

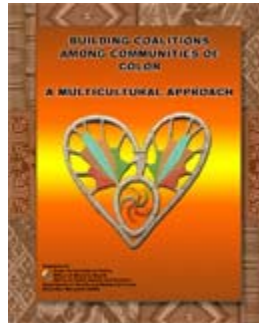


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SHIRE's Publications

Building Coalitions Among Communities of Color *A Multicultural Approach*



This document has been published as a guide to develop coalitions that draw on the strengths and assets of communities of color. Although focused on the elimination of health disparities and the achievement of expanded access, the guidance presented is transferable to other issues as well. Coalition-building strategies, steps, and tools in the guide emerged from consultations with more than 100 representatives of regional and state Office of Minority Health contacts and members of Out of Many, One, a national multicultural advocacy organization. If this collective guidance is followed, the result can be partnerships that are strong, effective change agents over time. Such coalitions, constructed with care and commitment, will illustrate the Korean proverb: "One chopstick breaks easily. Many chopsticks cannot be broken."

National Policy Agenda

Eliminating Health Disparities In Communities of Color



This document is the product of a Multicultural Leadership Forum that engaged national stakeholders and was convened by The Commonwealth Fund and SHIRE. The forum's charge was to create a framework for the development and assessment of health disparity initiatives, particularly at the national level. The resulting document contains an inspiring vision, key policy premises and principles that reflect those premises, as well as relevant national policies and action strategies. The *National Policy Agenda* is recommended as a tool for policy formulation, program development, research, and advocacy

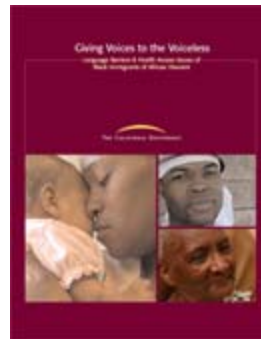


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Giving Voices to the Voiceless

Language Barriers & Health Access Issues of Black Immigrants of African Descent



The report, prepared by SHIRE and published by The California Endowment, identifies the systems, language, and cultural barriers that impede health care access among immigrants and refugees of African descent in California and nationally. Although a preliminary assessment, the report provides valuable quantitative and qualitative information about this population, which is so frequently invisible when discussions of immigrant issues occur. Findings and recommendations point to solutions that can be implemented by public and private entities and by organizations that are led by and serve expanding communities of these immigrants, refugees, and asylees.

***Racial, Ethnic, and Primary Language Data Collection in the Health Care System:
An Assessment of Federal Policies and Practices***



SHIRE's executive director, Ruth Perot, was the principal author of this report, which found wide gaps between the goals of federal initiatives to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health care and the ways federal health agencies are collecting the data needed to achieve these goals. This comprehensive analysis, published by The Commonwealth Fund in September 2001, was cited extensively in the Institute of Medicine's landmark publication, *Unequal Treatment*. Copies can be ordered from The Commonwealth Fund at www.cmwf.org or by calling 1-888-777-2744.



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***People of Color Don't Have to Die Sooner and Stay Sicker than Whites in This Nation.
It's Time to Take Action to End Health Disparities.***



This one-page flyer is suitable for distribution at health fairs and other events. The message conveyed is that each of us has a responsibility to end health disparities, by taking steps as individuals, families, neighborhoods, and communities.

***Fact Sheet on Overweight and Obesity
in the United States***

