

Region 4 Office of Regional Health Operations (ORHO)

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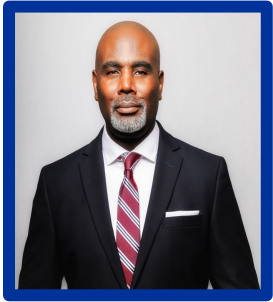
Friday, May 13, 2022; 10am EST



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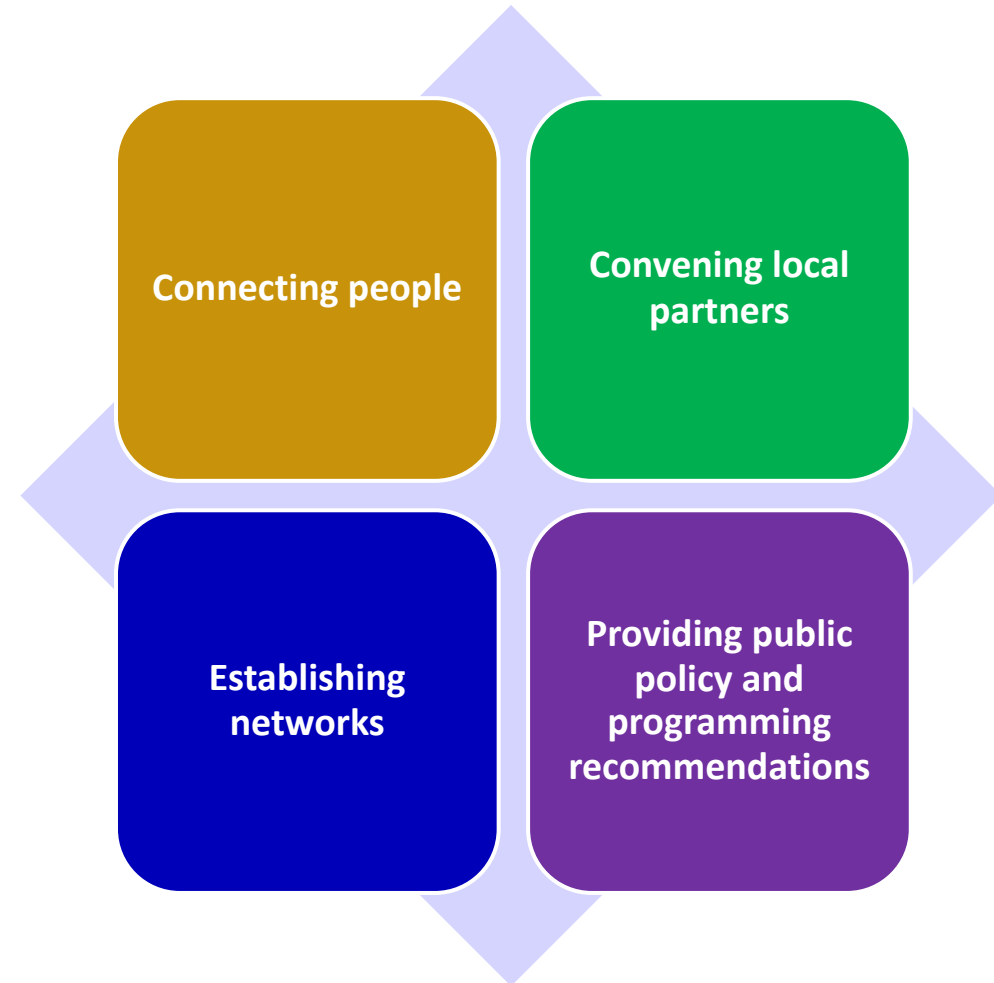


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Region 4 Women's Health Analyst



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Promotes and advances the public health and safety of the American people by:



