

Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (CBE)

In carrying out its mission, the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE):

- (1) accelerates the work of CDC and its partners in improving health by eliminating health disparities, promoting conditions conducive to health, and achieving health equity; and
- (2) provides leadership and support for the agency's research, policy, and prevention initiatives to promote and improve the health of women and girls.

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Office of Women's Health (CBEB)

The mission of the Office of Women's Health (OWH) is to provide leadership, advocacy, and support for the agency's research, policy, and prevention initiatives to promote and improve the health of women and girls. As the agency's leader for women's health issues, OWH:

- (1) advises the CDC Director and leads the Women's Health Workgroup in the advancement of research, policies, and programs related to the health of women and girls; (2) provides leadership, assistance, and consultation to the agency's centers, offices, and programs to address women's health issues; (3) advances sound scientific knowledge, promotes the role of prevention, and works to improve the communication and understanding of women's health priorities for public health action by CDC and a diverse group of state and local programs, providers, consumers, and organizations; (4) creates, publishes, and disseminates communicative products and materials that highlight CDC priorities, opportunities, and strategies to improve health; (5) establishes and fosters relationships with others (i.e., government agencies, professional groups, academic institutions, organizations and small businesses) to increase awareness and strengthen implementation of women's health programs and practices; (6) represents the agency and serves as a liaison on women's health issues within and outside HHS; and (7) coordinates and manages efforts through dialogues, meetings, and other activities to increase awareness of public health and women's health issues.

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Minority Health and Health Equity Program (CBED)

The mission of the OMHHE's Minority Health and Health Equity Program (MHHEP) is to:

- (1) provide scientific, programmatic, policy, partnership, and systems change leadership to reduce and eliminate health disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations and other underserved populations; (2) enhance the overall health of the American public by reducing the burden of preventable disease, illness, and injury through initiatives geared towards U.S. minority populations and, where appropriate, similar racial/ethnic populations outside of the United States; (3) address interconnections among social categories such as race/ethnicity, gender, class, and nativity that create overlapping systems of advantage and disadvantage linked to health disparities; (4) facilitate the implementation of policies across CDC that promote the elimination of health disparities, expand access to vital conditions for health and well-being, and advance health equity; (5) assure implementation of proven strategies across CDC programs that reduce health disparities in communities of highest risk; (6) advance the science and practice of health equity; and (7) collaborate with local, state, national and global partners to promote the reduction of health inequalities. (Approved 07/05/2022)