
Learning Collaborative #4: Developing Cross-sector Partnerships to Improve Health Outcomes

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Faculty

- National Center for Equitable Care for the Elders
- National Center for Health in Public Housing
- National Nurse-Led Care Consortium

Virtual Meetings

- Thursday, June 6 at 2 p.m. EST
- Thursday, June 13 at 2 p.m. EST
- Thursday, June 20 at 2 p.m. EST
- Thursday, June 27 at 2 p.m. EST

Background

The aging of the U.S. population poses significant challenges to the healthcare system including an accelerated shift in focus from acute and communicable conditions to chronic diseases. Recent studies suggest that between 2010 and 2050, the U.S. population aged 65 and older will double from 40 million to more than 88 million, and the percentage of older adults will rise from 13% to 20%. Nearly 282,755 (or 17%) of residents in public housing are seniors (age 62 and above), and approximately 545,701 (or 12%) of residents in section 8 housing are seniors.

The aging population faces numerous socioeconomic, cultural, and logistical barriers to health care. Health centers will have to create strategic cross-sector partnerships in order to efficiently address these barriers and provide comprehensive health care to older adult patients. These partnerships may help health centers address social and environmental conditions that affect the elderly population living in public housing. Strong community partnerships that are focused on improving access to care, quality of care, health outcomes, and reducing healthcare costs can help bring about environmental, social, and behavioral change.

Learning Collaborative Description

This learning collaborative provides health center staff with tools and strategies to initiate, develop, and sustain community partnerships to better serve older adult residents of public housing. During the four-sessions, health center staff will work collaboratively with peers from across the country to develop competencies around the following topic areas:

- Mapping potential partners in your community;
- Building and sustaining community partnerships;
- Key considerations and strategies for serving residents of public housing and the elderly; and
- Leveraging resources to pursue opportunities for growth.