

LEGISLATIVE REPORT 2016 – OFFICE OF HEALTH DISPARITIES

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Mandate Utah Code Title 26, Chapter 7, Section 2
Mission To reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes for vulnerable populations as defined by socio-economic status, race/ethnicity, geography, as well as other at-risk populations.

STRENGTHENING DATA COLLECTION, REPORTING, AND MONITORING FOR DISPARITIES TRENDS

Racial/Ethnic Data: Moving Forward in 2016 Profiles

The Office of Health Disparities (OHD) produced five Moving Forward reports illustrating trends in specific health indicators and health risks among [Asian](#), [American Indian/Alaska Native](#), [Black/African American](#), [Hispanic/Latino](#), and [Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander](#) communities in Utah.

These profiles are useful tools for agencies and organizations with interest in reducing health disparities in Utah. The reports also can guide data-supported decisions on agency priorities and future activities aimed at improving health status in Utah populations.

Geographic Data: Voices of Glendale Residents and Voices of South Salt Lake Residents

These assessments serve as baseline data of how residents of [Glendale](#) and [South Salt Lake](#) access medical and oral health services and how they feel about their living conditions. Included in the assessment is a Social Media Marketing report outlining how social media was used to reach residents.

PROVIDING CULTURAL AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS

Behavioral and Mental Health Provider Assessment

The OHD gathered [baseline information](#) to begin addressing issues regarding behavioral and mental care, culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and barriers faced by diverse communities in Utah.

Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards for Mental Behavioral Providers

This [online training tool](#) was created to help mental/behavioral health providers implement CLAS Standards in their organizations and practices.

Utah Language Data Reports

The reports of the most common spoken languages in Utah are intended to guide state, county, local public health, and health care providers in planning and providing services for Limited English Proficient (LEP) clients. There are seven reports. The first one contains [statewide data](#); the other six are for Utah’s most populated counties of [Cache](#), [Davis](#), [Salt Lake](#), [Utah](#), [Washington](#), and [Weber](#).

