Mission
To reduce health disparities in Utah and to improve health outcomes for vulnerable populations as defined by socio-economic status, race/ethnicity, geography, as well as other populations identified to be at-risk for health disparities.

Mandate
Utah Code Title 26 Chapter 7 Section 2

Strategies
Partnerships & Collaboration
Develop and support partnerships and collaborations among public, nonprofit and private entities to increase awareness and drive action in efforts to reduce health disparities and achieve health equity.

Data & Research
Ensure the availability, coordination, utilization and diffusion of data and research identifying and focusing on populations with health disparities.

Outreach & Media
Serve as a clearinghouse in Utah to increase awareness of health disparities and to disseminate health education materials and resources.

Cultural & Linguistic Competency
Improve cultural competency of the health-related workforce and public health agencies and increase access to health promotion messages among limited English proficient individuals.

The reach of OHD is expanding.

### Quarterly Project Initiation Current Status
- Web Views: 3,085 19,379
- Partnerships and Collaborations: 26 77
- Multilingual Library Languages: 24 50

### Meeting the Challenge to Reduce Health Disparities
#### Case: Utah Pacific Islander Infant Health

#### Problem
Utah infants of Pacific Islander race have a death rate that is about twice as high as other Utah infants.

#### Action
**Utah Pacific Islander Study**
OHD conducted a statewide surveillance study of Utah Pacific Islander health, the first study addressing mainland Pacific Islanders in the United States. New research methods and data from the study will be disseminated nationwide through a peer-reviewed journal (the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice).

**Pacific Islander Perspectives Assessment**
OHD collaborated with Community Health Centers Inc. to assess barriers to prenatal care, breastfeeding and maternal health and obtain recommendations for health outreach.

**For Me, For Us: Videos**
OHD created informational health videos featuring local Pacific Islander Utahns. The Utah Pacific Islander videos have been viewed online more than 10,000 times and also shared in DVD format by local agencies. (Other videos in the series were created for other Utah population groups.)

**For Me, For Us: Bridging Communities and Clinics**
OHD partnered with local clinics to screen Utahns for health problems and initiate treatment. Of approximately 800 people screened, about 100 were Pacific Islanders.

**Community Outreach Mini-Grants**
OHD funded Utah Pacific Islander organizations to educate their own communities through support groups, faith-based initiatives, case management, and health promotion activities.

### Progress

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