

The Equity in OC (EiOC) Initiative was a limited-term project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) under the National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities (CDC-RFA-OT21-2103). The initiative concluded in May 2024. This document and any associated EiOC branding were developed as part of that grant-funded effort.



Grant Recipients

# ACHIEVING EQUITY IN ORANGE COUNTY

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# Achieving Equity in Orange County

The Equity in OC\* Initiative is a community-informed and data-driven initiative to address health inequities and disparities by laying the foundation for creating a healthier, more resilient, and equitable Orange County. In 2022 and 2023, the Equity in OC Initiative awarded grants to community organizations to participate in initiative-related activities focused on identifying solutions to achieving health equity. In addition, Equity in OC awarded grants to organizations and collectives that share our commitment to closing the health equity gap. Together, grant recipients are responding to the immediate needs of their communities, while building resiliency to better recover and respond to future public health crises.

**Health Equity is when everyone has a fair opportunity to attain their full health potential and that no one should be disadvantaged from achieving this potential.**

## Grant Recipients at a Glance

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**151**  
Grants Awarded



**10.4M**  
in Funding



**3.18M+**  
Residents of Orange County

\*Equity in OC is an Orange County Health Care Agency initiative working in collaboration with local Orange County community partners and funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## Improving Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) and Reducing the Health Equity Gap

These grants support a collaborative approach to creating positive change in three primary SDoH action areas: Housing is Health, Food as Medicine, and Health & Healing. The recipients are implementing projects that reduce health equity gaps and address SDoH affecting their communities.

Key focus areas include:

- Improving SDoH by supporting a neighborhood, population, or community; advancing clinical care delivery for a priority population; or addressing a chronic health condition.
- Addressing the impact of systemic and/or structural racism on health.
- Increasing community capacity to maintain and improve health.
- Improving community-centered interventions and/or social conditions that influence health.

## SDoH Grant Recipients: **Housing is Health**

### **OC Affordable Housing Production Initiative Lead Agency: Hope Through Housing Foundation**

OC Affordable Housing Production Initiative is committed to increasing the production of safe, affordable, and stable housing for residents in Orange County and advocating for policy changes around issues of homelessness and housing insecurity.

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### **Addressing Housing Disparities in South Orange County Lead Agency: Providence Mission Hospital**

The Collaborative is increasing housing equity by creating a Low-Yield Charitable Real Estate Fund and developing a stronger network of services. By offering a new option for housing investment, the number of families who are severely rent burdened is expected to decrease 10% annually.

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### **OC Housing Stability is Health Partnership Lead Agency: The Kennedy Commission**

The OC Housing Stability is Health Partnership is creating systems change through community engagement (e.g., tenant education, organizing, and protections), state and local anti-displacement policies, and production of healthy and affordable housing options.

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### **Eagleman Housing Project Lead Agency: The Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army Orange County is the lead organization for the Eagleman Housing Project in partnership with United American Indian Involvement (UAI) and Family Solutions Collaborative (FSC). The Project is committed to improving the family homeless response system by addressing the many barriers and roadblocks for families and individuals.

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### **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Community Capacity for Housing Lead Agency: Vital Access Care Foundation**

Vital Access Care Foundation is leading a collaboration with six partner organizations to establish housing counselor/navigator positions and develop a network of partners that will increase legal protections for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) residents, make policy change possible, and increasing access to culturally appropriate, affordable, and safe housing.

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# SDoH Grant Recipients continued: Health & Healing

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## Information Referral Services – GetHelpOC™ Lead Agency: 2-1-1 Orange County

2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) is the lead agency for GetHelpOC™, a collaboration with 15 partner organizations to implement a Community Information Exchange (CIE). It is a community-driven solution that ensures the engagement of local voices and the promotion of partnerships within the network so that residents have access to the help they need when they need it.

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## Wellness on Wheels – Mobile Health & Social Care Lead Agency: Children's Health Orange County

Children's Health Orange County is the lead organization for Wellness on Wheels (WOW); a partnership with five support organizations that aims to increase access to health services, education and care, and decrease the stigma around mental health and social services.

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## Organizational Health Literacy as a path to Health Equity Lead Agency: Institute for Healthcare Advancement

Institute for Healthcare Advancement is partnering with Orange County Social Services Administration, CalOptima Health, and St. Jude Neighborhood Health Centers to improve the organizational health literacy of each partner. The result is systemic change in how partners outreach to, engage with, and provide services for clients and the public.

