



BRIC Bulletin | October 2022

Welcome to the BRIC Bulletin!

The purpose of this monthly communication is to provide BRIC States with updates on the BRIC program related to grants administration, evaluation, technical assistance and training, resources, and other relevant information. Please note all links, dates, and resources can be found on the BRIC States Webpage <https://chronicdisease.org/bric-states>. For questions, contact BRICinfo@chronicdisease.org.

Quick Reference - Summary of Important Dates/Reminders

Required Technical Assistance Events and Important Dates:

- **November 15:** All BRIC States Monthly Call, 3:00 – 4:00 ET. (Note this a new date, original date was November 9)
 - For our November call, we will ask 4 states to share 3-5 minutes on something you are proud of or challenged by; no slides needed. States on deck: Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina and New York
- **November 30:** BRIC Monthly Webinar 2:00-3:30PM ET; Topic: Sustainability Part 2. More details to follow. [REGISTER](#)
- **December 15:** Quarter 4 progress report and invoice are due.
- **October 26 Webinar Recording:** *Building a Sustainable BRIC Program*. Recording, slides and resources are available on the [BRIC Internal Website](#) under Past Webinars.

Grant Administration/Budget

- For those states that requested an NCE, please expect email communication of approval before the end of November. Please note the period of performance for this NCE (for Year 2) is January 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023.
- BRIC Year 3 Information
 - [RECORDING](#) and [SLIDES](#) from BRIC All States Call on October 11
 - [Y3 FAQ](#)

Evaluation Update

- Thank you all for submitting your Q3 progress reports via the BRIC Project Management Hub. We will follow up with states individually if there are any questions or needs for clarification on your submissions. In addition, prior to Q4 progress reporting in December, we'll send some final, year-end progress reporting guidance and note any specific asks (e.g., estimated potential reach).

Optional BRIC Technical Assistance

- **November Office Hours:** November 2, 3:00-4:00 pm ET, Topic: All things BRIC.
- **November Peer Exchange,** November 9, 3:00-4:15 pm ET. Topic: Continuing the conversation on BRIC Year 3 plans and sustainability approaches – what will continue, what will stop/pause, Q&A.

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BRIC STATE SHOUT-OUTS

BRIC Louisiana and BRIC South Carolina: Congratulations to the BRIC teams in LA and SC for moving ahead with participation in the Walkability Action Institute (WAI) as a part of BRIC work for Year 3. The WAI provides innovative, cutting edge, and hands-on learning opportunities for attending interdisciplinary teams to improve walkability, movability, and community and transportation design through macro level policy, systems, and environmental change strategies. These attending teams are comprised of public health, planning, transportation, elected official representatives and a variety of other stakeholder disciplines. The WAI faculty include some of the nation's best experts in public health, inclusion, planning and transportation and how best to make their locations more movable, livable and viable. Each team not only completes a Team Action Plan after attending the course but joins a national walkability movement and becomes part of NACDD's National WAI Alumni Network.

Contact: If you are interested in bringing the WAI to your state, please reach out to Karma Edwards kedwards_ic@chronicdisease.org to learn which WAI model (in-person, hybrid, or virtual) would be best in your state.

Select Funding Opportunities and New Resources related to BRIC Strategies

Funding Opportunities

- From US DOT Thriving Communities Program, [Building Community Capacity to Take Transformative Projects from Concept to Completion](#). There are two opportunities available
 1. **Receive Support by submitting Letter of Interest (LOI)** for you and your community partners to receive two years of technical assistance technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to help plan and develop a pipeline of comprehensive transportation, housing and community revitalization activities from the Thriving Communities Program. Letter of Interest due December 6, 2022. [SUBMIT LOI](#)
 2. **Provide Support** by becoming a Capacity Building Team. Support communities by delivering technical assistance, managing a national Community of Practice and providing technical support. Applications are due on November 22, 2022. [APPLY](#)

Sustainability (new resource section)

- [Program Sustainability Assessment Tool](#) (PSAT) (developed by Center for Public Health Systems Science at the Brown School, Washington University, St. Louis)
- CDC's - [Sustainability Planning Guide for Healthy Communities](#)
- SPINE Program October Webinar *Planning for the Long Haul: Understanding and Using the PSAT for Sustaining your SPINE Project* (focused on the PSAT Tool), [Slides](#) | [Recording](#) (PW: 5=WS3pV.)

Food and Nutrition Security

- National Institute for Healthcare Management webinar *Food Insecurity and Health: Strategies to Address Community Needs*, November 1, 2022, 3:00-4:00 PM ET. [REGISTER](#)
- [Integrating Nutrition and Intercultural Competency in the Charitable Food System Action Institute](#) The Society for Public Health Education and the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity are hosting another Action Institute January 17-20, 2023 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM ET. The goal of the 2023 virtual Action Institute is to bring together elected interdisciplinary teams from recipient

programs to receive focused technical assistance and utilize protected team time for action planning. Only REACH, HOP, SPAN, BRIC, and SPINE recipients are eligible to apply. If you have questions, please email Doreleena Sammons Hackett at dsammons-hackett@sophe.org. Applications are due on November 11, 2022. [APPLY](#)

- [White House Conference on Hunger, Health and Nutrition Update](#)
 - Stay connected through monthly partner meetings which started on October 26th. [SIGN-UP](#)
 - All recordings from September 28, 2022 Conference are available on Conference [website](#).
- Association of State Public Health Nutritionists released, [Food and Nutrition Security Primer](#). The resource offers background information on the food and nutrition security terms that have emerged since the pandemic, and examines how context, meaning, messaging, and desired outcomes are influenced by word choice. [RESOURCE](#)

Safe Physical Activity Access

- The [2022 United States Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth](#) was recently released by the [Physical Activity Alliance](#). Children and youth around the world are not moving enough to promote healthy growth and development, and the COVID-19 pandemic only made matters worse according to the report. [FULL REPORT](#)

Social Connectedness

Health Equity

- County Health Rankings and Roadmaps - [Rural America's Opportunity for Equity Series](#):
 - **Part 1 Messaging Equity and Justice for Better Health Equity**. Focused on how to frame equity conversations and convey justice messages that will create equity champions, featuring the FrameWorks Institute. [RECORDING](#)
 - **Part 2: Creating Prosperous Rural Communities** Learn more about the Thrive Rural Health Framework tool, designed to help leaders identify assets, implement strategies, and measure progress to advance rural prosperity, health, and well-being. November 15, 2022, 3:00 pm ET. [REGISTER](#)

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