[Addressing Social Determinants of Health Through Policy A Planning Guide for Multi-Sector Community Partnerships](#)
This policy planning guide can help community multisector coalitions/partnerships develop and implement a strategy for using policies as tools to prevent chronic disease, improve population health, and advance health equity by addressing the root causes and drivers of health.

[Connect with Tech at TechOWL](#)
CONNECT WITH TECH helps people get free tablets and tech support.

[One page information sheet](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Website Accessibility Dashboard](#)
This cross-sectional study aimed to examine accessibility of U.S. state and territory COVID-19 information and registration centralized websites.

[Digital.Gov/Resources](#)
This site includes a list of resources for accessibility on-line and in writing – including plain language resources.

[Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL)](#)
Help with COVID-19 vaccinations for people with disabilities The Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) is now available to help people with disabilities, including Deaf persons, get vaccinated. The DIAL's trained staff is standing by to: • Help find local vaccination locations. • Assist with making vaccination appointments. • Connect callers to local services—such as accessible

[Infographic](#)

[Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on People with Disabilities Research Findings April 2022](#)
Administration for Community Living – COVID-19 Response
During the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly all projects funded by the Administration for Community Living's National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) experienced substantial delays and required pivoting in some way during the pandemic. Grantees used this opportunity to collect data on the experiences of people with disabilities. This document summarizes some of their findings.

[Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR) March Lunch & Learn webinar: **COVID-19 Data on Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. (April 2023)**](#)

[Equity Practices Hub](#) (education.pa.gov)
The purpose of the Equitable Practices Hub is to establish a coherent collection of resources that an educational community may use in promoting intentional equity in their communities. The resources have been hand-picked and reviewed, and represent best practices, models, and guidance from all their component parts.

### Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in Pennsylvania: Perceptions and Clarity

Educational communities are seeking clarity around the purpose, intention, and need for equity, inclusion, and belonging in educational spaces. This information is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to help address perceptions and offer clarity on equitable practices in education.

https://healthfund.org/a/wp-content/uploads/Faith-In-Vaccines-COVID-19-Toolkit.pdf

### Key learnings from COVID-19 to sustain quality of life for families of individuals with IDD

(*Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*)

COVID-19 has very publicly had profound impacts on the health system of every country in the world. Over 4.5 million people have lost their lives. School closures worldwide where up to 1.6 billion of the world's children have been out of school, are also prominent in world news. Behind these public impacts are the families. In this paper, we focus on the experiences of families with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) through analysis of two data sets: the emerging research literature and contributions from our author team who have lived experience of intellectual and developmental disability in the context of COVID-19. From these two data sets, we discern five themes of the impact of the pandemic: on health, on education, on services and support, on families and finally on relationships beyond the family. We conclude with lessons from those living with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the caregivers and the individuals themselves to draw implications for supporting families in the context of disability during future pandemics.

### Healthcare Access for People with Disabilities in Rural PA

This report features stories from people with disabilities, their family members and caregivers about barriers to healthcare access. We collected these stories through surveys, face-to-face meetings, phone conversations, and public listening sessions during 2019 and 2020. The goal of this report is to document barriers, better understand the perspectives and needs of those facing them, and raise awareness of the need for improved accessibility.

### Health Equity Tracker

COVID-19 Data by state and ethnicity

### The Immense Impact of Long COVID on Workers

As we near the three-year mark of COVID-19 dominating headlines and workplace policies, the true impact of the pandemic on both workers and organizations remains largely unknown. Perhaps the least measured and understood aspect of COVID's imprint on the workplace is that of the condition known as long COVID. Long COVID can include a wide range of ongoing health problems that can last weeks, months, or years. With such a new disease, the long-term outcomes are truly unknowable at this point.

