

Texas Health Institute Monthly Highlights

The HOPE Initiative Featured in Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity

We wanted to make sure you saw a new Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity piece addressing health inequities, how we can measure gaps in opportunity, and the distance we need to go to close them. The author, Dr. Steven H. Woolf of the Virginia Commonwealth University, explores persisting inequities 50 years after Robert F. Kennedy's death. Dr. Woolf highlights the work of The HOPE (Health Opportunity and Equity) Initiative, and how we can learn and benefit from states with positive health outcomes. Supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The HOPE Initiative, is led by the National Collaborative for Health Equity, in collaboration with Texas Health Institute and the Center on Society and Health at Virginia Commonwealth University. You can read the op-ed [here](#).



[12th Annual SOS Registration is NOW Open!](#)

The Southern Obesity Summit (SOS) is the largest regional obesity prevention event in the United States, drawing hundreds of participants from 16 Southern States consisting of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. Together, these states join forces to fight obesity.

The 12th Annual Southern Obesity Summit will take place:

October 22-24, 2018

Charleston Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Dr, Charleston, WV 25301



For additional information,
please visit: www.southernobesitysummit.org

For the agenda/overview, please click [here!](#)



A True Collaboration To Improve Oral Health In Texas

Registrations & Call for Proposal is now Open for the Texas Oral Health Conference

Texas Health Institute through its statewide collaborative on oral health improvement entitled 'Advancing the Oral Health Movement in Texas' is pleased to partner with the Texas Department of State Health Services - Oral Health Program, Texas Oral Health Coalition, and Texas Repository of Oral Health Data for Evaluation and Outcomes for hosting the Texas Oral Health Conference (TOHC). The Texas Oral Health Conference represents true collaboration to improve oral health in our state. Click [here](#), to learn more about or register for TOHC.

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MORE INFO: WWW.MOUNTAINSTATESGENETICS.ORG/EVENTS/GENETICS-SUMMIT/

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Texas Health Institute will be presenting at APHA in November 2018

Researchers from Texas Health Institute will be presenting at six sessions at APHA this year, scheduled for November 10-14, 2018 in San Diego, California. They will present on their work with *America's Health Rankings* on the *Health of Those Who Have Served*, their community-based survey initiative to address health care access, their ongoing monitoring of the Affordable Care Act from a health equity lens, and as a discussant on The Health Opportunity and Equity (HOPE) Initiative.

[Click here for more information...](#)

Learn About the Health of Those who Have Sacrificed to Protect Our Nation

This past Memorial Day, we honored and remembered the men and women who sacrificed their lives for our nation. We also extended our gratitude to all those who have served - the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, those on active duty, and those in the National Guard or Reserves. These men and women have borne the burden of preserving our freedom, and it is incumbent upon us to protect and support their health and well-being. Texas Health Institute has been collaborating with *America's Health Rankings*, with support from the United Health Foundation and in partnership with Military Officers Association of America, to develop new reports documenting the broader health of men and women who have served. These reports are intended to raise awareness of the breadth of health and social determinant concerns facing those who have served, provide a tool to monitor their health and well-being over time, and stimulate dialogue and action for improvement. Click below to access these reports:

- [Health of Those Who Have Served Report, 2016](#)

- [Health of Women Who Have Served Report, 2017](#)

Our new report is slated for release in November 2018, and we look forward to providing the field with ongoing data and tools to advance the health of men and women who have sacrificed immeasurably to protect our health and lives.

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2019 CJA National Conference

LEARN, SHARE, NETWORK, ACT!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

April 2019

24-26

#CJAconf2019

The 2019 Communities Joined in Action National Conference will be held in downtown Seattle, WA at the [Sheraton Seattle Hotel](#), April 24 -26, 2019.

Stay tuned for more information!

[Click here for more information...](#)

Texas Health Institute has launched a blog!

Check out the latest post for five fast facts on the opioid epidemic in Texas, Five Fast Facts about the Opioid Crisis in Texas.

[Click here, to read our new blog!](#)



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