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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTH EQUITY PARTNERSHIP (CSHE-P)

Community Solutions for Health Equity Partnership (CSHE-P) is a national collaborative of community-based organizations working to address healthcare systems barriers and practices that perpetuate health inequities and harm in their local communities. CSHE was launched in 2019 funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

As the National Program Office (NPO), CSHE-P provides the 11 funded partner organizations:

- ➔ **Intentional Programmatic Spaces to Convene and Collaborate**
 - Knowledge Exchanges
 - Community Connection Hours
 - Skills & Strategies Sessions
 - Site Visits
 - In-Person Meetings
 - Working Groups
- ➔ **Technical Assistance Support**
 - Intentionally designed spaces that build strategies informed by evidence, experiential and institutional knowledge, bi-directional learning, and existing cultural practices.
- ➔ **National Advisory Council**
 - This leadership advisory group provides partnership and support from strategists, researchers, organizers, and collaborators as resources that contribute to the governance and programmatic design of CSHE.



WELCOME TO CSHE'S TRANSFORMED TA DIRECTORY!

CSHE's Technical Assistance Directory features partner organizations, individuals and consultants specializing in health equity, social innovation, organizing, research, evaluation, healing justice, and civil rights advocacy. This directory ensures that our community has access to specialized expertise and critical resources that drive systemic transformation of our health care system.

This directory is a reflection of the years of purposeful relationship-building, constructive dialogue, and collaborative growth. With each interaction CSHE has had throughout its development, we have learned and taught something along the way. The resources listed here are a compilation of funded partner organizations, technical assistance organizations, and other collaborators that have allowed the program to evolve to meet the ever-changing needs of the communities we serve.

CSHE's Transformed TA Approach

Since 2020, CSHE-P's Technical Assistance (TA) approach has evolved to center community knowledge, experiences, and grassroots solutions. This year, we will launch a refined TA Model designed to foster deeper collaboration and knowledge exchange, strengthening the experiential knowledge and power of the communities we serve.

Our refined and transformed TA model embraces a collaborative approach where every participant—whether representing a community, institution, or organization—is both a student and a teacher. Through intentionally designed spaces, we will cultivate innovation and transformation by facilitating meaningful exchanges of knowledge, strategies, and lived expertise.

Our knowledge exchange practices will expand beyond virtual engagements to include in person opportunities for collaboration among our partners. These spaces will include Community Connection Hours, Skills and Strategy Sessions, Interactive Training Sessions, Knowledge Exchange Series, Committees and Working Groups, Site Visits & Cultural Exchanges, and One-on-One Technical Assistance.



How to Use this Guide

The goal of this tool is for CSHE partners to tap into the network of skills and strategies that contribute to our community. CSHE understands that our community funded partners' experiences have enriched their perspectives and strategies. This tool creates a path for connection through CSHE that allows our partnership to request one-on-one interactions and technical assistance with individuals and organizations within our network.

For our 11 funded partners, here are the steps to follow to request technical assistance connections through CSHE:

Browse

Browse our TA Directory to determine what skill/strategy you would like to explore.

- Your search can be based off a specific set of skills, or you can directly select an organization or contributing individual that you would like to work with.
- All the resource categories will be organized in alphabetical order:
 - CSHE Funded Partners
 - Technical Assistance Partner Organizations
 - Technical Assistance Contractors



Connect

Connect with CSHE's Program Director to express your interest in a resource from the TA Directory.

- The Program Director will engage with you to learn about what kind of skills/strategies you would like to learn or implement and who you would like to connect with.
- The Program Director will then provide an inquiry form to gather the information and begin processing the request.



Request

Request your Technical Assistance support by submitting the form provided by CSHE's Program Director.

- Once the form is submitted the CSHE Team will work on coordinating space for you and the resource requested to meet and facilitate the initial technical assistance meeting.
- This process will inform CSHE's practices, strategies, and programmatic strategic direction.



Directory Elements

The resource organizations and individuals in this Transformed Technical Assistance Directory will be organized into two main groups:

Funded Partner Organizations

The term used to describe the 11 organizations funded through the CSHE Partnership (CSHE-P).

Technical Assistance Partner Organizations/Contractors

Organizations and contractors that CSHE has learned from through the expansion of our network. These are experts that have been vetted to work directly with CSHE, and we believe they will bring excellent contributions to our shared learning and strategy.

The directory includes the following information:

| Organization/Contractor's Name (Location) | | |
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| Organization logo or Contractor Headshot | Brief description of the mission and services they provide | Skills/Strategies - tool that allows folks to know at a glance what this individual/ organization provides (i.e. power mapping, language justices, etc.) |
| | CSHE Partner Contact Information Name - email Organization website (if applicable) | |

CSHE-National Program Office TEAM

Karla Walker/ Executive Director (Randolph, MA)



Karla Walker is the Executive Director for Community Solutions for Health Equity Partnership (CSHE-P), a program hosted at the Cultural Wellness Center (CWC) and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). CSHE-P is a collaborative of 11 community-based organizations across the United States working to address healthcare system barriers and practices that perpetuate health inequities in their local communities. By shifting mindsets, behaviors, and conditions, CSHE seeks to influence systemic changes in healthcare to promote community wellness and health justice.

