Resources Related to Health and Healthcare Disparities

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Government Documents Related to Health Disparities

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Resources Specific to Addressing Health Disparities

MEDLINEplus Health Information provides information about population groups

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and Cultural Competency has a number of resources including the "Collection and Use of Race and Ethnicity Data for Quality Improvement – 2006 AHIP-RWJF Survey of Health Insurance Plans: Issue Brief" and "AHIP's Data as Building Blocks for Change: A Data Collection Toolkit for Health Insurance Plans/Health Care Organizations." They also offer "Quality Interactions" courses for physicians, nurses, and case managers (cross cultural training courses.)

<u>The Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions</u> (HCHDS) is committed to the elimination of health disparities and provides resources, training and research to that end. The Center is the recipient of a 5-year grant from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health.

<u>National Network of Libraries of Medicine</u> has extensive information related to minority health concerns. It includes racial/ethnic group health-related links, language resources including a link to order National Institutes of Health publications in languages other than English, and information

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Research and Grant Resources

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality of the US Department of Health and Human Resources presents numerous resources including a recent report, <u>Setting the Agenda for Research on Cultural Competence in Health Care</u>.

<u>California Pan-Ethnic Health Network</u> out of California provides links to cultural resources as well as links to potential funding agencies such as the Commonwealth Fund, the Kaiser Foundation, the California Endowment, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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Video / DVD Resources for Teaching about Health and Healthcare Disparities

- 1. Frontline PBS site: A Class Divided (the Blue eye, Brown Eye piece)

 http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/divided/etc/view.html.

 It is about an Iowa schoolteacher who, the day after Martin Luther King Jr. was murdered in 1968, gave her third-grade students a first-hand experience in the meaning of discrimination. This is the story of what she taught the children, and the impact that lesson had on their lives.
- 2. Film by Lee Mun Wah, *Color of Fear*. Examines the pain and anguish that racism has caused in the lives of North American men of Asian, European, Latin and African descent. Out of their confrontations and struggles to understand and trust each other emerges an emotional and insightful portrayal into the type of dialogue most of us fear, but hope will happen sometime in our lifetime.
- 3. Film by Shakti Butler, *Mirror of Privilege: making whiteness visible*.

Features the up close and personal stories of white activists and their ongoing journeys of transformation. Participants will talk about being unconscious about their learned and internalized sense of white supremacy. They will share what was required and what actions they took to move through the common first stages of denial, defensiveness, guilt, fear and shame into making solid commitments towards ending racism. The video uses art, theatre, movement, photographs and music to amplify stories that share richly varied experiences and life processes informed by deep reflection and social justice action.

4. Harvard IAT's "Project Implicit " https://Implicit.harvard.edu. Presents validated tests that reveal bias on a variety of topics.

Additional Websites and Readings Pertaining to Teaching Culture & Health Judy Helfand, "Constructing Whiteness": http://academic.udayton.edu/race/01race/white11.htm