

Bridging Human and Health Services Across Climate Justice

Capstone Summit – Strengthening Partnerships for Healthy, Climate Resilient, and Thriving Communities

A capstone summit is planned for August 2, 2023, which will be attended by national associations and national community leaders in the fields of Environmental Justice and Climate change. At this summit one final focus group will be held. This final focus group provides opportunity for national leadership to express concerns, ideas, and actions to the federal conveners.

Purpose and use of information: The information collected will help inform ACF of possible adaptations that may be appropriate to programs, delivery of programs, and technical assistance resources and ensure that federal resources are accessible and responsive to identified community needs as related to environmental justice and the impacts of climate change on local communities.

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SUMMIT FOCUS GROUP PROTOCOL

Participant Characteristics

A compilation of invitees from national public health and human service associations, collaborators, and national leaders in the fields of environmental justice and climate change. Participants are those who work locally across a broad spectrum of human service and community well-being issues from a variety of organizations.

Introduction

Facilitator introduces self and any team members, reviews ground rules with participants, and asks for participants' brief personal background.

- Thank you for joining today's meeting. My name is _____ and we are conducting one focus group as part of today's summit.
- The purpose is to better understand the environmental and climate justice issues in which your organization/community you represent is involved and recognize how existing health and human service programs addresses these concerns.
- We wish to better understand challenges and possible gaps in service.
- This focus group will last 45 minutes and be broken into 3, 15-minute segments:

- o Your participation is voluntary, and you have the right to stop speaking or participating at any time. If your facilitator asks any questions you do not wish to answer, you do not have to respond.
 - o There are no wrong answers; we just want to know what you think.
 - o Unless anyone objects, we will audio-record the meeting today. The recordings will only be used to confirm our notes and allow us to revisit this conversation. Additional project staff may hear the tapes at a later date. However, your name and personal information will be removed from any quotes and will not be used in any of our summaries.
 - o This conversation is entirely focused on environmental justice and climate change concerns, resources, or gaps in addressing said issues in your organization and/or the community you represent.
- Do you have any questions before we begin?

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Part 1 – 15 minutes

- What are the major climate justice and disaster resilience concerns and issues your organization or community is facing?
 - o Are you engaging or addressing these challenges? If so, how?

Part 2 – 15 minutes

- What challenges or barriers do you see in developing and incorporating climate resilience into existing health and human service programs and activities?
 - o What opportunities or innovations do you see to address these gaps?
 - o How can these opportunities or innovations improve the development and incorporation of climate resilience health and human services programs and activities?

Part 3 – 15 minutes

- How can partners, associations, or other entities strengthen alignment between health and human services in addressing climate change and health equity?
 - o Who else should be included in these discussions and what could they add to the conversation?