

# Diabetes Prevention for Patients of Color at Community Health Centers

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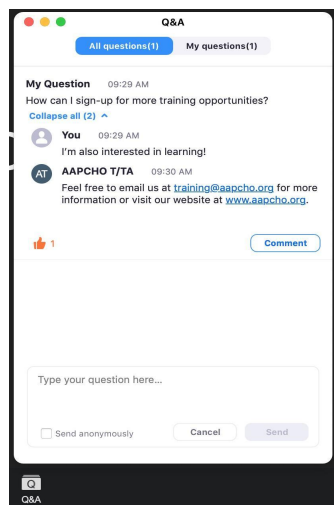
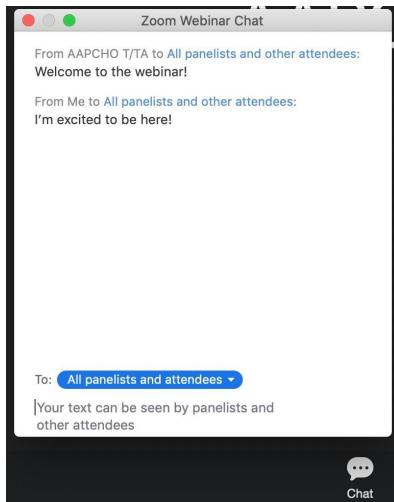


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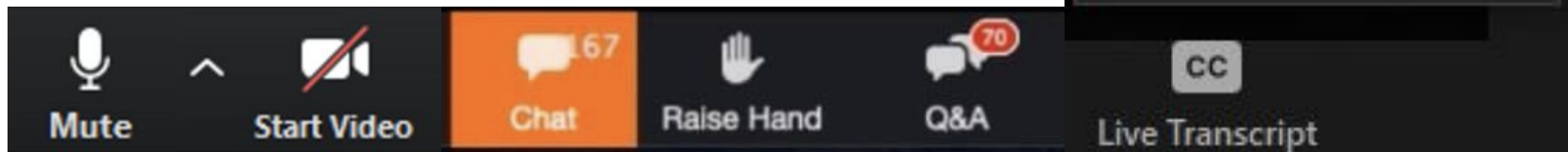
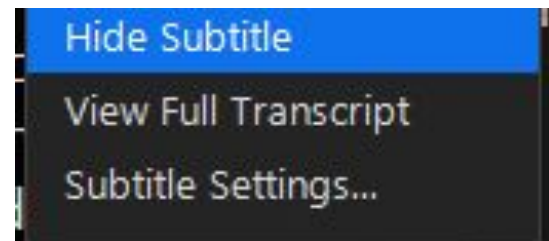
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# Patients of color

Patients who self-report as Hispanic/Latino and non Hispanic/Latino Black/African American, Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and more than one race.

Source: [Health Center COVID-19 Vaccinations Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Patients](#), HRSA

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To increase knowledge regarding the health challenges and disparities for **patients of color** with respect to **diabetes and prediabetes**.
- To identify **culturally and linguistically responsive quality improvement (QI) strategies** that influence health behaviors and health seeking practices among patients of color in diabetes prevention.
- To **foster discussion** regarding QI strategies and **resources** that target patients of color with prediabetes.



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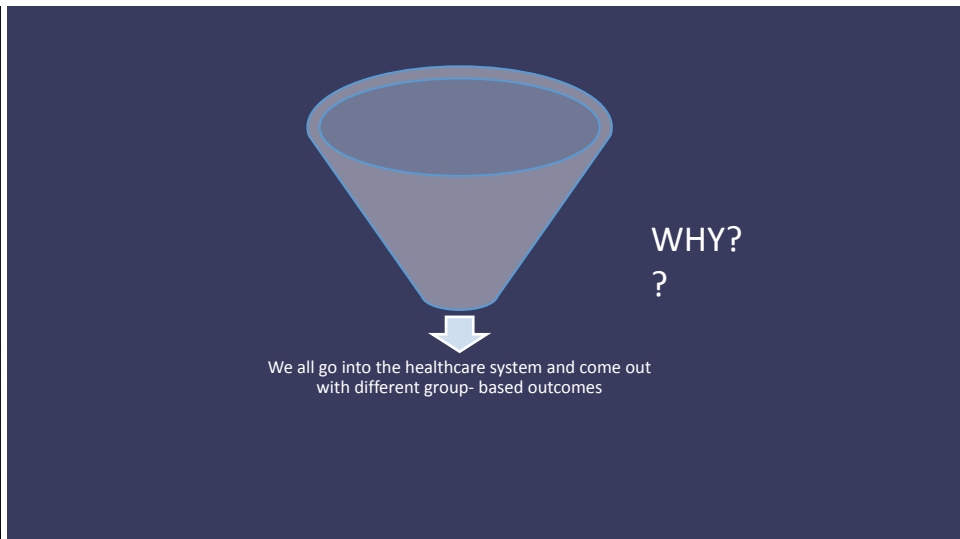
- ✓ Introduction (10 minutes)
- ✓ Overview: Racism, Inequity, and Health (25 minutes)
- ✓ Voices from the field: Kōkua Kalihi Valley (25 minutes)
- ✓ Q&A (25 minutes)
- ✓ Closing (5 minutes)