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## Birth Initiative for Reproductive Rights, Transforming & Healing (BIRRTH) Women of Color Lead Agency: MOMS Orange County

MOMS Orange County and HERStory are partnering to create a scalable model for how doula services may operate in Orange County, particularly for low-income women of color. By assessing the need for doula services locally, the initiative aims to engineer programs that have the potential to create change at scale with sufficient support from the community and at the levers of power.

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## Anaheim Education & Health Intersections Initiative Lead Agency: Orange County Congregation Community Organization

The Anaheim Education and Health Intersections Initiative is committed to building the capacity, voice, and sustainability of communities in Anaheim to address the school-to-prison pipeline and other forms of structural racism by instituting authentic engagement systems within the Anaheim Union High School District.

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## WellSpaces: A Catalyst for Equitable Access for Students Lead Agency: Orange County Department of Education

WellSpaces is creating welcoming spaces for students to learn wellness-related skills that improve their physical, mental, and social emotional health. This includes actively engaging students and families through a student advisory council, increasing collaborative partnerships between schools and community partners, and improving student access to services.

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## Advocacy for People with Disabilities Lead Agency: YMCA of Orange County

The YMCA of Orange County is leading a collaboration with eight partner organizations to increase the capacity of support organizations and parents to provide policy, systems, and environmental change for children and youth with diagnosed or suspected co-occurring intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health needs.

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## Pandemic Support and Recovery for Underserved and Underrepresented Communities

These organizations provide critical COVID-19-related support to underserved and underrepresented communities.

Key focus areas include:

- Providing supportive services, referrals, and linkages to testing, vaccination, and other mitigation strategies.
- Conducting outreach and engagement to support response and recovery.
- Disseminating COVID-19 and other health disparities-related information to community members.

## Grant Recipients: Pandemic Support and Recovery

### American Indian and Alaska Native | Sacred Path Indigenous Wellness Center

The mission of Sacred Path is to honor our traditional values and teaching by working to improve the quality of life for indigenous individuals and families by providing innovative health, behavioral health and research with community involvement, technical assistance, training and respect for tribal and cultural diversity. Services provided include: Individual Therapy, Support Groups Workshops, Prevention and Intervention Services, Case Management, Linkages, Evaluation and Research Training and Consultation.

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### Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander | Pacific Islander Health Partnership

Pacific Islander Health Partnership (PIHP) serves multi-generational Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities by nurturing an environment for overall health equity and wellness. The organization provides COVID-19 education, testing, vaccination, and referral services, and works to address other health disparities that have plagued the NHPI community for decades.

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### Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) | Alianza Translatinx

Alianza Translatinx advocates to uplift the Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) community through education, community empowerment, and social justice. The organization provides critical COVID-19 response and recovery services, conducts outreach, hosts social support groups, and provides information on COVID-19 mitigation services.

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## Advancement of Health Equity Through Sustainable Collectives

Population Health Equity Collectives were awarded grants to improve health equity of impacted communities by building the internal capacity of their Collective.

Key focus areas include:

- Building sustainable Collectives to address systemic health inequities facing prioritized impacted communities.
- Addressing health inequities through collaboration, partnership, and the inclusion of lived experiences and authentic voices.
- Creating a Health Equity Plan that outlines the priorities and plans for a given priority population.

## Grant Recipients: Sustainable Collectives

### **African American / Black | Health Equity for African Americans League Lead Agency: Second Baptist Church**

Health Equity for African Americans League serves as a trusted advisor to the Black community to facilitate the collection of data around issues that affect the health and well-being of Black Orange County residents, and to provide practical health and wellness initiatives to address specific inequities with the goal of contributing to health equity in Orange County.

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### **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander | Asian Pacific Islander Task Force Collective Lead Agency: The Cambodian Family**

The Asian Pacific Islander Task Force Collective advances equity and anti-racism to achieve improvements in the health of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community members by addressing both the social and political determinants of health. The Collective is comprised of 17 agencies that provide services in over 39 languages.

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### **Individuals with Disabilities | Orange County Disabilities Coalition Lead Agency: Illumination Institute**

The Orange County Disability Coalition brings together seven Orange County-based, disability-focused organizations to build relationships and share information with the goal of building the Coalition's capacity to focus on individuals with disabilities and their families, engage reforming decision-making structures, and fostering meaningful involvement.

