

Promoting Health Equity

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Featured Campaign: Fentanyl is Forever



Fentanyl is Forever - The Friend

The AAMC Center for Health Justice and American Medical Association (AMA) co-developed a new guide on inclusive language to advance health

equity. Designed for physicians and other health care professionals, *Advancing Health Equity: AMA-AAMC Guide on Language, Narrative, and Concepts* provides guidance and promotes a deeper understanding of equity-focused, first-person language and why it matters.



Using inclusive language is important for healthcare providers to ensure that they are giving culturally comprehensive care that is absent of implicit bias or discrimination, which unfortunately affects many Latinos and other people of color. The AAMC Center for Health Justice and AMA co-produced this guide to help shift the narrative about health equity and to show how language is interconnected with the fight for justice.

Learn more:

[New Health Equity Language Guide Helps Fight Implicit Bias & Discrimination](#)

Salud America!

[Advancing Health Equity: A Guide to Language, Narrative and Concepts](#)

American Medical Association (AMA)

In the Know

- Statement by President Joe Biden on Surpassing 100,000 American Overdose Deaths in the Past Year, November 17, 2021. [Read the Proclamation](#)
 - [Researchers Find Disparities in Suicide Risk Among Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Adults](#), National Institute of Mental Health (NIH), November 9, 2021
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Local Resources During the Holidays

- [Resources to Support the Community During COVID-19](#)
 - [Ventura County Human Services Agency](#)
 - [211 Ventura County Resources](#)
 - [Safe Choices](#)
 - [Ventura County Behavioral Health](#)
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Nominate a Driver of Change

You may nominate a community member or colleague for recognition for exemplary work in the community to help build healthier communities and address health

equity. Go to the website and nominate someone or yourself!

We would love to hear your stories of community change, what inspired you, and how you are making a difference.



Learn more:

Social Determinants of Health, Drivers of Change

www.healthequityvc.org/drivers-of-change

About Us

Supporting Health - Preventing Harm

Ventura County Behavioral Health, Substance Use Services - Prevention, works upstream to reduce alcohol and drug-related problems in our community. Initiatives are aimed at limiting harms related to impaired driving; underage and binge drinking; marijuana and vaping, especially as it relates to harms to youth; prescription drug abuse; and addressing health disparities among vulnerable populations.

A primary goal is to delay the onset of first use of alcohol and or other drugs by youth. We collaborate with schools, parent groups, government agencies, medical partners, law enforcement and community-based organizations.

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