How systemic racism and inequity affect chronic conditions like diabetes.

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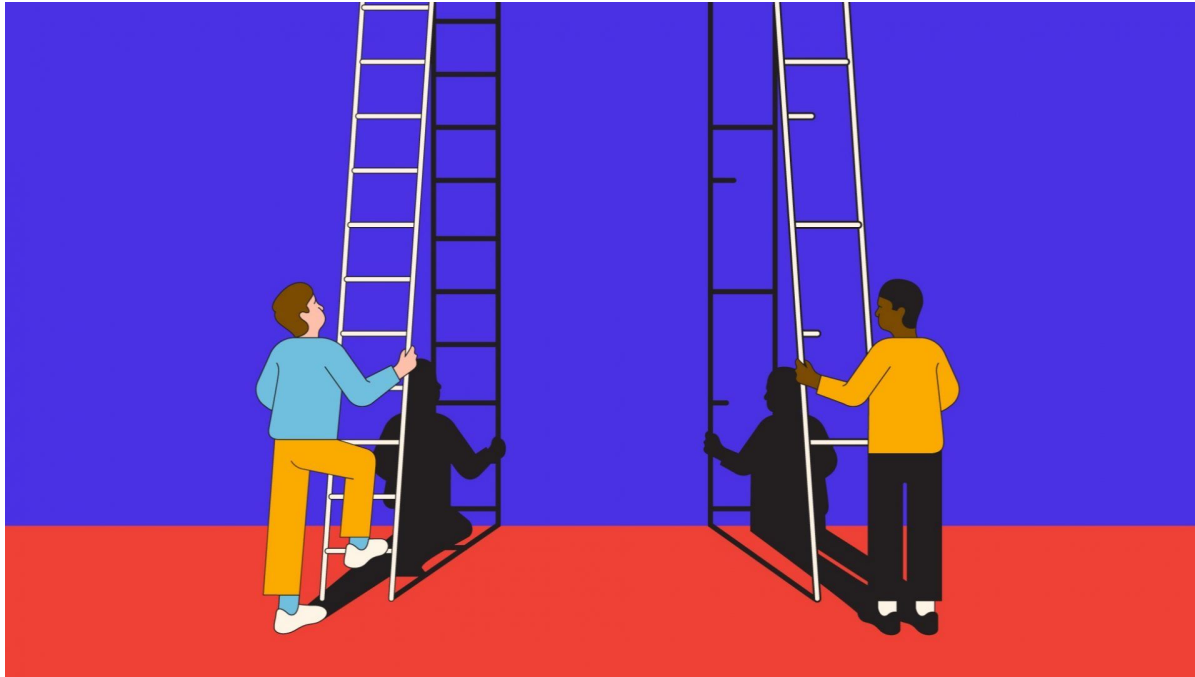


