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Building Capacity to Eliminate Health Disparities: The Founding Meeting of the Academy for Health Equity

http://www.academyforhealthequity.org/conference.asp

The inaugural founding conference of the Academy for Health Equity is critical to developing the knowledge-base for those engaged in health disparity activities by facilitating trans-disciplinary translation exchanges of the latest research and practical applications by:

• Increasing the capacity of participants to address complex health systems change, delivery of services, new models of medical care and public health, policies that facilitate access to health, and new methods of measurement for preventable diseases in underserved, poorly served and never served populations.

• Promoting the application of evidence-based, theory-driven findings of disease prevention and health promotion for the elimination racial and ethnic health disparities.

• Identifying gaps in knowledge and data of the broad spectrum of causal factors of health disparities and bringing together inter-disciplinary, trans-disciplinary and community-based approaches to achieve equity in health.

• Exploring effective trans-disciplinary approaches to identify and address the social determinants of health related to health disparities.

• Applying the latest theories, principles, programs, and practices to improving health literacy, cultural competency, and health communications programs.

Conference Information:
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Meeting Dates: June 26-27, 2008
Meeting Location: Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center
650 15th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202
Phone: 303-436-1234
Fax: 303-486-4450
Reservations: 888-591-1234 (toll free)
Third Annual Texas Conference on Health Disparities: Debates and Directions in Health Disparities

This conference will feature nationally recognized speakers and interactive debates highlighting the striking disparities in health status between the racial and ethnic minorities and the general population in Texas and the nation. The conference will also highlight the ongoing research programs and efforts (including community engagement programs) that are aimed to understand the underlying causes of such disparities and devising innovative strategies to ultimately eliminate them.

May 29 - 31, 2008 Fort Worth, Texas
http://www.hsc.unt.edu/HealthDisparities/conference.html

American Indian Summer Institute
University of Nevada Las Vegas

June 1 - 15, 2008 Las Vegas, Nevada
UNLV American Indian Research and Education Center
http://airec.unlv.edu/

20th Annual Native Health Research Conference
Exploring the Interface between Science and Tradition in Native Health Research

August 25 - 28, 2008 Portland, Oregon
http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Research/conferences.cfm