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OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER
Knowledge Center Resources and Services

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Agenda

- HHS Office of Minority Health Overview
- HHS Office of Minority Health Resource Center Overview
- Services & Resources
- Online Catalog Demonstration
- Questions
OMH’s Mission, Functions, and Unifying Goal

MISSION: The mission of OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities.

FUNCTIONS
- Convene Partners
- Collect & Analyze Data
- Disseminate Information
- Conduct Demonstrations & Evaluations
- Promote Policy, Program & Practice Adoption

OMH GOAL: S³P³
- Success
- Sustainability
- Spread

Of Health Disparity Reducing/Equity Producing
- Policies
- Programs
- Practices
Our History

1985

The Heckler Report is released documenting and validating the existence of health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities.

1986

The HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) was created to address these disparities and improve health outcomes of racial and ethnic minority populations.

1987

The Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC) is established. Knowledge Center service and online catalog established.

TODAY

For more than 30 years, OMHRC has served as a nationwide service of OMH that provides minority health literature, research, technical assistance and capacity building services and referrals for consumers, community organizations and health professionals.
OMHRC Knowledge Center Overview

+71,000
Digital and physical documents indexed in the online catalog

+1,000
Subject headings used to index resources

974
Digital resources available through the Internet Archive

68
Minority Population Profile pages with current statistics

72
Average annual funding searches conducted

9am-5pm
Mon-Fri hours, library staff are available to answer questions
OMHRC Knowledge Center - Online Public Access Catalog

- Provides access to the nation’s largest online database of information dedicated to minority health topics.
- Identifies content leading to article, journal, document, audiovisual, and organizational records.
- Export citations to Word, PDF, or Excel.
Example records:

**Subjects**
- CULTURAL SENSITIVITY
- DISCRIMINATION
- FEDERAL AID
- HEALTH CARE RESEARCH
- HEALTH DISPARITIES
- HEALTH POLICY
- HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS
- MENTAL HEALTH
- RACIAL DIFFERENCES

**Subjects**
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- CHRONIC DISEASE
- FILIPINO
- GUAMANIAN
- MARIANA ISLANDER
- PACIFIC ISLANDERS
- PEDIATRICS
- SAMOAN
- ZIKA VIRUS INFECTION
OMHRC Knowledge Center - Internet Archive Collection

https://archive.org/details/minorityhealth
OMHRC Knowledge Center - Minority Population Profiles

- Focuses on five population groups
- Verified data from federal resources
- Frequently quoted in the media and technical publications
Scenario: A minority-serving community organization wants to start an HIV prevention program but needs money.

They have created a framework for the program with a target population, estimated expenditures, and next steps.
Public Inquiry Response

Knowledge Center staff are available:
Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm ET
1-800-444-6472 or info@minorityhealth.hhs.gov

Services are offered in English and Spanish

- Literature Searches
- Organization Searches
- Customized Bibliographies
- Minority Health Statistics & Data
- Specialized Funding Searches
- Search Training
OMHRC Knowledge Center Library Users and Services

OMHRC Knowledge Center library staff provide customized responses to research inquiries from various audiences and provide unique support services.

- University/College Students & Faculty
- Community-Based Organizations
- Healthcare & Research Professionals
- Government Workers

How can the OMHRC Knowledge Center help?
Example: College/University Faculty and Students

Information Need

“I am an undergraduate student doing a presentation on racism and bias among medical professionals and patients. I'm researching evidence showing mistreatment and racism towards minorities does occur in medical practice. I would also like to know how to report mistreatment or racism received from a medical professional.”

OMHRC Knowledge Center Solution

A curated bibliography containing links to 4 resources from different federal agencies, 4 resources from other organizations, 2 peer reviewed articles, instructions on how to search the online catalog, and an explanation on filing complaints through HHS or an Attorney General.
Example: Community-Based Organizations

Information Need

“I founded a nonprofit organization and would like help finding grants. Our primary goal is to increase blacks pursuing careers in STEM by increasing visibility of black scientists. I need help with learning about grant opportunities.”

OMHRC Knowledge Center Solution

A customized search results page of seven grant opportunities, from both federal and private funds, related to this field.
Healthcare Providers and Clinical Researchers

Information Need

“I work for a group of physicians, and we are looking for brochures to be able to hand out to our patients in clinics and at events.”

OMH Knowledge Center Solution

Provided a four-page reference fact sheet (previously created by the OMH Knowledge Center) linking to trustworthy websites with consumer health documents.
Federal, State, Tribal and Local Government Staff

Information Need

I am a librarian in an urban public library system. I was hoping to do a program in July on Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. Do you have resources I can use?

OMH Knowledge Center Solution

Provided a custom bibliography with links to 11 reports and articles, 3 videos, 4 online training programs and toolkits, 2 related campaigns with online resources, and 3 provider directories for specific minority populations.
Online Catalog Demonstration

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