CSHE Partner Contact Information
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Skills/Strategies

- Leadership Development
- Curriculum Building
- Building Institutional Alliances

Mariana Fernández Aponte/ Communications Director (San Juan, PR)



Mariana Fernández Aponte is a strategic communications professional who transforms complex social issues into compelling narratives honoring community voices and stories. As Director of Communications for Community Solutions for Health Equity Partnership (CSHE-P), she specializes in crafting messages that amplify critical conversations about health equity, cultural practices, and systemic change.

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Skills/Strategies

- Communications Strategy
- Digital Strategy
- Ethical Storytelling
- Social Media Strategy and Content Development

CSHE TEAM - Continued

Alexis B. Major/ Senior Director of Programming (Fitchburg, MA)



Alexis Major brings passion, heart, and deep experience to her role as Senior Director of Programming at CSHE. A natural connector and visionary, she leads with intention, centering people, power, and possibility in all she does. Alexis draws from over a decade of experience in grassroots organizing, youth development, systems change, and leadership coaching. At CSHE, she leads programming that's dynamic, culturally rooted, and community-powered. She believes in co-creating spaces where people feel seen, supported, and inspired to lead boldly. When she's not mapping out strategy or dreaming up curriculum, Alexis can be found holding space for big ideas, mentoring rising leaders, or curating joy-filled gatherings. Her approach blends structure with soul, always grounded in equity, learning, and love..



Skills/Strategies

- Curriculum Design
- Facilitation
- Technical Assistance & Certified Life Coach
- Program Strategy
- Certified CCAT Facilitator
- Partnership Development
- Youth Development
- Healing Justice & Wellness Practices

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Ify Nwakudu (Atlanta, GA)



Ifeoma (Ify) Nwakudu is the Operations Manager at CSHE, where she leads operational strategy and infrastructure development. With a background in nonprofit management and process design, she oversees cross-functional initiatives and translates complex ideas into streamlined, actionable workflows—ensuring alignment between vision and execution.

Passionate about building systems that are both effective and values-driven, Ify is committed to operational excellence that reflects and supports the communities CSHE serves.



Skills/Strategies

- Operational Strategy & Management
- Nonprofit Management
- Process Design & Optimization
- Cross-Functional Leadership

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Collaborative Parent Leadership Network (CPLAN) (Boston, MA)



The Collaborative Parent Leadership Advocacy Network (CPLAN) is a nonprofit organization and statewide coalition dedicated to nurturing parent leaders in educational advocacy throughout Massachusetts. Using a holistic approach with a racial justice lens, we strive to create an inclusive, informed, and collaborative educational landscape for the benefit of students, families, and the larger community.

CSHE Partner Contact Information
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Skills/Strategies

- Capacity Building
- Community Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Curriculum Building
- Organizational Structure

Community Solutions for Health Equity-National Program Office (Boston, MA)



The CSHE program works to uplift community histories, viable solutions, and cultural priorities around wellbeing and health justice, to inform and influence the conditions & changes that are necessary for equitable health care systems transformation.

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Skills/Strategies

- Strategy & Leadership Development
- Curriculum & Facilitation
- Communications & Storytelling
- Healing & Coaching

Design Impact (Cincinnati, OH)



Design Impact is a 501(c)3 social innovation consultancy. We use co-design to help partners solve problems and drive social change more inclusively and effectively. We work with nonprofits, grantmakers, government agencies, educational, cultural, and arts institutions, hospitals, and community groups across the country. Our work is rooted in our belief that sustainable social change lies at the intersection of creativity, equity, and leadership.

CSHE Partner Contact Information
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Skills/Strategies

- Power Mapping
- Capacity Building
- Community Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Evaluation and Research
- Curriculum Building

Iniciativa Comunitaria (San Juan, PR)



Iniciativa Comunitaria de Investigación, Inc, (ICI) is a community-based organization that promotes health, education and prevention services to special populations that have been marginalized by traditional health systems. We offer physical and mental health services to people with problematic drug use, living with HIV/AIDS, homeless people and young people exposed to social risk scenarios.

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Skills/Strategies

- Capacity Building
- Community Engagement
- Mental Wellness Practices
- Intersectionality
- Education on the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

FACES International (Allentown, PA)



We offer a comprehensive approach to organizational development with strategic consulting to enhance your culture, brand, and market position.

CSHE Partner Contact Information
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Skills/Strategies

- Brand Development
- Strategic Planning
- Strategic Consulting
- Executive Coaching
- Personnel Development

Institute for Community Health (ICH) (Malden, MA)



ICH is a nonprofit consulting organization with a mission to improve community health through participatory evaluation, applied research, planning and assessment, and training and technical assistance. The cornerstone of our mission is a commitment to community engagement throughout our work, and a deep appreciation for the diverse experiences and values that communities contribute to health improvement.

