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The Connecticut Health Disparities Project: Project Description and Objectives

In 2006, The Connecticut Health Foundation awarded the Connecticut Department of Public Health a two-year grant in the amount of \$539,317 to improve the statewide infrastructure for documenting, reporting, and addressing health disparities among racial and ethnic minority residents of our state. Dr. Margaret M. Hynes, the principal investigator of the grant, directs this effort, known as the *Connecticut Health Disparities Project*. There are four objectives of this project::

- 1) To evaluate the collection of racial/ethnic and other relevant sociodemographic information across all Department of Public Health databases, and to make recommendations for the improvement of data collection;
- 2) To coordinate agency planning objectives related to the elimination of health disparities among racial/ethnic subpopulations;
- 3) To publish a comprehensive Connecticut health disparities surveillance report; and
- 4) To provide leadership in the development of a statewide network of researchers and policy analysts focused on the measurement of health disparities in Connecticut.

This project is structured as a cooperative agreement with the Connecticut Health Foundation, which has selected racial and ethnic health disparities as one of its three program priority areas. Department of Public Health staff will work closely with other statewide partners to carry out these project objectives. A long-term goal is to build sustainability of this two-year initiative in collaboration with our statewide partners.

For more information, please visit [The Connecticut Health Disparities Project](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3132&q=396418) web page:
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