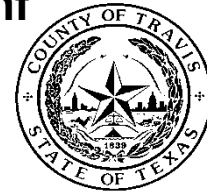




# Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department



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**PROMOTE** community-wide wellness,

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## QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMS

### Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission

**Mexican American Cultural Center**

**May 25, 2016**

**Adrienne Sturup, Program Manager, Health Equity Unit  
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# Mission, Vision & Purpose

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- Vision: Our community will be the healthiest in the nation
- Mission: To prevent disease, promote health and protect the wellbeing of our community
- Purpose:
  - Promote community-wide wellness, preparedness and self-sufficiency
  - Prevent illness, injury and disease
  - Protect the community from infectious diseases, environmental hazards and epidemics

# Historical Highlights

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- 2005 African American Quality of Life Initiative
- 2008 Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Initiative
- 2013 Asian American Quality of Life Initiative
- 2015 Creation of Health Equity Work group

Common goal of improving quality of life by reducing health disparities and working towards Health Equity.

# Health Disparity

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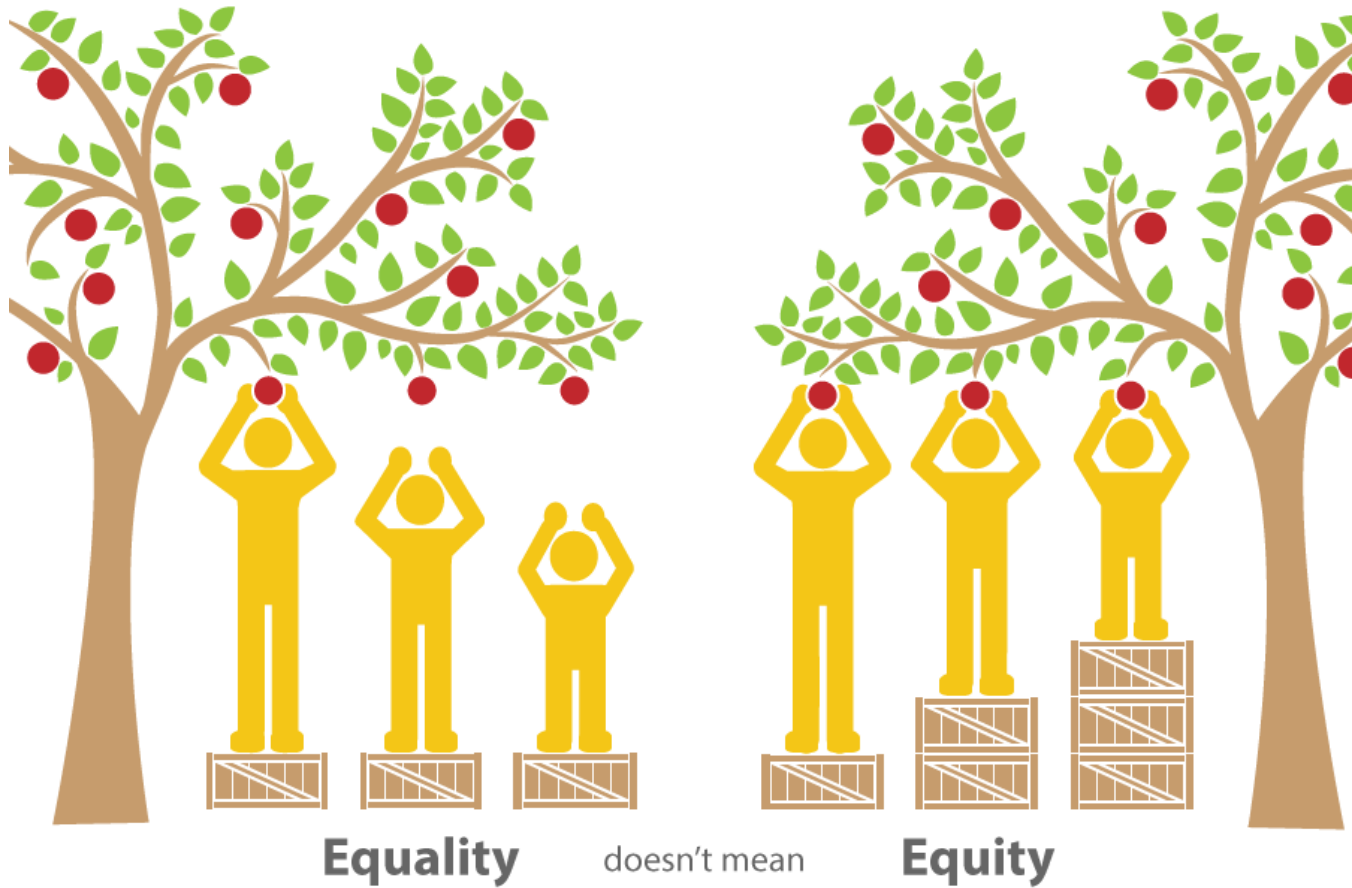
A particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage.

In Austin/Travis County:

- Black Americans have disproportionately higher rates of HIV and other sexually transmitted disease and are more likely to die from HIV than other groups
- Blacks and Hispanics have higher rates of diabetes
- The number of teen births to Hispanics is seven times the number of teen births compared to Whites, and approximately six times the number of teen births compared to Blacks

# What is Equity?

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# Current Programs

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- Preventive Services
  - Mobile health services
  - Referrals
  - Maternal Infant Outreach Program
- Public Health Education and Promotion
  - Diabetes education
  - Health wellness activities
- Community Engagement
  - Faith based initiatives
  - 2015 Health Equity Summit
  - Annual “Take A Loved One” event
  - El Mundo Back to School Fest

# FY 2016 Budget Impact

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- Funding for new positions
  - Health Equity Program Coordinator
  - Public Health Specialist
- 2015 QOL program performance
  - 3,427 clients served
    - 47% Hispanic
    - 49% Black
    - 1% Asian
    - 3% Other
  - 4,412 units of service

# Health Equity Funding

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- Catholic Charities – Immigration Legal and Counseling services: \$100,000
- UT- Mama Sana/Vibrant Woman: \$390,000
- Sickle Cell Association: \$224,775
- UT – Alliance Wellness Program: \$112,194
- Meals on Wheels: \$50,000
- allgo – LGBTQ sexual health and wellness: \$100,000
- Austin Revitalization Authority – Austin Outreach \$73,031



# Areas of opportunity

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- Organizational capacity
  - Staffing
  - Training resources
  - Program support
- Resource Development
  - Funding
  - Partnerships

# Questions

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- For Follow-up & Engagement

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