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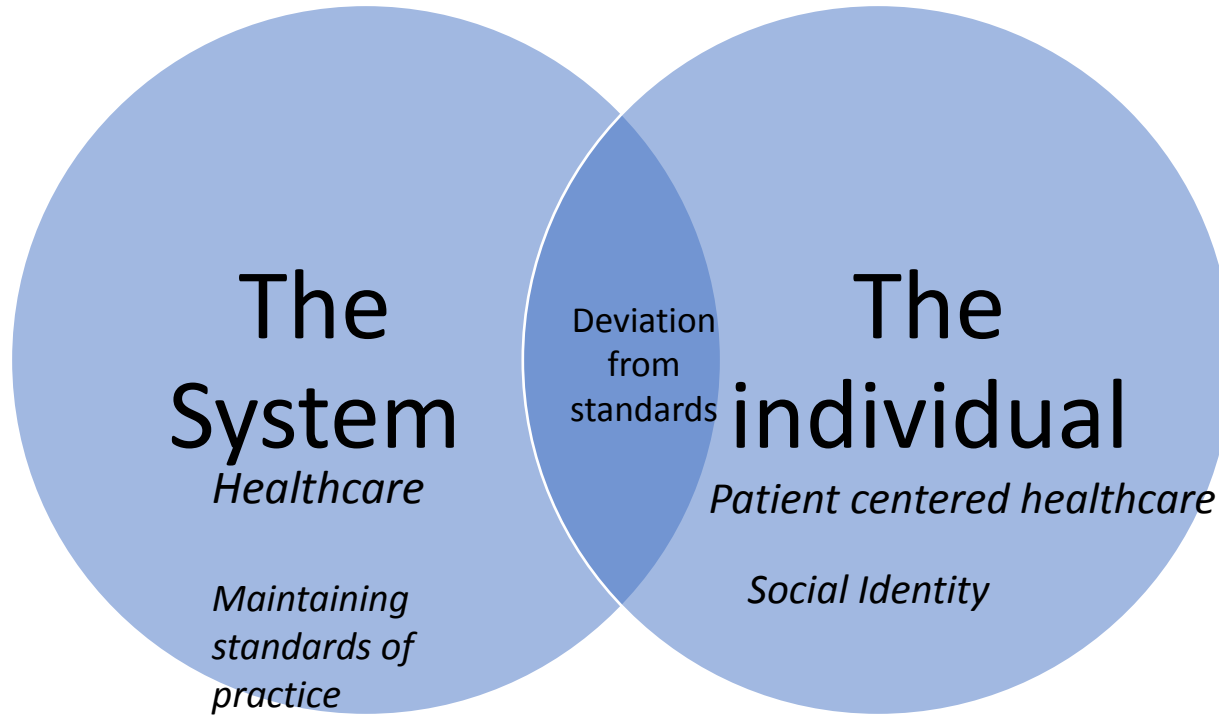


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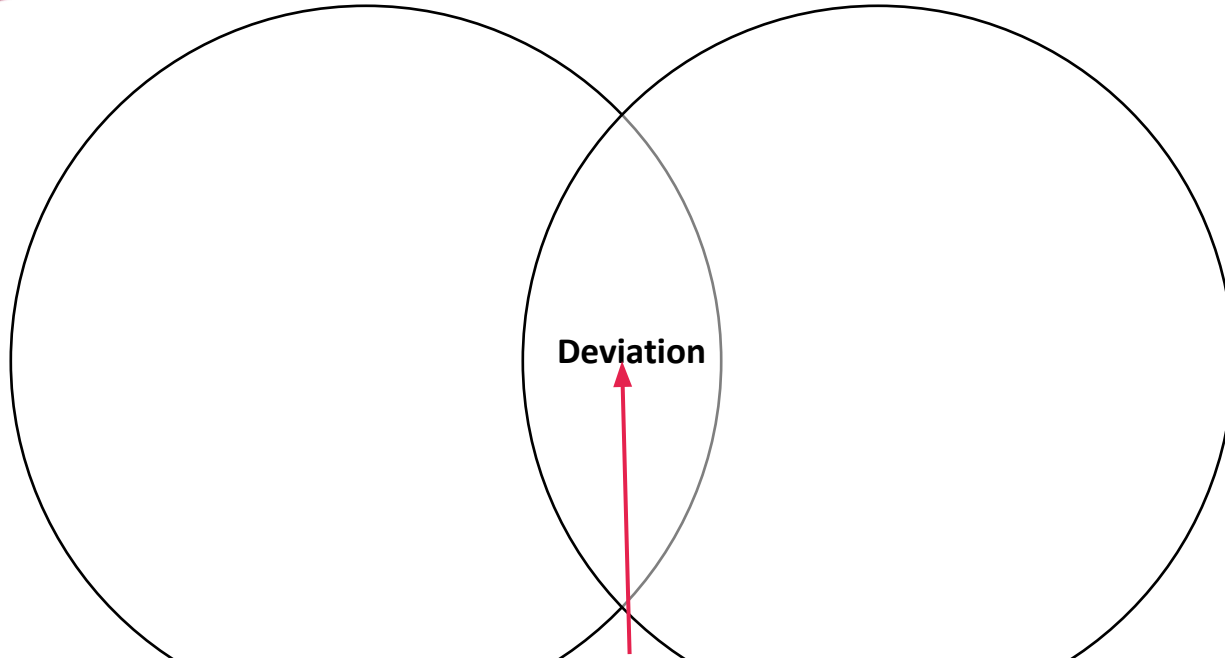
Systemic racism hides in plain sight



How does  
Systemic  
Racism  
Manifest in  
Health Care??