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### **Hispanic/Latinx | Latinx Health Equity Collective Lead Agency: The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Center**

The Latinx Health Equity Collective advances health equity through leadership and building capacity among community-based organizations to address structural inequities that contribute to health disparities for the Latinx communities. The Collective brings together community residents to build a platform for collective thinking, dialogue and action.

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### **LGBTQ+ | Orange County LGBTQIA-2S Coalition Lead Agency: Shanti Orange County**

The Orange County LGBTQIA-2S Coalition is committed to raising diverse voices from the LGBTQ+ community by engaging key community leaders who can help advocate for policy change at the county level, identify funding to support vulnerable communities, and ensure health equity.

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### **Older Adults | Orange County Aging Services Collaborative Lead Agency: Alzheimer's Orange County**

The Collaborative's mission is to create and maintain an integrated network of services that address the needs of older adults and their caregivers. Comprised of over 40 nonprofit organizations, for-profit agencies, and governmental senior service providers, the Collaborative is committed to effectively improving the lives of Orange County's older adults.

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## Grant Recipients continued: Sustainable Collectives

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### **Food Collective | Food Security, Nutrition, and Access Collective** **Lead Agency: Abound Food Care**

The Orange County Hunger Alliance (OCHA) was founded as a collaborative of Abound Food Care, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, and Community Action Partnership Orange County Food Bank. The OCHA was formed to break down silos among hunger relief organizations in Orange County. By engaging in intentional collaboration and examining current conditions in the emergency food system, OCHA seeks to harness the collective power, expertise, and leadership of the hunger relief community in Orange County.

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### **South Asian, Middle Eastern and North African Collective Lead Agency: Access California Services**

The South Asian, Middle Eastern and North African (SAMENA) Collective is a network of community partners advancing equity, representation, and quality of life of the SAMENA community through advocacy, resource development, and strengthening of services. The vision of the Collective is to have a community in which SAMENA populations flourish.

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## Building the Power and Capacity of Small Nonprofit Organizations

Smaller, grassroots organizations are critical partners in improving health equity for the most impacted populations and often lack the necessary resources or power to fully engage in the work taking place. These grants provide small nonprofits funding to support capacity and infrastructure building, as well as an opportunity to work alongside other health equity organizations. The goal is to better position small organizations to sustainably engage in new and ongoing health equity collaborations.

## Grant Recipients: Small Nonprofit Organizations

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### AHRI Center

AHRI is driving systemic change and creating new pathways so that no one lives in fear of deportation, and everyone has access to education, healthcare, affordable housing, and a healthy work environment.

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### Cancer Kinship

Cancer Kinship is empowering cancer patients to confidently face the disease through peer mentorship, individualized and group support, survivor education and socialization.

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### Chispa Education Fund

Chispa operates with a focus in three tiers; base building, policy, and elections. By creating an infrastructure for young people to engage in policy campaigns, and taking a position on candidates, Chispa is an organization that represents young Latinos / Latinx in all levels of government.

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### Hope Community Service, Inc.

Hope serves and supports Vietnamese Americans and neighboring communities so they may grow and excel through educational, cultural, social, and charitable activities.

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### Kid Healthy

Kid Healthy engages school children and families from the most underserved communities through culturally appropriate health and wellness programs that improve nutrition and fitness levels.

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### National Action Network Orange County

National Action Network is a leading civil rights organization with chapters throughout the country committed to fighting for justice, decency and equal opportunities for all people.

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### Oak Health Foundation

Oak Health is a mental, physical and spiritual health clinic focused on healing the whole person. Patients receive comprehensive outpatient mental health care along with professional, spiritual counseling.

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### People For Housing

People for Housing advocates for more home building in Orange County and lower housing costs with the goal of making room for the people who are already here and those that will come after.

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### Santa Ana Early Learning Initiative

Santa Ana Early Learning Initiative (SAELI) is improving outcomes for children by delivering a range of services, including promoting early learning through wellness centers, building parent-led leadership teams and providing pandemic relief support.

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### Viet Rainbow of Orange County

Viet Rainbow of Orange County is a grassroots organization that builds community, mobilizes intergenerationally, and strives to create a world where everyone has the resources and agency to thrive with dignity.

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## Arab American Civic Council

The Arab American Civic Council (AACC) is a grassroots organization that builds community by facilitating the civic participation of Arab Americans towards justice and equity. AACC has become the leading voice for the Arab American community in Orange County through advocacy, getting out the Arab American vote, and changing negative perceptions around Arab Americans.

