



## BRIC Bulletin | July 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](mailto:BRICinfo@chronicdisease.org).

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

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

- **Aug 9:** All BRIC States Monthly Call, 3:00 – 4:00 ET.
  - We are at the beginning of the alphabet again! For our August call, we will ask 4-5 states to share 3-5 minutes on something you are proud of or perhaps challenged by; no slides needed. States on deck: Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Colorado and Hawai'i.
- **Aug 24:** BRIC/SPINE Monthly Webinar; Topic: Food and Nutrition Security, and Equity. More details to follow. Registration and more details coming soon!
- **July 22 Webinar Recording:** *Using Data Walks as an Approach to Engage Community and Advance Equity.* [RECORDING](#) (passcode datawalks22!) | [SLIDE DECK and RESOURCES](#)

#### Grant Administration/Budget

- No update.

#### Evaluation Update

- Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our semi-annual BRIC Training and Technical Assistance Survey. Your feedback is invaluable!

#### Optional BRIC Technical Assistance

- **Office Hours:**
  - Aug 3, 3:00-4:00 pm ET: Safe Physical Activity Access
  - Aug 16, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET: Health Equity
  - Aug 26, 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET: Food and Nutrition Security, Topic: Culturally relevant foods.
- **Aug 10 Peer Exchange, 3:00 – 4:15 pm ET,** Topic: Continue the conversation on examining whiteness in the food system and implications for BRIC work. [Register](#)

## BRIC STATE SHOUT-OUTS

**BRIC HI:** Congrats to the BRIC Hawai'i team on a successful **Play Streets event** for keiki and their 'ohana, along with [media recognition](#) during fourth of July weekend. The event provided fun outdoor activities to promote physical activity while opening opportunities to build social connections within the community. Play Streets are temporary street closures for a short time to create a safe, publicly accessible space for children and their families to engage in active play.

**BRIC UT:** BRIC Utah is leveraging exciting legislation passed in their state to advance and sustain their BRIC Food and Nutrition Security work and state partners. In March 2020, in response to COVID-19's impact on food insecurity, [legislation](#) was passed to form a temporary Food Security Task Force. A [recent bill](#) in early 2022 was passed to advance and fund the recommendations from the Task Force, creating The Food Security Council. Laura and other members of the BRIC team are actively involved in all these efforts! See [recent article](#) from USDA Utah State Nutrition Action Council.

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

#### **Funding Opportunities**

- From US DOT, **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program** (part of BIL). Funds will be awarded for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development. Applications are due on Oct 13, 2022. [APPLY](#)
  - Informational Webinar specifically for *tribal, rural, small local government and non-profit applicants, and explain eligibility and match requirements*, August 4, 2022, at 3:00 pm ET. [REGISTER](#)

#### **Food and Nutrition Security**

- New CDC DNPAO Resource, **Cultural Food Preferences in Food Service** This resource answers some of the frequently asked questions audiences may have when seeking to offer culturally preferred foods in food service. Federal, state, and local public health practitioners can use this resource to learn about how to identify which foods to offer, how to communicate with vendors, how to use policies and contracts to ensure culturally preferred foods are available, and more. [Learn More](#)

#### **Safe Physical Activity Access**

- CDC Resource, **What's Your Role? Parks, Recreation and Green Spaces** is an action guide for park and recreation professionals and those working with parks, on influencing community health and increasing physical activity through safe, equitable, and inclusive access to parks, trails, recreation areas, and green spaces. [READ MORE](#)
- From National Recreation and Park Association, **Community Wellness Hubs: A Toolkit for Advancing Community Health and Well-Being Through Parks and Recreation**. This toolkit is a first-of-its-kind resource that elevates the critical role park and recreation professionals play in advancing community health and well-being. [READ MORE](#)
- From the League of American Bicyclists, **2022 State and City Fact Sheets** aggregate data from various sources to provide a quick reference of biking and walking data. [STATE FACT SHEETS](#) | [CITY FACT SHEETS](#)
- Health and Human Services recent blog, **Get Active! Park, Trail and Greenway Infrastructure Interventions** features the latest Community Preventive Task Force recommendations for Physical Activity. [READ MORE](#)

- Recent Preventive Medicine article, *Observation of and intention to use new places and changed spaces for physical activity during the COVID-19 pandemic - United States, June 2021*. [READ ARTICLE](#)

### **Social Connectedness**

- County Healthy Rankings and Roadmaps and Healthy Places by Design webinar, ***Making Social Connections for Community Health*** with Risa Wilkerson, Healthy Places by Design and Eddie Garcia with the Foundation for Social Connection. [RECORDING](#).
- **988 suicide and crisis lifeline** went live across the US in July 2022. It will replace the 1-800 Suicide Prevention Hotline. Individuals can now call the lifeline (instead of 911) and be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. [LEARN MORE](#).
  - **Vibrant Emotional Health**, is the nonprofit administrator of the Lifeline and has been supporting states' implementation planning for 988.

### **Health Equity**

- Prevention Institute, Equitable Cities and CDC's DNPAO present ***Toward Equitable Transportation and Land Use Policies***. The webinar will highlight a new resource for local leaders working to advance equitable municipal transportation, land use, and built environment policies and interventions, August 2, 2022, 1:00-2:15 pm ET. [REGISTER](#) and [LEARN MORE](#) about the project and forthcoming resource.
- New report from Public Health Alliance of Southern California and the California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity, ***Supporting Communities and Local Public Health Departments During COVID-19 and Beyond: A Roadmap for Equitable and Transformative Change***. The report elevates best practices, including local public health department, community-based, healthcare, and philanthropic efforts, to support communities most vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19 throughout the response and recovery process. [EXECUTIVE SUMMARY](#) | [FULL REPORT](#)
- Report from ASTHO, ***Strategies to Operationalize Health Equity in State and Territorial Health Departments***. [READ MORE](#)

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