We need to push in new directions



**We need to crack this  
code**



# Racism is a Public Health Crisis

Mayor Walsh declares racism a public health crisis in Boston, will seek to transfer 20% of police overtime budget to social services

By Dasia Moore and Milton J. Valencia Globe Staff, Updated June 12, 2020, 12:13 p.m.





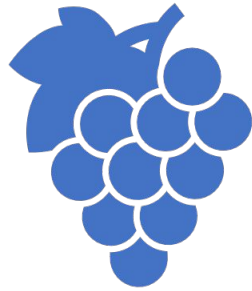


# World Health Organization definition for Social Determinants of Health

- The social determinants of health are the circumstances in which people are born, grow up, live, work and age, and the systems put in place to deal with illness. These circumstances are in turn shaped by a wider set of forces: economics, social policies, and politics



# Syndemic or Pandemic



A **Syndemic** involves a set of enmeshed and mutually enhancing health problems that, working together in a context of noxious social and physical conditions, can significantly affect the overall disease burden and health status of a population  
*(Merrill Singer, 2009)*



A **Pandemic** is the worldwide spread of a new disease  
*(World Health Organization, 2010)*



# Poll

According to the definition, Covid is a Syndemic more than a Pandemic

Agree

Disagree

# 2014-2015 Health of Boston

## Social Determinants of Health

Boston Public Health Commission



- Employment
- Access to Healthy Food
- Access to Health Care
- Exposure to Violence
- Insurance Coverage
- Education
- Access to Health Resources
- Income
- Housing Conditions
- Transportation Options
- Environmental Safety
- Occupational Safety

Diabetes and the social determinants of health

Access to Health Care

Disproportionate effect



“Let’s not talk about race.”

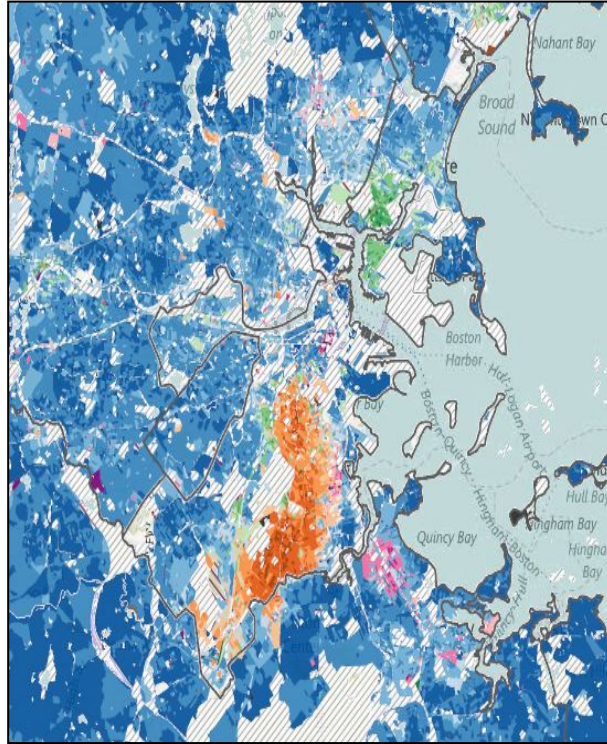
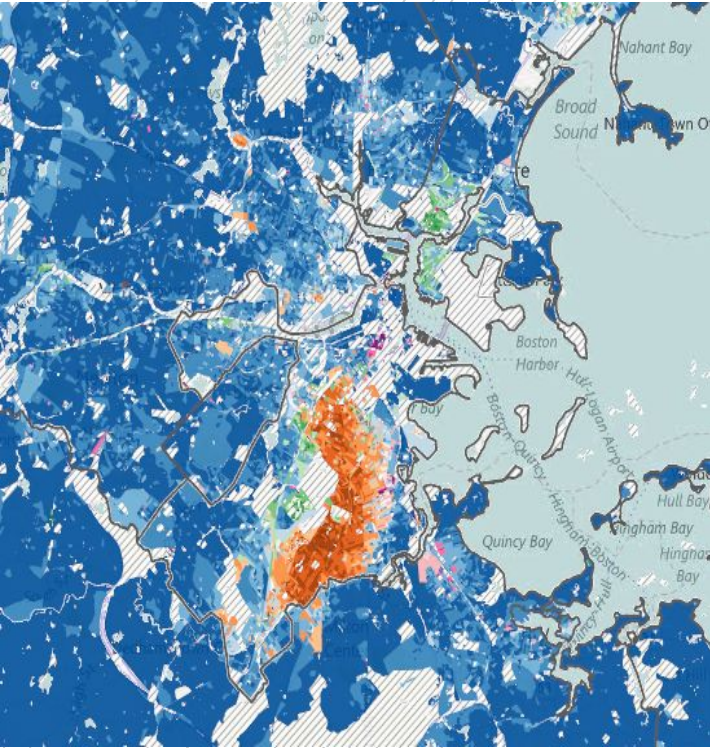


