

CONNECTICUT HEALTH EQUITY WEEK

May 18-22, 2009



Connecticut Health Equity Week will take place at the **Connecticut State Capitol & Legislative Office Building** from **May 18-22, 2009**.

This event will bring together individuals and advocates of community, academic, governmental, faith-based, and philanthropic organizations to increase awareness of health disparities, promote health equity, as well as improve service delivery and health outcomes.

During **Connecticut Health Equity Week** a variety of health-related presentations, workshops, and informational displays will be featured. Event attendees will look to create an independent and sustainable network of stakeholders committed to advancing the cause of health equity.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, May 18

- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Exhibit Space Open (LOB Concourse)
- 9:30 AM – 12:30 AM *Joint Forum on Nursing Homes: Aging, Appropriations, Human Services, and Public Health Committees (Room 2C, LOB)*
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Health Equity “Kick-Off” Press Conference** (Room 1A, LOB)

Speakers include:

Jim Rawlings – Chair, CT Health Equity Commission

Howard Phengsomphone – Executive Director, LAOS Association of CT

Pat Baker – President & CEO, CT Health Foundation

Juan Figueroa – President, Universal Health Care Foundation

Glenn Cassis – Executive Director, African American Affairs Commission

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Janette DeJesus – Executive Director of the Hispanic Health Council

- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Panel: Teen Risky Behaviors and Impact on Health** (Room 1B, LOB)
Presenters: **Diane Aye**, MPH, PhD, Epidemiologist, Connecticut Dept. of Public Health;
Bonnie J. Edmondson, Ed.D, Coordinated School Health Consultant, HIV/STD Prevention Education Coordinator, Connecticut Dept. of Education;
Stephanie Knutson, MSN, RN, School Health Consultant, Connecticut Dept. of Education.

- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM [Panel: The Social & Emotional Costs of Health Inequalities](#) (Rm 1A,LOB)
Moderator: **Tawanna Woolfolk**, MSW, LCSW - Clinician, Hill Health Center.
Presenters: **Pamela Jones, Tonya Hall, Ruth Jordan, and Geraldine Bartlette**, New Haven residents and health care consumers.
- 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM [Panel: The State of Women’s Health](#) (Room 1B, LOB)
Presenter: **M. Natalie Achong**, MD, FACOG, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Yale University School of Medicine.
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM [Panel: A Model for No-Cost Healthcare Service Delivery](#) (Rm 1A, LOB)
Presenter: **Stephanie R. Paulmeno**, MS, RN, NHA, Community Health Planner, Greenwich Department of Health; Commissioner, Commission on Health Equity; Chairman, Lower Fairfield County Regional Action Council.
- 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM [Panel: Disability & Health Status – The Impact on Children](#) (Rm 1B,LOB)
Presenter: **Merva Jackson**, Executive Director, African American Caribbean Parents of Children with Disabilities (AFCAMP).

Tuesday, May 19

- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Exhibit Space Open (LOB Concourse)
- 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM [Commission on Health Equity Meeting](#) (Room 1E, LOB)
- TBA House and Senate Session – Meet you legislators (State Capitol)
- 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Community Health Center Association of Connecticut “Ice Cream Social” (Room 310, Capitol)*

Wednesday, May 20

- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Exhibit Space Open (LOB Concourse)
- TBA House and Senate Session – Meet you legislators (State Capitol)
- 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM American Heart Association: Legislative Reception (Room 310 Capitol)*

Thursday, May 21

- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Exhibit Space Open (LOB Concourse)
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM [Legislative Advocacy Workshop](#) with **Judith Blei**, Government Relations Consultant and **Ellen Andrews**, Executive Director of CT Health Policy Project (Room 1C, LOB)

TBA House and Senate Session – Meet you legislators (State Capitol)

Friday, May 22

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Exhibit Space Open (LOB Concourse)

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM [Faith Leaders Summit on Health Equity](#) (Room 310, Capitol)

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM [Connecticut Health Foundation Leadership Fellows Closing Health Equity Action Forum](#) (Room 310, Capitol)

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM [Health Equity Awareness Week Reception](#) (Room 310, Capitol)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TBA = Please check the legislative Bulletin for times.

EVENT & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Exhibition Space (for Health Advocates). Please consider signing up for an informational table in the Legislative Office Building Concourse to represent your organization. These informational tables can be reserved throughout the week and will better help you access legislators, legislative staff, policymakers, stakeholders, and fellow advocates. We encourage you to distribute handouts and informational packets. [\(Monday – Friday @ 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, LOB Concourse\)](#)

Health Equity “Kick-Off” Press Conference and Panels: Join health advocates, stakeholders, policymakers and other leaders at a press conference promoting Health Equity. Following the kick-off event, concurrent panels will begin on a variety of health equity topics from health experts. [\(Monday @ 10:00 AM, 1A\)](#)

Health Equity Panels Listing:

[YOU SEE GLORY, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THE STORY: SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL COSTS OF HEALTH INEQUITIES](#)

Moderator: Tawanna Woolfolk, MSW, LCSW - Clinician, Hill Health Center

Co- Presenters: Pamela Jones, Tonya Hall, Ruth Jordan, and **Geraldine** Bartlette are New Haven residents and health care consumers [\(Monday @ 11:30 AM -12:30 PM, 1A\)](#).

