



# UTAH 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 socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity, geography, as well as other at-risk populations.

*The Office of Health Disparities (OHD) has the distinction of being the only recipient of the State Partnership Grant to Improve Minority Health in US Health and Human Services Region VIII.*

## BRIDGING COMMUNITIES AND CLINICS

This innovative program has provided 2,598 health screenings to underserved Utahns since 2012 and continues to improve and expand. By connecting people with community clinics, the program is projected to **save up to \$117,936** by potentially preventing as many as 168 ER visits in 2015.\*

2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
786 screenings	885 screenings	927 screenings
14 outreach events	20 outreach events	26 outreach events

\*Based on calculated statewide facility cost of \$702 per ER visit (UDOH Bureau of Managed Health Care, ER Diversion Grant, 2011)

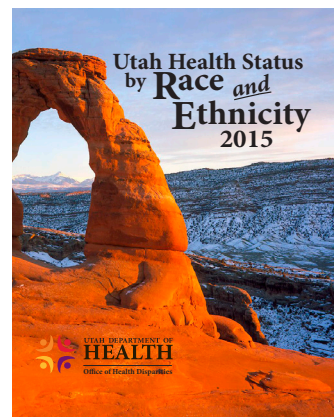
## PROMOTING CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN HEALTH CARE

The Office of Health Disparities (OHD) has developed a video and a resource guide titled “A Class About CLAS” to help clinics, public health agencies, and health professionals improve Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) and policies that enhance health care for **all Utahns**. This tool has been recognized and promoted by the Federal Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Available at [health.utah.gov/disparities/class-standards.html](http://health.utah.gov/disparities/class-standards.html) and on the OHD Youtube channel ([www.youtube.com/DisparitiesUtah](http://www.youtube.com/DisparitiesUtah)).

## 15 YEARS OF HEALTH DATA TRENDS

The 2015 Utah Health Status by Race & Ethnicity Report presents recent statistics on 71 health indicators including health care services, risk factors, maternal and infant health, infectious diseases, chronic conditions and cancer. Together with previous editions published since 2000, this highly-anticipated report serves as a **unique resource** to empower Utah’s health agencies, providers, and residents to improve health in our communities. The report is accessible online at [health.utah.gov/disparities/data](http://health.utah.gov/disparities/data)



## GIVING UTAH BABIES A HEALTHIER START

In response to alarming infant mortality rates among Utah African Americans and Pacific Islanders, the OHD convened community-based task forces to better understand the sociocultural factors and health system barriers that impact birth outcomes and access to prenatal care. A **successful pilot program** was conducted with Pacific Islanders to increase awareness and educate families in 2015. In collaboration with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the program is currently being enhanced for wider implementation, including a new educational video series. See more details at [health.utah.gov/disparities/current-projects.html](http://health.utah.gov/disparities/current-projects.html)