# Shadow Boxing With Systemic Racism

# TIME



- 1930s Social Security excluded domestic and agricultural workers.
- Post WWII Federal policy associated black presence with reduced home values.
- Drug Sentencing laws differentially applied based on race
- Black neighborhoods rife with pollution, food deserts
- Black children attend under-resourced schools
- Black voting rights compromised



The first factor leading to white fragility is the segregated lives which most White people live (Frankenberg, Lee & Orfield 2003)

Because Whites live primarily segregated lives in a white-dominated society, they receive little or no authentic information about racism and are thus unprepared to think about it critically or with complexity.





# Life Expectancy

Education and income are directly linked to health: Communities with weak tax bases cannot support high-quality schools and jobs are often scarce in neighborhoods with struggling economies.

Unsafe or unhealthy housing exposes residents to allergens and other hazards like overcrowding. Stores and restaurants selling unhealthy food may outnumber markets with fresh produce or restaurants with nutritious food.

Opportunities for residents to exercise, walk, or cycle may be limited, and some neighborhoods are unsafe for children to play outside.

Proximity to highways, factories, or other sources of toxic agents may expose residents to pollutants.

Access to primary care doctors and good hospitals may be limited.

Unreliable or expensive public transit can isolate residents from good jobs, health and child-care, and social services.

Residential segregation and features that isolate communities (e.g., highways) can limit social cohesion, stifle economic growth, and perpetuate cycles of poverty.



## Percent of families below the poverty line by T stop, 2008-2012



Poverty in Boston, Boston Redevelopment Authority, Research Division, March 2014.  
<https://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.com/infocenter/mapping/01-14/763-956/4343-afly241-3901x8aa/> Accessed February 23, 2015.



## Percent of adults with diabetes by T stop, 2010





...despite the fact that the geographic distance between these areas is so small...





Percent of adults with diabetes by T stop, 2010



Health in Boston 2012-2013. A neighborhood focus. Boston Public Health Commission.  
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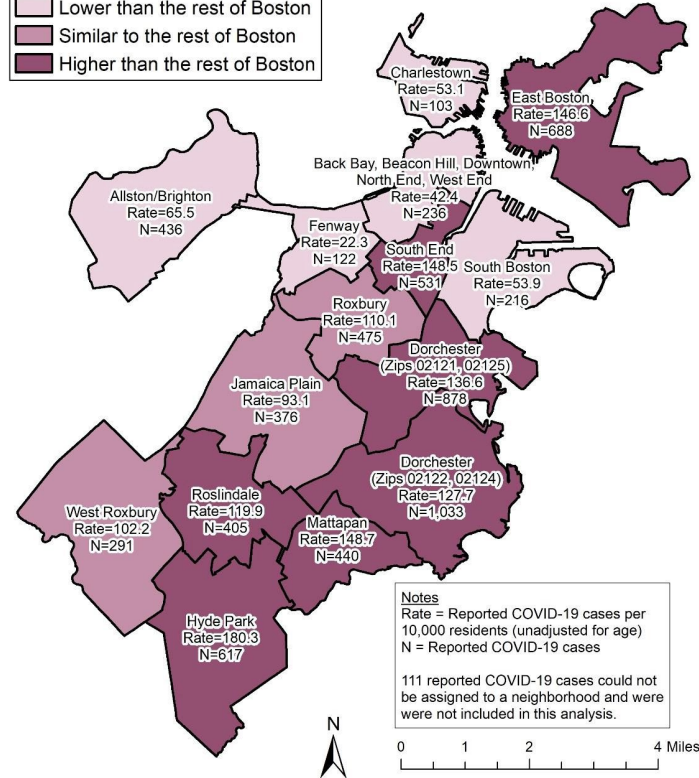


