

PROMISING PRACTICES AT THE INTERSECTION OF HEALTH, HEALING AND ANTI-RACIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Health disparities are made worse by the way we've structured communities – segregating people of color into narrow geographies and then starving them of investments. Today, though, that kind of geographic concentration can also lend itself to cross-sector collaboration, focused investment and implementing resident solutions to meet health challenges. Below, we outline promising practices that can support community health and community healing.

CHECK OUT THE RESEARCH.

See how attention to community health and community healing can intersect with anti-racist community development policy and practice.

- [The People's Practice, Issue 04](#)
- [Core Characteristics of Community Development](#)
- [A Brief History of Race, Place, and Policy in the Sector](#)
- [High-Level Research Findings](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 1: CENTER COMMUNITY HEALING AND REPAIR IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS.

Take time to explain what community healing and repair mean, why they're important and what they can look like in practice, especially through a racial justice lens.

- [Build Healthy Places Network](#)
- [Enterprise Community Partners](#)
- [Health Promotion Practice](#)
- [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 2: PRIORITIZE MORE COORDINATED AND HUMAN-CENTERED RESPONSES TO NEEDS OF UNHOUSED.

Engage in longer-term, community-wide planning around addressing homelessness, concentrating on bringing more humanity and dignity into supports for the unhoused.

- [Community First! Village](#)
- [HUD Continuum of Care Program](#)
- [RecoveryWorks](#)
- [The Way Home](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 3: PARTNER IN EFFORTS TO BUILD, SUSTAIN AND DEEPEN EQUITABLE FOOD ECOSYSTEMS.

Resource people of color within food ecosystems, as both consumers and producers, and in and between rural and urban communities.

- [Dream of Wild Health](#)
- [Healthy Food Policy Project](#)
- [Soul Fire Farm](#)
- [Waimea Nui Regional Community Development Initiative](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 4: EXPAND AMBITIONS AROUND WHAT HEALTH ANCHOR STRATEGIES CAN LOOK LIKE AND ACCOMPLISH.

Reconsider what a health anchor can be, where they can be, who can be their meaningful partner and how equity principles can show up in their work.

- [Future Healthcare Journal](#)
- [Health Equity Zones Initiative](#)
- [Jackson Medical Mall](#)
- [Somali Health Board](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 5: EXPLORE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC REPARATIONS EFFORTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Take advantage of community development's close-to-the-ground perspectives to support place-based healing work and inform state and local reparations efforts.

- [Economic Policy Institute](#)
- [FirstRepair](#)
- [Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle](#)
- [USA Today \(Article on Reparations\)](#)

PROMISING PRACTICE 6: DEVELOP AND SUSTAIN SUPPORTS OF CROSS-SECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH WORK.

Overcome barriers to collaboration between the community development and health sectors through supports like research, leadership programs and funding.

- [Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative](#)
- [ChangeLab Solutions](#)
- [Hope Village Revitalization](#)
- [Population Health Institute](#)

DIG EVEN DEEPER.

Want to dig even deeper into community health and community healing work? Spend time with two longer resources that can help you map out your course of action.

- [Eye on the Prize: The Health, Healing and Anti-Racist Community Development Workbook](#)
- [Eye on the Prize: The Environmental Justice and Racially Equitable Development Workbook](#)

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