Region 4: Demographics

- 8 southeastern states: (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, **North Carolina**, South Carolina, and Tennessee)
- Largest of the 10 regions
- **769** Counties (509 rural)
- 6 federally recognized tribal nations: (AL) Poarch Band of Creek Indians, (FL) Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, (FL) Seminole Tribe of Florida, (MS) Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, (NC) Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and (SC) Catawba Indian Nation



Region 4: Minority Population Profiles



13,965,279



296,641



1,587,656



8,169,603



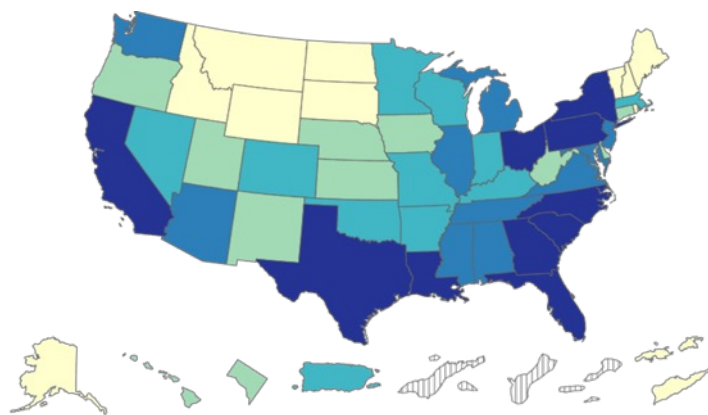
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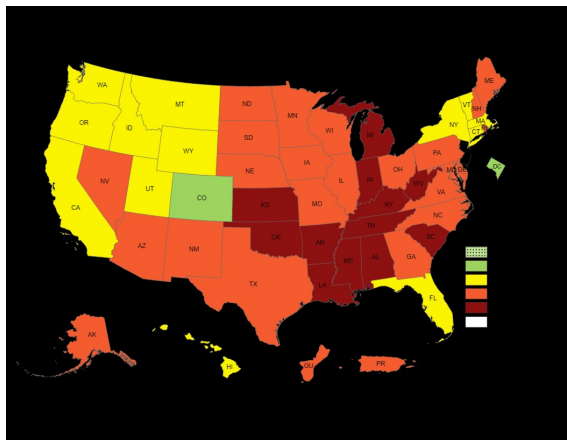
Source: Community Resilience Estimates Social,
Economic, and Housing Statistics Division U.S. Census
Bureau