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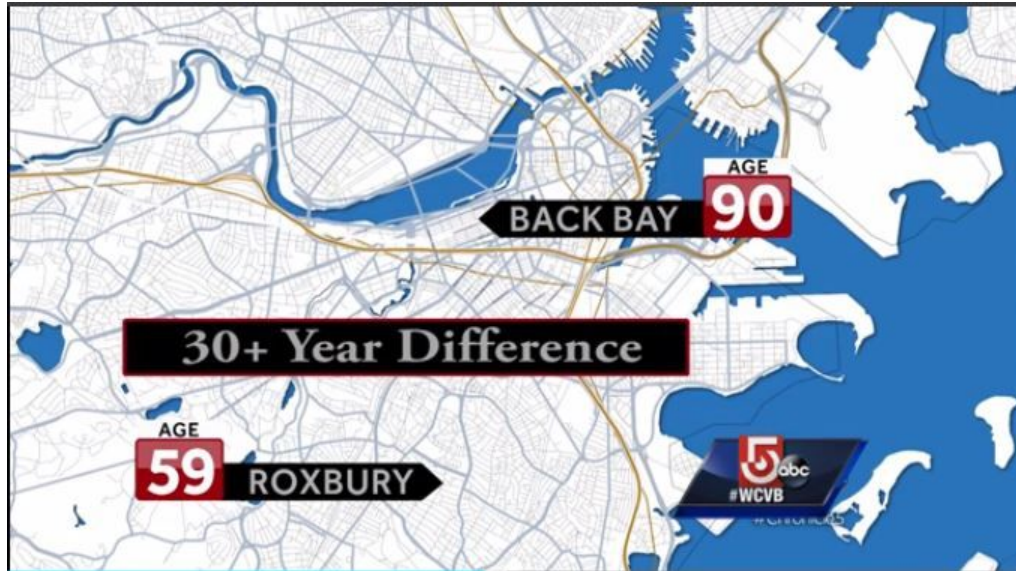
### COVID-19 rate (unadjusted for age)

- Lower than the rest of Boston
- Similar to the rest of Boston
- Higher than the rest of Boston

