

Office of Minority Health

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Maine CDC
Department of Health and Human Services

The Office of Minority Health promotes the health of Maine's racial and ethnic minority communities. The Office collaborates with other Maine CDC and DHHS programs and divisions, along with community and other partners to identify and address racial and ethnic health disparities.

The Office of Minority Health was established in 2006, organizationally located in Administration of the Maine CDC, and provides agency-wide assistance and coordination of minority health initiatives that are both culturally and linguistically appropriate. Office activities are directed at the elimination of health disparities through a variety of public interventions, including both health systems interventions and the promotion of public policies that support the unique needs of Maine's minority communities.



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Mission:

To improve and protect the health and wellness of Maine's racial and ethnic minority communities by enhancing the capacity of the public health system and developing health policies to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities. The Office of Minority Health will:

- ❑ Promote community participation in the planning and decision-making processes for the Office;
- ❑ Support community and State efforts to eliminate health disparities;
- ❑ Create an environment that is both inclusive and culturally and linguistically appropriate.

Priority Areas:

- ❑ **Data Collection:** Enhancing data systems and improving the collection of racial and ethnic data in order to better understand and identify existing health disparities.
- ❑ **Cultural and Linguistic Competence:** Addressing cultural and linguistic barriers to accessing all health services, resulting in improved systems that are both culturally and linguistically competent.
- ❑ **Partnerships and Collaboration:** Service to inform, advise and assist in prioritizing actions to efficiently and effectively address racial and ethnic health disparities.

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