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## Center for Asian Americans in Action

The Center for Asian Americans in Action (Center for A3) conducts policy analysis, engages in policy advocacy, and strengthens the advocacy capacity of community organizations to build a more equitable society for Asian Americans in Orange County, California and beyond.

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## El Centro Cultural de Mexico

El Centro is a nonprofit organization formed in 1994 with the mission to enrich the life of Santa Ana residents through cultural and artistic activities and leadership development. Since then, El Centro has brought together our diverse community of workers, families, and students, in order to build community-based organizations and initiatives that collectively move towards making Orange County a more just place for everyone.

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## Children and Families Coalition of Orange County

The Children and Families Coalition of Orange County (CFCOC), was founded on February 28, 2020, to bring together community-based organizations (CBOs) through collective action to address policies related to the child welfare system, improve access to children's mental health services, and to promote social determinants of health such as improving Strengthening Families and "Family Protective Factors", addressing social determinants for reducing child abuse and neglect through a "Whole Child" approach, and moving the child welfare system toward prevention through policy changes advanced through the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership and the Orange County Children's Partnership.

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## GRACE Social and Medical Services

Grace Social and Medical Services is helping new immigrants from the Middle East/North Africa (MENA) region get settled into their new lives as Americans by providing for basic needs, enhancing education and employment opportunities, and providing legal support to cement their place in America as happy and productive citizens.

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## HERStory, Inc.

HERStory, Inc. provides a safe space for Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) birthing families to learn, create community, and thrive in Orange County, California. Their mission is to provide a safe space for pregnant and postpartum BIPOC families to learn, create community, and thrive.

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## La Habra Collaborative

The La Habra Collaborative (LHC) is a community-based organization comprised of multiple local nonprofits, businesses, government agencies including school districts and faith-based groups, and individuals who have a common interest in improving the collective health and well-being of the residents of La Habra. LHC was formed in 2014 under the guidance of Providence/St. Jude's Community Benefit Assessment and the Move More, Eat Healthy initiatives aimed at the betterment of the overall health of residents in North Orange County. LHC organizes a community food distribution management program, the Move More, Eat Healthy.

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## Marshallese Youth of Orange County

Marshallese Youth of Orange County (MYOC) is dedicated to educational, cultural, and health advancement. They help address the specific needs of first- and second-generation Marshallese immigrants, preserve cultural identity, and cultivate a new generation of Marshallese community leaders.

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## Orange County Environmental Justice Education Fund

Orange County Environmental Justice Education Fund (OCEJEF) works to mobilize and empower the low-income Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) residents of Orange County, California who are disproportionately affected by environmental hazards, and to advocate for environmental justice.

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## Peace and Justice Law Center

The Peace and Justice Law Center (PJLC) provides pro bono legal services and contributes to the development of public policies that make communities safer and advance the cause of equal protection under the law.

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## Qazizada Multicultural Therapy Clinic

Qazizada Multicultural Therapy Clinic (QMTTC) provides affordable mental health services and health awareness navigation to couples, individuals, families, and children. QMTTC's mission is to provide systemic therapy to strengthen relationships, increase cross-cultural mental health services and promote wellness through education and awareness.

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## Saahas for Cause

Saahas for Cause is a woman-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit that educates, empowers, and enables South Asian (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Sri-Lanka, and Maldives) immigrants. Saahas' core focus is the mental well-being of the South Asian immigrant community. It aims to reduce negative mental health outcomes like anxiety, loneliness, and isolation and to address the traumas of immigration, domestic violence, sexual assault, racism, and the physical and mental health issues triggered by the pandemic.

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## SoulRapha

SoulRapha is leading the movement to end senior isolation and loneliness throughout Orange County, CA. SoulRapha advocates changing the social norm of apathy towards Older Adults; to increase opportunity and resources needed to live the healthiest life possible. Their vision is to revolutionize the way aging is perceived to foster a culture of care for Older Adults through adaptive changes.

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## The Enlightened Mentor Project

The Enlightened Mentor Project helps at-risk teens and young adults in under-resourced communities develop the knowledge, skills, abilities, and experiences necessary to overcome the risk factors they face and create extraordinary academic, career, and life outcomes.

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## The Orange County Rapid Response Network

The Orange County Rapid Response Network (OCRRN) is an interconnected system of non-profit and grassroots organizations, civil rights attorneys, law school clinics, and individuals working together to respond to dehumanizing immigration enforcement activities and policies in Orange County.