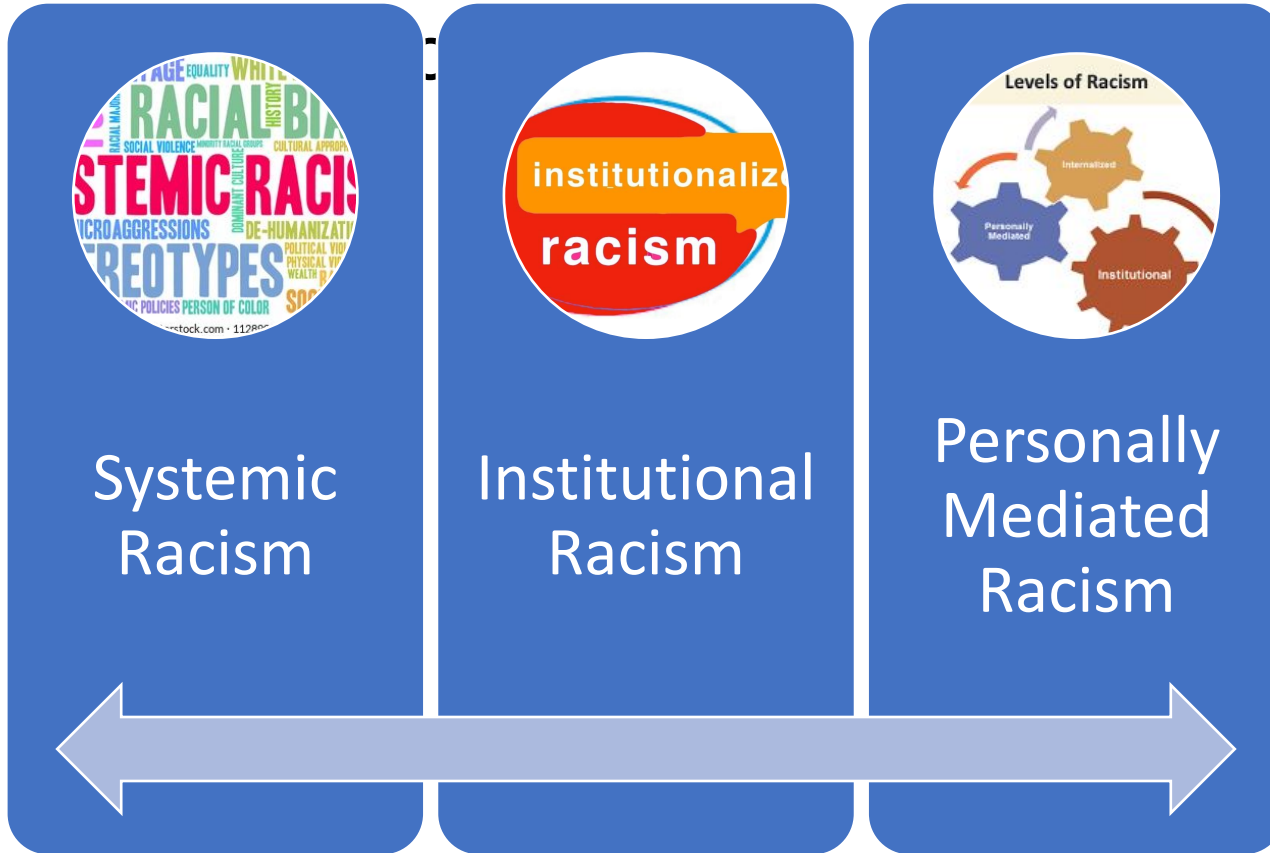
**Boston**  
 Rate = 102.4 reported cases per 10,000 residents  
 N = 6,958 reported cases



DATA SOURCE: Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Surveillance System (January 1, 2020 to April 23, 2020, 4:06pm); U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 5-yr estimates (2014-2018)  
 DATA ANALYSIS: Boston Public Health Commission, Research and Evaluation Office



CHANCE







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## ASPECTS & ASSUMPTIONS OF WHITENESS & WHITE CULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES

White dominant culture, or **whiteness**, refers to the ways white people and their traditions, attitudes and ways of life have been normalized over time and are now considered standard practices in the United States. And since white people still hold most of the institutional power in America, we have all internalized some aspects of white culture — including a number of color.

**Rugged Individualism**

- The individual is the primary unit
- Self-reliance
- Independence & autonomy highly valued & rewarded
- Individuals assumed to be in control of their environment, "You get what you deserve"

**Family Structure**

- The nuclear family: father, mother, 2.3 children is the ideal social unit
- Husband is breadwinner and head of household
- Wife is homemaker and subordinate to the husband
- Children should have own rooms, be independent

**Emphasis on Scientific Method**

- Objective, rational linear thinking
- Cause and effect relationships
- Quantitative emphasis

**History**

- Based on Northern European immigrants' experience in the United States
- Heavy focus on the British Empire
- The primacy of Western (Greek, Roman) and Judeo-Christian tradition

**Protestant Work Ethic**

- Hard work is the key to success
- Work before play
- "If you didn't meet your goals, you didn't work hard enough"

**Religion**

- Christianity is the norm
- Anything other than Judeo-Christian tradition is foreign
- No tolerance for deviation from single god concept

**Status, Power & Authority**

- Wealth = worth
- Your job is who you are
- Respect authority
- Heavy value on ownership of goods, space, property

**Future Orientation**

- Plan for future
- Delayed gratification
- Progress is always best
- "Tomorrow will be better"

**Time**

- Follow rigid time schedules
- Time viewed as a commodity

**Aesthetics**

- Based on European culture
- Steak and potatoes, "bland is best"
- Woman's beauty based on blonde, thin – "Barbie"
- Man's attractiveness based on economic status, power, intellect

**Holidays**

- Based on Christian religions
- Based on white history & male leaders

**Justice**

- Based on English common law
- Protect property & entitlements
- Intent counts

**Competition**

- Be #1
- Win at all costs
- Winner/loser dichotomy
- Action Orientation
- Master and control nature
- Must always "do something" about a situation
- Aggressiveness and Extroversion
- Decision-Making
- Majority rules (when Whites have power)