Major Public Health Challenges in Region 4

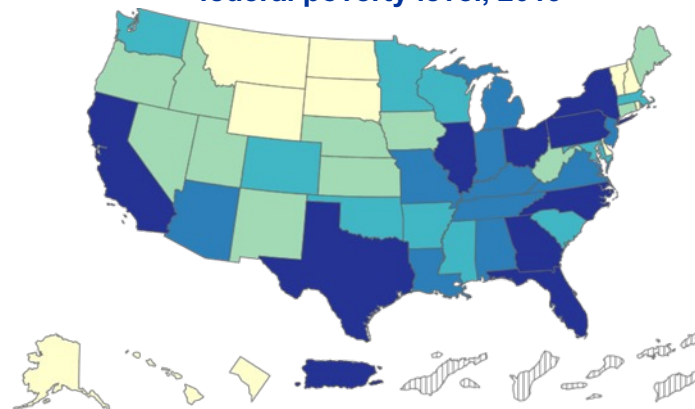
HIV Diagnosis Rates, 2020



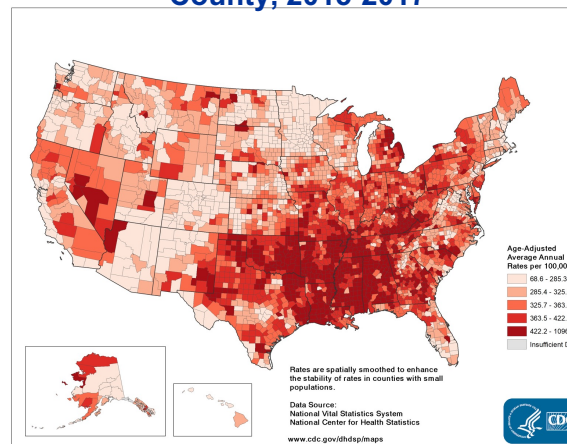
Self-Reported Obesity, 2019



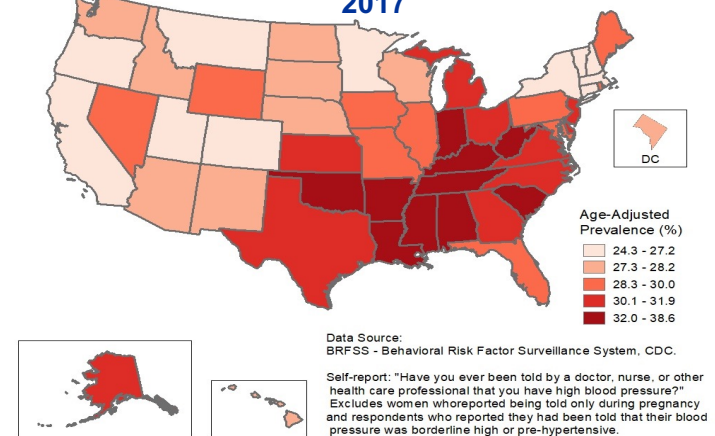
Households living below federal poverty level, 2019



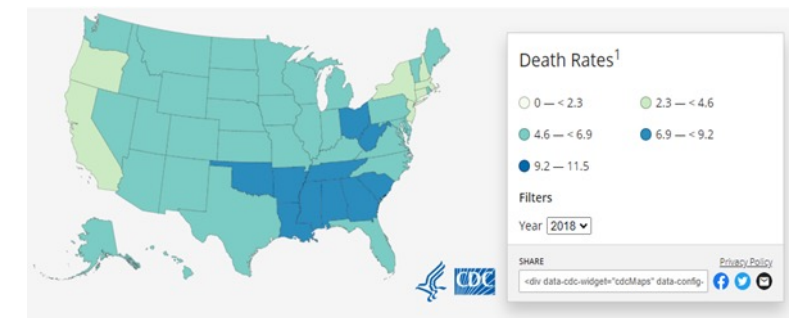
Heart Disease Death Rates by County, 2015-2017



Prevalence of Hypertension, 2017



Infant Mortality Rate by State, 2018



Federal Government Makes Equity A Priority

Our equity definition comes from *Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*, which requires agencies [to] assess equity with respect to **race, ethnicity, religion, income, geography, gender identity, sexual orientation and disability.**



Health Equity is when **everyone** has the **opportunity** to be as healthy as possible.

Source: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-advancing-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-through-the-federal-government/>

Equity Plans

Advancing Equity and Racial Justice Through the Federal Government

HHS Equity Plan

- Civil Rights
- Acquisitions
- Grants
- Capacity Building
- Maternal Mortality

HHS-ORHO Region 4 Priorities

- Vaccine Confidence and Immunization
- Harm Reduction and Substance Abuse Disorder
- Climate Change and Environmental Justice
- Healthcare Access-Telehealth and Community Health Worker Sustainability
- Violence Prevention
- Maternal and Child Health
- Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Health Equity Council

Project Description:

Initial Goal -To ensure the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccine through efficient coordination and implementation of federal assets across Region 4

Objectives:

- Unify the regional approach to promoting health equity
- Achieve health equity actions
- Achieve health equity outcomes

Status:

Pivoting to a standing collaborative council addressing a broad range of health disparities/inequities beyond COVID-19



Region 4 Health Equity Council (HEC) Advisory Group

- Attendance includes Minority Health, Health Equity, Epidemiologists, and Policy
- 36 meetings held (2021-current)
- Key Findings of Barriers to State-Level Vaccinations:
 - Language
 - Outreach
 - Registration
 - Reporting
 - Transportation/Access
 - Back to School

