

Feedback provided during the poster activity at the Health Beyond Health Care Symposium

Many initiatives are underway across Los Angeles and surrounding counties to address some of the most pressing issues related to the social determinants of health. Before the symposium, we sent out a survey to help us identify the issues that pose the biggest challenge to community organizations when it comes to education, employment/economic security, environment, and housing/homelessness. Then, we asked symposium participants to share promising practices and resources they are using to tackle those issues. Their responses are listed below. The information contained here was provided by symposium attendees and should not be construed as an endorsement by the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity.

EMPLOYMENT/ECONOMIC SECURITY: Lack of Workforce Development Opportunities	
Promising Practice	Organization
Develop a comprehensive healthcare workforce pipeline project to provide high school youth with a broad understanding of possible careers and exposure to the clinic setting.	Community Health Councils, Sonya Vasquez, svasquez@chc-inc.org , 323-295-9372 x 221
Workforce development for students & young professionals including AltaMed Americorps program, Health Fellows, Medical Residency program and high school programs	AltaMed
Collaborate to hire interns and expose them to IT and business	Year Up Los Angeles
Partnership to provide skills and careers to high risk populations in South LA	Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services: WDACS LA County
Early internships for middle and high school students	---
Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW Economics for Women – Affordable housing and financial empowerment SASSFA – job development program to teach resume building and encourage career exploration Patti’s Way – family foundation providing grants to individuals to smooth over occasional financial rough spots. Pattisway.org 	
Suggestions/Unmet Needs:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More career pipeline and leadership development opportunities for high school youth in low income communities Day laborer EPA certification for lead abatement Graduate programs that will expose new nurses to community based programs to implement the upstream approach early on 	

EDUCATION: Uncertainty and Fear Over Immigration Policies

Promising Practice	Organization
Translate written text into images that can be understood regardless of language	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Provide information and education in 5 languages for South Asians in community spaces and on different platforms including YouTube	South Asian Network - Saima
Offer “Know Your Rights” and judicial system workshops in various languages	---
Educate attorneys on trauma faced by immigrants	---
Utilize promotoras to deliver workshops and education	---
Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care 1st/LA Care wellness portals - care1st.com; sfield@care1st.com Youth empowerment – bigcitizenhub.org Partnerships with legal organizations like Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles, Public Counsel, The Asylum Collaborative – LA, LA Refugee Forum, Torture Survivors’ Project, Al Otro Lado, KIND St. John’s Child & Wellness Center Unaccompanied Minor support group IRC – International Rescue Committee in Los Angeles Visión Y Compromiso promotoras Esperanza Community Housing Catholic Charities 	
Suggestions/Unmet Needs:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring mental health professionals to schools to support students Develop more unconventional partnerships & practices to promote educational attainment Increase teacher salaries Reduce classroom size 	

ENVIRONMENT: Opportunities for Outdoor Physical Activity

Promising Practice	Organization
Install outdoor fitness centers in parks and partner with CSUF Kinesiology Program to teach people to use the equipment	Barry Ross, St. Jude Medical Center 714-992-3996
Work with schools to improve school wellness policies at a district level to encourage more physical activity and improved nutrition	AltaMed
Encourage community partnerships to activate safe spaces for families to play and learn	LA County DPH JUMPP Task Force & Park RX Initiative rbell@ph.lacounty.gov ; dallopez@ph.lacounty.gov ; jumpp@ph.lacounty.gov
Night time activities and events in neighborhood parks with economic hardships to address physical and mental health	Parks After Dark (PAD)
Provide free group exercise courses at community centers	---
Create running/walking clubs/groups in the community	---
Promotoras deliver bailoterapia (dance therapy) classes	---
Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities for Better Environment (CBE) – Southeast based organization that focuses on environmental justice WellSat 2.0 – Wellness policy evaluation tool Hindu Temples like Radha Kunj Meditation Center which offers free yoga for the community Visión Y Compromiso promotoras Dance instructor: Gaye Crismond, gaye.crismond@gmail.com 	
Suggestions/Unmet Needs:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase safety in neighborhood parks possibly through police or community partners Implement more field trips to expose children to the outdoors, not just museums 	

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS: Lack of Affordable Housing

Promising Practice	Organization
Remove homeless members from skilled nursing facilities and place them back in the community w/care management	Inland Empire Health Plan
Relieve administrative & financial responsibilities for implementing agencies	Helvena Health
Hire social workers to help care manage homeless individuals	Palisades Park
Establish foundation to pay for more affordable housing near medical centers	Kaiser Permanente
Improved access to mental health services	Kaiser Permanente
Link pregnant or immediate post-partum women w/housing services, provide "in-home" or safe space visits	---
Housing as the hub for chronic health management & modifiable health behaviors with health plan investment	---
Deploy "SWAT" teams to address high-need patients w/housing insecurity	--
Understand and directly address links between mental health issues and homelessness	---

Resources

- LA County Dept. of Public Health SPA 8, Curtis Tucker Health Center, Inglewood: Community health workers and public health nurses working together to provide resources, health screenings and additional support to homeless communities
- Brilliant Corners, Lighthouse, Step Up: Assist in housing homeless in Inland Empire/LA County
- www.hivconnect.org: Housing for people living with HIV
- Healthy Homes Collaborative
- Coalition for Economic Survival (CES), tenants' rights organization
- Mercy Housing, California
- Housing for Health (DHS)
- LA Family Housing
- Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, and Housing Authority of the City of LA

Suggestions/Unmet Needs:

- Affordable housing resources should be listed on websites, apps, other databases where the general public can access and apply for housing
- HHH and H funding successes should be highlighted. Too much negativity and blaming