A MODEL FOR NO- COST HEALTHCARE SERVICE DELIVERY

Presenter:

Stephanie R. Paulmeno, MS, RN, NHA, Community Health Planner, Greenwich Department of Health; Commissioner, Commission on Health Equity; Chairman, Lower Fairfield County Regional Action Council.

(Monday @ 1:00 AM – 2:30PM, 1A)

TEEN RISKY BEHAVIORS AND IMPACT ON HEALTH

Health and Educational Disparities among black, Hispanic and White students, current initiatives that address the disparities and monitor outcomes; and other health related data.

Presenters:

- Diane Aye, MPH, PhD, Epidemiologist, Connecticut Department of Public Health;
- Bonnie J. Edmondson, Ed.D., Coordinated School Health Consultant, HIV/STD Prevention Education Coordinator, Connecticut State Department of Education
- Stephanie Knutson, MSN,RN, School Health Consultant, Connecticut State Department of Education.

(Monday @ 11:00 AM – 12:00PM, 1B)

THE STATE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH

This presentation will cover the leading medical challenges for women and those who serve them.

Presenter: M. Natalie Achong, MD, FACOG, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Yale University School of Medicine (Monday @ 12:30 AM – 1:30PM, 1B)

DISABILITY & HEALTH STATUS – THE IMPACT ON CHILDREN

Presenter: Merva Jackson – Executive Director, African American Caribbean Parents of Children with Disabilities (AFCAMP) (Monday @ 2:30 AM – 3:30PM, 1B)

Commission on Health Equity Meeting: See the results of advocacy at the monthly meeting of the newly established *Commission on Health Equity*. The Office of the Healthcare Advocate works closely with the Commission to identify, evaluate, and eliminate racial, ethnic, and social inequities among the citizens of Connecticut. This is a public meeting and a great way to learn first-hand how Connecticut is addressing health disparities and promotes health equity. (Tuesday @ 9:30 AM, 1E)

House and Senate Sessions: Visit the House and Senate Chambers in the State Capitol to meet you legislator and talk to them about health equity. (TBA) Contact Jeff Shaw to schedule an appointment with your legislator.

Legislative Advocacy Workshops: Join Judith Blei, Government Relations Consultant, Ellen Andrews, Executive Director of CT Health Policy Project and Jeff Shaw, 2009 Connecticut Health Foundation Leadership Fellow, for an informal discussion on best practices of advocacy, pending legislation, and how best to approach legislators and legislative staff. (Thursday @ 10:00 AM, 1C)

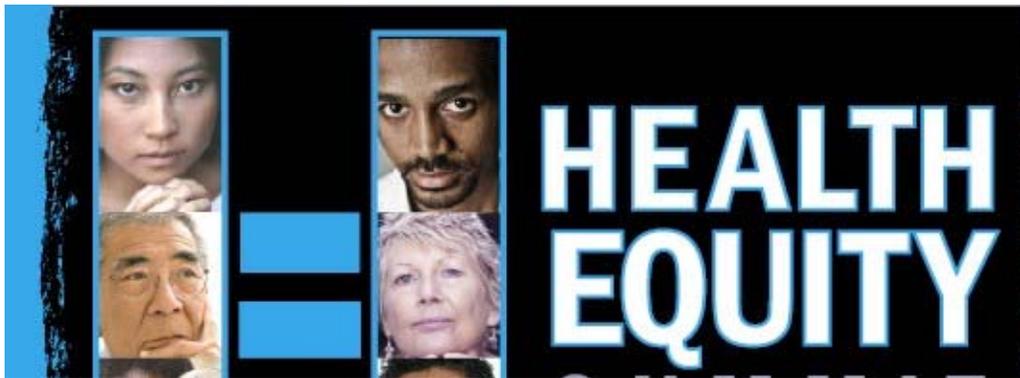
Faith Leaders Summit on Health Equity: Join leaders of various faith-based organizations for a discussion on health equity and the role of faith-based community. (Friday @ 1:00 PM, Capitol 310)

CHF Leadership Fellows Closing Action Forum: Put the entire week in perspective by joining the Connecticut Health Foundation (CHF) Leadership Fellows and awareness week participants in creating a health equity action plan moving forward. ([Friday @ 2:00 PM, Capitol 310](#))

Health Equity Reception: Join health care advocates from around the state committed to reducing racial and ethnic health disparities. Help celebrate the first of what we hope will be many Health Equity Awareness Week's! Legislators are invited to attend and speak! ([Friday @ 3:00 PM, Capitol 310](#))

Health Equity Interviews. Contact Jeff Shaw to schedule a time to participate in a video interview regarding the issue of health equity. We will be conducting interviews throughout the week. ([TBA](#))

Miscellaneous Events: Other events throughout the week have been included in the schedule which are not sponsored by us. However, these “gatherings” are open to the public and are germane to promoting health equity through awareness and education. These events will be listed in *“italics.”*



Health Equity Awareness Week Coordinators

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