

# Office of Minority Health & Health Equity



## OMHHE's Guiding Principle

### Increasing CDC's Impact on Health Equity

The future health of the nation will be determined to a large extent by how effectively we work with communities to eliminate health disparities among those populations experiencing a disproportionate burden of disease, disability, and death.

## OMHHE's Mission

The Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE) aims to accelerate CDC's health impact in the U.S. population and to eliminate health disparities for vulnerable populations as defined by race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, geography, gender, age, disability status, risk status related to sex and gender, and among other populations identified to be at-risk for health disparities.

## OMHHE's Priority Goals Include the Following

- Reframe eliminating health disparities as achievable.
- Facilitate the implementation of policies across CDC that promote the elimination of health disparities.
- Assure implementation of proven strategies across CDC programs that reduce health disparities in communities of highest risk.
- Advance the science and practice of health equity.
- Collaborate with national and global partners to promote the reduction of health inequalities.

## Racial & Ethnic Minority Populations

- American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)
- Asian American
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino (H/L)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

## Other Populations by High Burden of Morbidity & Mortality

- Socio-economic status
- Geography (urban or rural)
- Gender
- Age
- Disability status
- Risk status related to sex and gender

## OMHHE Organizational Structure

- Management & Accountability
- Science & Evaluation
- Initiatives & Partnerships

*Compelling evidence that race & ethnicity correlate with persistent and often increasing, health disparities among US Populations demands national attention.*

The 2008 Age Adjusted Death Rate from Diabetes is 40.5 per 100,000 persons for Blacks, more than double the rate for Whites ( 19.9).

The rate is almost 75% higher for AI/AN's (34.5), and almost 50% higher for H/L (27.7), than for Whites (19.9).

### CDC's OMHHE:

For more information please contact CDC's Office of Minority Health & Health Equity (OMHHE)  
Mail Stop K-77; 4770 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30341  
OMHHE Telephone: (770)488-8343 CDC Telephone: 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) / TTY: 1-888-232-63548  
Email: OMHHE@cdc.gov Web: <http://www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/>



Office of the Director

Office of Minority Health & Health Equity