



Office of Minority Health

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About the OMH

- Established 1986, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Mission - to improve and protect the health of racial and ethnic minority populations
- Develop health policies and programs that promote the elimination of health disparities
- Advise the HHS Secretary and the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) on public health activities affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Blacks/African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders



OMH Emergency Preparedness Activities

- Katrina Hurricane impetus to take action
- Created a Center for Public Health and Emergency Preparedness in Disadvantaged Communities (Center without Walls)
- Project Reconnect—AAPCHO/ICC
- Medical Home System of Care
- Improve Responsiveness of Emergency Entities/Personnel to Latino Victims of a Disaster
- Consensus Panel on Diversity and Preparedness
- Developing a cultural competency E-learning curriculum for first responders
- Developing the First National Resource Center on Advancing Emergency Preparedness for Culturally Diverse Communities



Center for Public Health and Emergency Preparedness in Disadvantaged Communities (Center without Walls)

- Serve as a resource to OS and ASPR for emergency/disaster incidents, specifically for minority communities
- Facilitate the participation of racial and ethnic communities in all facets of emergency preparedness
- Develop an overall strategic approach to address prior to and post public health disasters
- Develop specific tools to enhance the capacity of first responders and
- Provide technical assistance to minority communities to enhance their knowledge of emergency preparedness planning and execution processes



Project Reconnect-AAPCHO

- Design a model approach to assist people displaced by Hurricane Katrina to receive comprehensive cancer control services
- Work collaboratively with the Intercultural Cancer Council (ICC)
- Project also focused on preparing displaced Katrina residents to pre-Katrina communities



Medical Home System of Care

- Build and Coordinate a Community and Health Care-Based Comprehensive Medical Home
- Initiative in Northwest Louisiana to shape planning and resources for disadvantage communities affected by Katrina
- Apply a collaborative Medical Home concept to rural and inner City Northwest Louisiana



Improve Responsiveness of Emergency Personnel (EP) to Latino Victims of a Disaster

- Contribute to the knowledge of EP and enhance their ability to reach Latino communities
- Establish a Disaster Advisory Group to provide guidance on strategies to reach Latino communities affected by a disaster
- Conduct formative research to identify effective training and out-reach materials
- Develop a “Tool Kit” to Improve responsiveness of emergency personnel



Cultural Competency E-learning Curriculum for First Responders

- Develop Cultural Competency E-learning Curriculum for First Responders
- Curriculum to be tailored to various first responders personnel
- In the development stages (organizing advisory committee, conducting comprehensive literature review, conducting focus-group needs assessment)
- Planning a Consensus-Building meeting to develop outline of e-learning curriculum



First National Resource Center on Advancing Emergency Preparedness for Culturally Diverse Communities

- A central and comprehensive web-based database of resources, research, programs, best practices and other information, as well as a central communication and information exchange portal to assist in advancing preparedness of racially and ethnically diverse communities
- Designed for communities, government, emergency personnel, first responders, health care providers, public health professionals, researchers and policymakers



Questions?



"I will now take questions from the floor"