

HEC Newsletter

Dear Kitsap Health Equity Collaborative members,

We have a new email in Equity so our team can be more responsive to requests. If you have any community events or information to add to this newsletter, or for questions, please email equity@kitsappublichealth.org.

The next Collaborative meeting is on Tuesday, September 17th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in person (at the Norm Dicks Government Center Chambers, ground floor) and via Zoom. If you haven't received an invitation with a zoom link, please let me know.

Next Data Workgroup Meeting:

Please join us for a special session to discuss equitable public health data with the KPHD Epidemiology and Assessment program on Thursday, September 26th from 12:00 – 1:30 pm.

Our goal is to improve the extent to which Kitsap's diverse communities and identities are reflected in local public health data. This session will focus on the reporting and interpretation of data grouped by race and ethnicity categories. We will also present an "Epi 101" session that will cover analytical concepts to inform our discussion like: individual versus population data, statistical significance, and suppressing small numbers.

The first half of the session will be a presentation, and the second half will be a group discussion and voting on proposed updates to analysis and display of data by KPHD.

For those unable to join, there will be an online comment form to share written feedback. We will send the presentation slides shortly before the session.

KPHD updates:

- Organizations are invited to "Strengthening Our Connections - Addressing the Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation:" [Registration](#) is now open for Strengthening Our Connections: Addressing the Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation, occurring on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the President's Hall.

Hosted by Kitsap Mental Health Services, Kitsap County, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, and Kitsap Public Health District, the goal of this solutions-focused forum is for organizations to walk away with tangible ideas for how they can, independently and in collaboration with others, create systems that foster connection and reduce loneliness in our community.

The forum will feature keynote speaker and facilitator Risa Wilkerson, executive director of Healthy Places by Design and lead author of the seminal report Socially Connected Communities: Solutions to Social Isolation.

This forum is sponsored by Kitsap County and Kitsap Mental Health Services.

Funding Opportunities:

- The Olympic Workforce Development Council is proud to sponsor a new Small Business Grant with the Commerce Reinvestment Fund (CRF) Initiative through WorkSource Kitsap and WorkSource Clallam.

The CRF initiative aims to support small businesses owned by Black, Latino, and Tribal individuals in Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties. Receive up to \$10,000 to upskill employees or for growth and expansion asset purchases.

- **Deadline for Applications: August 15, 2024**
- **Grant Award: Anticipated on or around October 1, 2024**

Click here for the application **Commerce Reinvestment Funds Grant Application (cognitoforms.com)**.

Questions about the grant can be emailed to OlympicWIOA@esd.wa.gov.

Feedback Opportunities:

- The WA [LGBTQ+ Survey](#) is open now. Complete the survey and let state officials know how they can better support you and your community.

Webinars/Trainings:

- [Voice for Change](#): A Policy and Advocacy Training for Community Orgs Addressing Health Issues trainings happening on Tuesday, October 8th 2024 in Yakima, WA. Interest forms (in English and Spanish) are available [here](#).
- [Systems for Action \(S4A\) webinar Wednesday, Aug. 14th | 9am PT](#) featuring SAIH Grantees United Indians of All Tribes Foundation (UIATF) & Washington State Lived Experience Coalition (LEC)
Identify, address, and eliminate systemic racism and injustice inherent in the medical, social, and public health sectors and services utilized by Indigenous Veterans. (UIATF)
Study why public health, healthcare, and social service systems fail to prevent gun violence, especially among young Black and Indigenous men. (LEC)

- **Advancing Disability Rights and Inclusion:** Right now, health is a privilege that only some of us enjoy. But we can make it a right for everyone if we dismantle the laws, practices, and policies that perpetuate inequity. This includes ensuring our systems support people with disabilities. Despite the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, more work remains to build inclusive and accessible communities. As we mark its 34th anniversary, policymakers and philanthropy must amplify voices from the disability community, learn together, and recommit to strongly supporting disability rights and inclusion.
 - a. Check out their website for an Inclusive Language Guide, upcoming funding opportunities, and webinars.
- **Building Resilient Communities: Trauma-Informed Care Training**
Olympic Community of Health (OCH), in partnership with Kitsap Strong, is excited to offer a free Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) training to those who live, work, and play in the Olympic region.

This training is designed to build a more trauma-informed community of helping professionals and is intended for the health-serving workforce. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and certificates of participation will be offered.

In this session, Linda Segar leads us through the science behind human behavior and the impact of trauma and toxic stress on our brains, bodies, behavior, and choices. We will explore ideas and strategies for supporting ALL individuals to discover the skills and opportunities they need to flourish.

The same training will be offered on three separate dates & locations. Each training will cover the same content. Due to limited space, please register for only one location. [Click here to register.](#)

Other Resources:

- Infographic: [Supporting the Health Care Needs of People with Disabilities](#)

Upcoming Events:

For a list of upcoming events in Kitsap County please [click here to visit KPHD's Equity page.](#)

Thank you for all the work you do to advance equity in Kitsap County. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,