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Skills/Strategies

- Language Justice
- Capacity Building
- Evaluation and Research
- Data Analysis

Native American Women's Dialogue on Infant Mortality (Seattle, WA)



In our mission to keep our Native babies and mothers alive and safe, we hold a circle of community care – a protective, supportive, welcoming, and sacred place for Native mothers, birthing people, advocates, community members and providers to gather, learn collectively and support each other. Our work has grown to include Indigenous Birth Equity and its intersections with BIPOC movements for Birth Justice.

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Skills/Strategies

- Cultural Self-Study
- Power Mapping
- Community Engagement
- Policy Strategy
- Relationship building with Indigenous Birth Equity movement leaders

Amelia French - Black Independence LLC (Washington, DC)



Black Independence LLC was created to heal the harms of racism inflicted upon the Black community. We assist companies in developing strategic plans, grant proposals, and programs that empower and uplift the Black community. We also offer Reiki and energy healing services in 1-1 and group sessions.

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Skills/Strategies



- Policy Strategy
- Power Mapping
- Capacity Building
- Organizational Structure
- Cultural Self Study
- Community Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Somatic Healing Practices
- Curriculum Building
- Mental Wellness Practices

Brian Johns - Virginia Organizing (Charlottesville, VA)



Virginia Organizing is a non-partisan statewide grassroots organization dedicated to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect the quality of their lives. Virginia Organizing especially encourages the participation of those who have traditionally had little or no voice in our society. By building relationships with individuals and groups throughout the state, Virginia Organizing strives to get them to work together, democratically and non-violently, for change.

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Skills/Strategies



- Power Mapping
- Capacity Building
- Organizational Structure
- Intersectionality
- Community Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Campaign Building
- Policy Strategy
- Building Institutional Alliances

Gail Graham (Baltimore, MD)



Gail Graham, Director of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church HIV/ AIDS Outreach Services Program, consistently engages the community at large, currently serving as one of the representatives for Johns Hopkins University ACTG/ HIV Prevention & Treatment Group, and frequently speaking about her personal story of living with HIV for 27 years. Gail is known for being a Patient Professor who teaches health care providers about how their actions affect the patient's experience when addressing HIV/AIDS.



Skills/Strategies

- Community Engagement
- Leadership Development

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Dr. Hasshan Batts (Allentown, PA)



A visionary strategist, executive coach, and keynote speaker specializing in developing transformational strategies that drive systemic change in health equity, reentry, violence prevention, and trisector partnerships. Focused on guiding organizations, leaders, and movements in shaping bold, equity-centered strategies that center community wisdom, healing, and sustainable impact. Providing technical assistance, coaching, and strategic advising to CSHE's 11 partner sites.



Skills/Strategies

- Power Mapping
- Capacity Building
- Organizational Structure
- Intersectionality
- Community Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Evaluation and Research
- Campaign Building
- Building Institutional Alliances

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Kim Pevia (Red Springs, NC)



By helping us return to our bodies, we can access the present moment, the wisdom available to us and the spiritual guidance of all things and beings around us. There is a place to which we can always return. Inside ourselves-HOME.



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- Power Mapping
- Capacity Building
- Organizational Structure
- Intersectionality
- Community Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Cultural Study
- Somatic Healing Practices
- Building Institutional Alliances
- Mental Wellness Practices

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Kimberley Alexander (Baltimore, MD)



Kimberley Alexander is the Executive Director of B-InPowerD, LLC. This organization supports private and public community organizations on optimizing their reach through meaningful connection with their constituency and strategic partners, utilizing professional coaching, and program development and management. B-InPowerD is also committed to introducing ways to achieve personal growth, mindfulness techniques, and proper rest within organizational structure for all employees!

Skills/Strategies



- Disability Inclusive Practices
- Capacity Building
- Organizational Structure
- Cultural Study
- Intersectionality
- Community Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Evaluation and Research
- Mental Wellness Practices
- Curriculum Building
- Policy Strategy
- Building Institutional Alliances

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Dr. Stella Safo, MD, MPH (New York, NY)



Dr. Stella Safo MD MPH is a board-certified HIV primary care physician, public health advocate, and the founder of Just Equity for Health, a healthcare improvement company that uses advocacy, education and care model design to ensure equitable care delivery across all sectors of medicine. Dr. Safo has experience in clinical transformation and healthcare redesign in academic and corporate healthcare settings. In addition to her commitment to population health and care model design, Dr. Safo is dedicated to equity within health care. She is a founding member of several organizations dedicated to gender and racial equity and to civic engagement in medicine. She co-created the Green Book for Health with ARIAH Foundation to empower and guide Black people in their healthcare journeys.



Skills/Strategies

- Intersectionality
- Community Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Evaluation and Research
- Curriculum Building
- Building Institutional Alliances

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Tekisha Everette - TDE Consulting Group (Fort Washington, MD)

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|  | <p>TDE Consulting Group is a consulting collective designed to provide talented, driven, and effective support to organizations, teams, and individuals committed to driving social equity change within their organization and society as a whole. Centered on racial equity and intersectionality, TDE Consulting Group provides leadership and expertise in several areas, including but not limited to health and health care equity.</p> |  <p>Skills/Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Building • Policy Strategy • Building Institutional Alliances • Leadership Development • Community Engagement • Intersectionality • Organizational Structure |
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