### Disparities in Health Care in Medicare Advantage Associated with Dual Eligibility or Eligibility for a Low-Income Subsidy and Disability

This report presents summary information on the performance of Medicare Advantage (MA) plans on specific measures of quality of health care reported in 2021, which corresponds to care received in 2020. Specifically, this report compares the quality of clinical care for four groups of MA enrollees that are defined based on the combination of two characteristics: (1) dual eligibility for both Medicare and Medicaid or eligibility for a Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) and (2) disability.

## Long COVID Syndrome Presenting as Neuropsychiatric Exacerbations in Autism Spectrum Disorder: Insights for Treatment

COVID-19 causes not only severe respiratory symptoms, but also long-term sequelae, even if the acute-phase symptoms are minor. Neurological and neuropsychiatric symptoms are emerging as major long-term sequalae. In patients with pre-existing behavioral symptoms, such as individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), the emergence of neuropsychiatric symptoms due to long COVID can be difficult to diagnose and manage.

## National Roadmap for Disability-Inclusive Healthcare

The National Roadmap for Disability-Inclusive Healthcare (the roadmap) is a plan created for clinicians to give the best healthcare possible to people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD). The roadmap provides clear goals and commonsense actions that different groups can take to inspire change among both practicing clinicians and clinicians-in-training.

## NIHCM Infographics

People with disabilities have been uniquely impacted by the pandemic as they face a greater risk of poor health outcomes, reduced access to routine services and care, and adverse social outcomes. Individuals with disabilities were more likely to face unemployment during the pandemic and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities were six times as likely to die from COVID-19 than other people. Additionally, people with disabilities experienced disparities in the public health response to COVID-19 due to lack of appropriate data collection and accessibility barriers in information, testing and vaccination. This infographic highlights the challenges facing the disability community as well as clear steps that can be taken to support the health and well-being of this community.

## Pennsylvania counties with the most racial and ethnic diversity in 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau has released some of the first detailed numbers from the 2020 Census. Hundreds of thousands of data points were released just for Pennsylvania. Note that the diversity index doesn't measure white versus non-white, or Hispanic versus non-Hispanic. It measures the variety of backgrounds within each racial group. Two counties that are 85% white could have different diversity indices if the backgrounds of the white people are a mixture of English, Italian, Turkish, Hungarian and Peruvian, for instance. The index will also increase the more racial groups are represented in the 15% of the non-white population, including Blacks, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans, Asians, etc.

## Readability of COVID-19 vaccine information for the general public

This study, which analyzed fact sheets for three of the major U.S. vaccine manufacturers and other informational material, found that most of the COVID-19 vaccine-related informational materials did not meet appropriate readability levels for the U.S. population.

## [Plain Language in Public Health](#)

In this guide, you'll find plain language principles, simple techniques that can make your communications more accessible, and resources to learn more about plain language. The sections of this guide contain best practices and tools to use before you start writing, when you're organizing your content, while you're writing, and when you're reviewing and testing your communications. The guide ends with additional resources to help you continue to build your plain language communications skills.

## [Roadmap to Whole Person Health](#)

At the direction of Governor Tom Wolf, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has undertaken many different reforms that have progressed our Commonwealth towards a vision of Whole Person Health. The goal is to create a healthcare system that is increasingly designed to meet the holistic needs of each person, instead of forcing each person to try and fit their needs into a siloed healthcare system. Down to the cellular level, each person is a complicated conglomeration of emotions, behaviors, and organic chemistry, born and raised in vastly different circumstances and communities across the Commonwealth with varying levels of institutional barriers and opportunities that manifest themselves in different ways throughout a person's lifetime. This beautiful complexity demands a healthcare system that conforms to whole person's and individual needs, and not the other way around.

## [The Arc of PA – What We Know Now - Infographic](#)

COVID-19 Health Barriers and Disparities Among Rural and Minority Populations and People with Disabilities

## [Understanding and Planning for Sustainability A Guide for Multi-Sector Community Partnerships Working to Address Social Determinants of Health](#)

This guide walks users through a step-by-step process beginning with a broad view of the dimensions of sustainability for community multi-sector coalitions and partnerships addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).