

# Embedding Health Equity into the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) of Local and Tribal Health Department Processes

A Resource Guide

## About this guide

This resource guide will explore the benefits of incorporating health equity into the continuous quality improvement processes of local and Tribal health departments, specific to a population or group.

## Continuous quality improvement resources

- The Health Resources and Services Administration provides a great resource for local and Tribal health departments (LTHDs) seeking to embed health equity in their continuous quality improvement work by focusing on health disparities data.  
<https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/programs-impact/health-equity-lens.pdf>
- Lions, Faro, and Coker (2022) published an article titled "All Quality Improvement (QI) Is Health Equity Work: Designing Improvement to Reduce Disparities." It focuses on the current intersection between QI and health equity, and specific steps researchers and practitioners can take to ensure that their QI work reduces existing disparities.  
<https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2020-045948E>
- The American Heart Association (AHA) webinar on "Quality Improvement and Health Equity: Using Data to Inspire Equitable Care" suggests that data allows organizations to target those populations experiencing health disparities and offers the Digital Health Equity Learning Resource for organizations seeking ways to tailor health care for specific populations.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErY7l\\_Nc-0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErY7l_Nc-0s)



## Focus on racial and health disparity data!

There are many ways to embed health equity into continuous quality improvement plans. LTHDs may explore methods used by other organizations and ways to tailor quality improvement processes to include equity in care, while focusing on racial and health disparity data.

Scan for more training on health equity and modules!



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