



## BRIC Bulletin | April 2023

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](mailto:BRICinfo@chronicdisease.org).

### Quick Reference - Summary of Important Dates/Reminders

#### Required Technical Assistance Events and Important Dates/Information:

- **April 11:** BRIC All States Quarterly Call, Thank you Mississippi, New York, Texas for sharing. Recording can be found on the [BRIC States webpage under T/TA](#).
- **April 30:** Quarter 1 Invoice Due for Jan 1 – Mar 31 Reporting Period
- **May 24:** BRIC Webinar, 2:00-3:30 pm ET, Topic: Placemaking in Rural Setting [REGISTER](#)
- **July 11:** BRIC All States Quarterly Call, 3:00-4:00 pm ET
- **Week of August 28:** *Integrated Action Institute* in San Diego engaging both BRIC and SPINE (State Partnerships for Improving Nutrition and Equity) states for 1.5 days. We also anticipate one travel day (a workday) with most folks travelling home on Day 2, which is a half day. A one pager will be shared with additional detail as it is confirmed.

#### Grant Administration/Budget

- BRIC Year 3 period of performance has officially been extended beyond July 31, 2023, to December 31, 2023. Crystal will reach out to States to initiate the process of amending contracts to be reflective of this update.

#### Evaluation Update

##### Evaluation and Reporting

- No update

#### BRIC STATE Shout-Outs

##### BRIC North Carolina

One of BRIC NC's community partners, Mustard Seed Community Health, who became a partner in Year 2, has been focusing on food and nutrition security and social connectedness. They recently created a [video](#) documenting their work along with some great testimonials from the community. Reach out to [Tish Singletary](#) to learn more.

## Optional BRIC T/TA Opportunities

- **May 10 SPINE Peer Exchange: Integrating Lived Experience into Food and Nutrition Security Work**  
Hear lessons learned, best practices, and challenges from two State Partnerships Improving Nutrition & Equity (SPINE) States that have done well in incorporating lived experience in their food and nutrition security work. Also learn practical tips that you can employ to include lived experience in your work. Please come to the session prepared to discuss your work, how you have been incorporating lived experience, and any challenges you have faced in doing so. [REGISTER](#)
- **March 29 BRIC Webinar [Recording](#)** Integrating Social Connectedness into Nutrition and Physical Activity Strategies across the Lifespan.

## Select Funding Opportunities and New Resources related to BRIC Strategies

### Funding Opportunities

- **Lever for Change** funding opportunity, Yield Giving, is focused on elevating community-led, community-focused organizations working with people and in places experiencing the greatest need in the US. Interested organizations must register to apply before Friday, May 5, 2023. [Learn more.](#)
- **Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)** discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through planning and demonstration, and implementation grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Applications due July 10, 2023. [Learn more.](#)
  - In FY22, USDOT awarded \$800 million in grant awards for over 500 projects through the first round of SS4A funding. [View all of the SS4A 2022 Awards.](#)
- For additional funding opportunities, visit the [BRIC States webpage](#)

### Webinars and Meetings

- **New England Collaborative Stakeholder Convening** webinar Using Evidence Based Programs to address Social Isolation and Loneliness. May 9, 12:00-1:30 pm ET. [REGISTER](#)
- **NACDD's Learning and Discussion Series on the National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health (National Strategy)** Session 3 focusing on Pillar 2 – Integrating Nutrition and Health, May 18, 2:00-3:00 pm ET. [Register for this and upcoming monthly sessions.](#) Learn more about [NACDD in Action](#) in support of the White House National Strategy.
- Join **Healthy Places by Design's Socially Connected Communities Learning Network** for local government, community, and philanthropic leaders to explore concepts, and community-level strategies that reduce social isolation and strengthen social ties, especially for those who are most marginalized. Next session is on Tuesday, June 27, from 3:00-4:15 pm ET focused on Community Spaces, Placemaking, and Social Connection. For more information or to register, email [BeckyS@healthyplacesbydesign.org](mailto:BeckyS@healthyplacesbydesign.org).

### Sustainability

- *Milbank Quarterly* Special Centennial Issue (April 2023, Volume 101, Issue S1): [The Future of Population Health: Challenges & Opportunities](#). (Note: This issue is full of great articles addressing some of the great challenges facing public health today)

### Health Equity

- NEJM Catalyst, *Social Needs and SDOH: Impact on Patients & Communities* [webinar recording](#). (This was such a great session talking about the challenges of addressing social needs in healthcare)
- Ben Miller's April 13 blog post [Addressing Community Trauma](#). Defines the difference between individual trauma such as ACES and community trauma.
- Collective Impact Forum's April 18 [webinar](#) exploring their [Racial Equity Toolkit](#).

- Webinar (from 2022), presented by [NCHPAD](#), the [Lakeshore Foundation](#), and [UAB School of Health Professions](#) takes an in-depth look at ableism and how it impacts the daily lives of people with disabilities. Panelists and disability leaders share their insight and expertise on how we can individually and collectively reduce ableism to influence disability identity development. [Watch Part 1](#) and [Watch Part 2](#). *(Features the late Judy Heumann)*

### **Food and Nutrition Security**

- Partnership for a Healthier America's [Food Equity Opportunity Map](#) uses census data to highlight where high Food Equity exists.

### **Safe Physical Activity Access**

No Update

### **Social Connectedness**

- CDC's Division of Population Health recently launched a [new webpage](#) dedicated to Social Connectedness. Note reference to BRIC program!

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