deepened learnings around healthy masculinities and contributed to a toolkit
 and communications campaign currently in development.
- Increased awareness around vaccine equity and contributed to a space for connections and learning as part of the Statewide Health Equity Committee with New Mexico Department of Health, New Mexico Public Health Association, Con Alma Health Foundation, New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils, etc.
- Engaged HEP staff, steering committee, and partners in racial equity training and coaching and HEP technical assistance providers in creative tension trainings.

Collaborative funding to distribute resources to communities to advance health equity and racial justice.

- Doña Ana Communities United, McKinley Collaborative for Health Equity, and San Juan Collaborative for Health Equity addressed health equity issues important to them and offered community solutions. HEP supported these efforts with resources and virtual spaces for peer learning.
- Served as the Assistant Director for Con Alma
 Health Foundation's Vaccine Rollout and
 Community Rebuild effort to address the
 disproportionate impact COVID-19 has had on
 vulnerable populations in New Mexico. Con Alma awarded 27 vaccine rollout grants
 totaling \$600,000, promoting the equitable allocation, distribution, delivery, and
 access to vaccines. Community Rebuild grants are being reviewed.
- Served as the coordinator for Con Alma's Family and Workers fund. The project provides direct assistance to immigrants, families and communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and creates awareness about structural barriers to their well-being. Con Alma awarded eleven grants totaling \$110,000.

Reflections to inform learning and sustainability to advance health equity and racial justice.

- Engaged in regular reflection and learning tied to HEP's activities and compiled learnings in an <u>evaluation report</u> shared widely with new learnings put into action.
- Conducted reflection sessions with HEP HIA teams, place-based partners, peer funders, steering committee members etc. to develop a <u>Harvesting of Insights</u> report. These learnings informed the development of HEP's new business model.