Region 4 Federal Partnerships



Federal Transit Administration



How We Are Addressing Barriers

HHS Region IV Interagency Health Equity Council Presents

Essential Conversations

COVID-19 Vaccines

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Community Forum Panelists

Sandra Melvin, DrPH, MPH
Chief Executive Officer
Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health, Moderator

Monday June 7, 2021
6:30 PM CT / 7:30 PM ET

Join us to discuss vaccine access challenges and community engagement strategies. [Click here to register!](#)

HHS/OASH Region IV ORHO & Health Equity Council

Invites You to Join Us!

COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Listening Session

Effective Communication Strategies Addressing Minority Populations and Vaccine Confidence

Rescheduled Date
Tuesday June 15, 2021

3pm-3:50pm EST

Via WebEx

[REGISTER](#)

For more information:
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Elizabeth Hart, Director, Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement, Tennessee Department of Health

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MOOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE **NCRN**

#CommunityConversations Series presents

BACK TO SCHOOL & COVID-19 VACCINES

THURSDAY JULY 29, 2021
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eastern

Featured Speakers:

Co-Hosted by: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region 4 Health Equity Council

Register at: <https://bit.ly/backtoschoolvaccines>

For more information, visit: www.msm.edu/ncrn or, call: 877-904-5097

Region 4 OASH and MSDH Presents

Webinar Series:
Addressing COVID-19, Maternal Health, and Mental Health
Part 1: Vaccine Confidence
Monday, January 31, 2022
2:00-3:00 pm CST/3:00-4:00 pm EST

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Audience

- Federal, state, and local health departments whose agencies/programs/offices are engaged in vaccination efforts in minority, underserved, and vulnerable populations.
- Public health and healthcare provider providers including, but not limited to local health departments, tribal communities, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations.
- General public (especially women whose pregnant, or might become pregnant in the future).

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Questions? Contact: Reg4OASH@HHS.gov

MSDH
Mississippi State Department of Health

The HHS Region 4 Health Equity Council Presents

Health Equity Listening Session
Vaccination Access:
Strategies and Resources for Eliminating Transportation Barriers
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
2pm to 3pm EST

Audience

- Federal and state staff addressing transportation barriers in rural areas.
- Federal and state staff engaged in vaccination efforts in minority, underserved, and vulnerable populations.
- Public health and healthcare provider providers including, but not limited to local health departments, tribal communities, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and the public.

NC
North Carolina

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Questions? Contact: 1856region4health@hhs.gov


SC
South Carolina

Beyond COVID-19


Region 4 OASH Presents

Intimate Partner Violence During COVID-19
Monday, May 16, 2022
4:00-5:00 pm EST


Please join Region 4 OASH to share and discuss lessons learned, effective strategies and resources for addressing intimate partner violence



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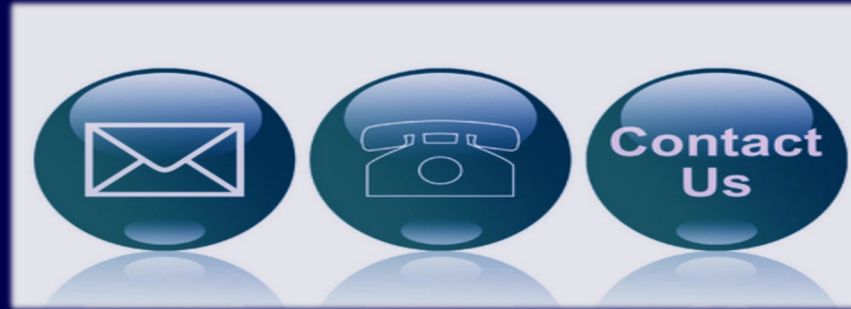
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