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## Transforming Justice Orange County

Transforming Justice Orange County (TJOC) is a grassroots organization comprised of incarcerated, non-incarcerated, and formerly incarcerated organizers and their families. Many people in the organization have been affected by police violence, incarceration, and immigration detention, and this is the population that the organization primarily serves. TJOC focuses on shifting our county from one that relies on policing to “solve” its problems, towards one that works collaboratively to support one another, address harm, and meet people’s health and material needs.

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## Urban Social Services and Advocacy

Urban Social Services and Advocacy’s (USSA) mission is to provide effective and impactful solutions to the various injustices faced in marginalized and justice impacted communities. They strive to bridge the gap between service providers and marginalized demographics by informing them of available resources and keeping them posted on the latest policies that affect their community and how to make changes to those policies.

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## Vietnamese Community Action For Resources and Empowerment

Vietnamese Community Actions for Resources and Empowerment (Viet-CARE) has worked to improve the quality of life of and empower the Vietnamese community who have experienced mental health and mental illness challenges, their caregivers, and providers through programs and services offered from a community-focus lens. Viet-CARE uses evidence-based practices, advocates for policies and programs, and collaborative efforts to promote the development of innovative mental health treatment and recovery for Vietnamese community members with mental illness and their families.

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## Zocalo

Zocalo is the center square of our community. It is where all aspects of our life (faith, civic, economy, and culture) meet, effect change, and are repurposed to fit the needs of our community. We were formed by community organizers coming from a diverse organizing tradition, to create an organization with the flexibility, wisdom, and vision to address the needs of our community. Taking a holistic approach to organizing and taking our time to invest in the individual to form a communal approach to systematic change. Zocalo utilizes the best concepts as cornerstones to build the life and society that we want to leave for generations to come.

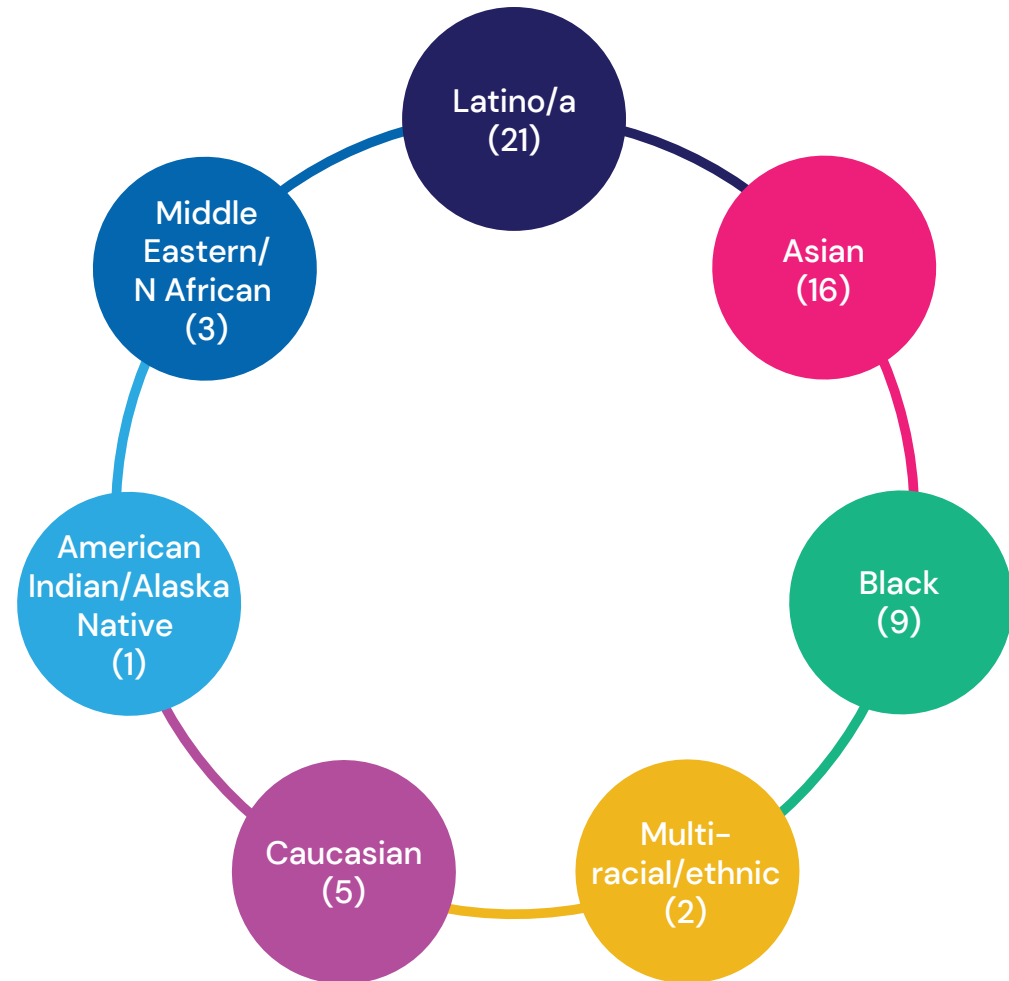
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# Community Member Engagement

