Making the Case for Health Equity

APHA Affiliate Health Equity Webinar Series
Learning Objectives

1. Define and demonstrate knowledge of health equity, health inequalities and social determinants of health;

2. Mobilize leaders to engage in policy, systems and environmental change activities in support of health equity; and

3. Leverage partnerships and cross sector collaborations to advance health equity.
Presenters

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Equity

Providing all people with fair opportunities to attain their full potential to the extent possible.
EQUITY VS EQUALITY
Equity: An Analogy
Equity Lens

The “lens” through which you view conditions and circumstances to understand who receives the benefits and who bears the burdens of any given program, policy, or practice.
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(R)evolution

“Equity work is evolutionary change, not revolutionary change.” – Natalie S. Burke
Perspective Transformation

- Seeing things differently and doing things differently as a result.
- Perspective transformation requires two levers: the head & the heart.
The Approach

- Head
  - Reason
  - Research
  - Language
- Heart
  - Fairness
  - Justice
  - Meaning
Making the Case for Equity

- Perspective Transformation
- Building a strategy for changing minds
How to change minds?

• Howard Gardener
• Changing Minds: The Art And Science of Changing Our Own And Other People's Minds
• Identifies 7 levers
7 Levers

• Reason
• Research
• Resonance
• Representational Re-descriptions
• Resources & Rewards
• Real-world Events
• Resistance
Making the Case

• Identify your goal or outcome
• Identify audience/stakeholders and their perceptions
• Create plan for perspective transformation using 7 levers
Making the Case

• Resistance
• Apply to all stakeholders
• Use information to create a strategy to make the case for equity