49 diverse community residents are actively engaged in Equity in OC, representing ethnically and socially diverse communities. These residents have lived experiences of poverty, are impacted by various social determinants of health, and are members of several sub-populations that face health disparities. These residents identify as members of the following groups: non-English speakers (19), individuals affected by poverty (18), individuals experiencing under-employment (12), older adults (12), individuals from mixed-immigration status households (10), mental health and recovery (9), individuals with disabilities (8), unhoused (6), religious minorities (6), youth (4), LGBTQ+ (4), gender minorities (3), and Veterans (3).

These resilient, engaged residents have participated in Equity in OC meetings, convenings and trainings supporting the work of Equity in OC funded grantee projects and teams. The engagement by residents more than doubled from what was reported in 2022; evidence that community power is being built in Orange County as a result of this work.



## Additional Equity in OC Funded Partners

### Community Organizations

2-1-1 Orange County	COR Community Development Corporation	Lutheran Social Services of Southern California	Saahas for Cause
AASCSC Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center	Council on Aging Southern California	Marshalllese Youth of Orange County (MYOC)	SAELI – Fiscally Sponsored by Charitable Ventures
Abrazar	CRECE	Meals on Wheels Orange County	Second Baptist Church of Santa Ana
ACCESS CALIFORNIA SERVICES	CREER Comunidad y Familia	MOMS Orange County	Shanti Orange County
Afghan American Muslim Outreach (AAMO)	Delhi Center	MPNA Green	SoulRapha
AHRI Center, fiscally sponsored by Tides Center	Families Forward	Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA)	South Asian Network
AIDS Services Foundation OC	Families Together of Orange County	New Hope Presbyterian Church	South Coast Chinese Cultural Center
Alianza Translatinx	Family Assistance Ministries	Oak Health Foundation	South County Outreach
Alzheimer's Association	Friendly Center, Inc	OC United Together, Inc.	Southern California Council of Chinese Schools
America On Track	Friendship Baptist Church	Omid Multicultural Institute for Development	Southland Integrated Services, Inc.
American Lung Association	Friendship Shelter	OC Association for Mental Health	Special Service for Groups, Inc (SSG)
Arab American Civic Council	Girls Inc.	OC Children Therapeutic Arts Center	Start Well
Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Orange County and The Inland Empire Inc	Global Hope 365	OC Chinese Community Service	Straight Talk Clinic Inc.
Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach	Good Hands Foundation	OC Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD)	The Cambodian Family
BPSOS Center for Community Advancement	Heritage Museum of Orange County	Orange County Congregation Community Organization	The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers
California Family Institute	HERStory,Inc	Orange County Family Justice Center Foundation	The Eli Home, Inc
Cancer Kinship	Higher Ground Youth & Family Services	Orange County Food Bank – CAPOC	The Kennedy Commission
Center for Asian Americans in Action	Hope Community Services	Orange County Herald Center	The Malama Collective – Fiscally Sponsored by Charitable Ventures
Children's Cause Orange County/One OC	Hope through Housing Foundation	Orange County Human Relations Council	The Salvation Army
Christ Our Redeemer AME Church (COR)	ICNA RELIEF USA PROGRAMS INC	Orange County Women's Health Project	Tiyya Foundation
Community Foundation of Orange/ KidsPLAY	Illumination Institute	Pacific Islander Health Partnership (PIHP)	Viet Rainbow of Orange County (VROC)
Community Health Initiative of Orange County	Johnson Chapel AME Church	Parenting for Liberation	Vietnamese Language Access (VietLA)
	KHERUT	Peace and Justice Law Center	Vietnamese-American Cancer Foundation
	Kidworks Community Development Corp	People for Housing OC YIMBY (Yes In My Backyard)	Walking Shield, Inc.
	Korean Community Service, Inc.		Wellness & Prevention Foundation
	La Habra Collaborative		YMCA of Orange County
	Latino Health Access		
	LGBTQ Center OC		



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