**Communication**

- "The King's English" rules
- Written tradition
- Avoid conflict, intimacy
- Don't show emotion
- Don't discuss personal life
- Be polite



# RACE BASED IDEAS IN MEDICINE

- Blacks age more slowly than whites
- Blacks' nerve endings are less sensitive than whites
- Whites have larger brains than blacks
- Whites are less susceptible to heart disease than blacks
- Blacks are less likely to contract spinal cord diseases
- Whites have a better sense of hearing compared to blacks
- Black skin is thicker than white
- Blacks have denser, stronger bones than whites
- Blacks have a more sensitive sense of smell than whites
- Whites have a more efficient respiratory system than blacks
- Blacks are better at detecting movement than whites
- Blacks have a stronger immune system than whites



# Race in Medicine

- Many clinicians have heard or been formally taught that Black people don't feel pain as acutely as white people because they have different biology. Black bodies have fewer nerve endings than white bodies, they've been told. Black skin is thicker than white skin, they've learned. Digging deeper reveals that these notions, as old as transatlantic slavery, have no evidence behind them. Yet a 2016 survey in PNAS of white medical students and residents found that half of the respondents still believe and act on them.
- Spirometry is an oft-cited example. Diagnosing or monitoring the status of lung conditions such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease commonly involves this test, in which a machine measures the force and volume of a patient's exhalations, calculates the lung capacity, and determines whether it's within normal range. The ranges considered normal are adjusted downward for shorter and older people and women, who've been shown to have lower lung capacity than taller and younger people and men of comparable health. Ranges also are lowered for Black, Hispanic, and Asian people.
- How slavery-era stereotypes regarding the shape of Black and white women's pelvises continue to appear in textbooks and to factor into clinical decisions such as whether to recommend attempting vaginal birth after a cesarean delivery





# Personally Mediated Racism

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- Intentional
- Unintentional
- Acts of Commission
- Acts of Omission
- Maintains structural barriers
- Condoned by Societal norms



# Why No Cognitive Dissonance: Why “they” don’t know they’re being offensive or biased?



Aligned with policy and procedures



Decision is one of several acceptable choices



No challenger to decision choice



# Poll

One key to dismantling racism is to create Cognitive Dissonance.

Agree

Disagree



## Cost

When your earnings don't cover your expenses.



- 
- Diabetes self-management





## Six states have syringe prescription laws that are a significant barrier to syringe access:

- California.
- Delaware.
- Illinois.
- Massachusetts.
- New Jersey.
- Pennsylvania.

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Medicine? Or Medical Equipment?



•\$70.00 per prescription



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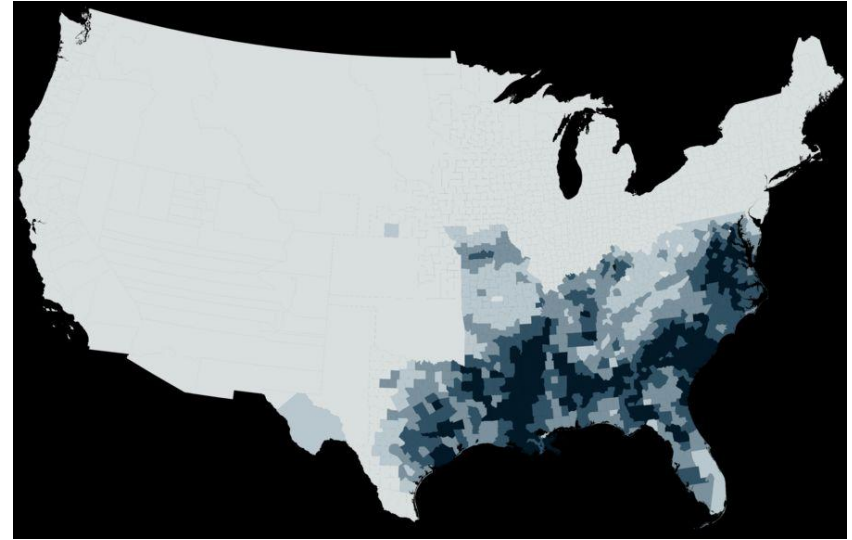
- The Black American Amputation Epidemic
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- May 19, 2020



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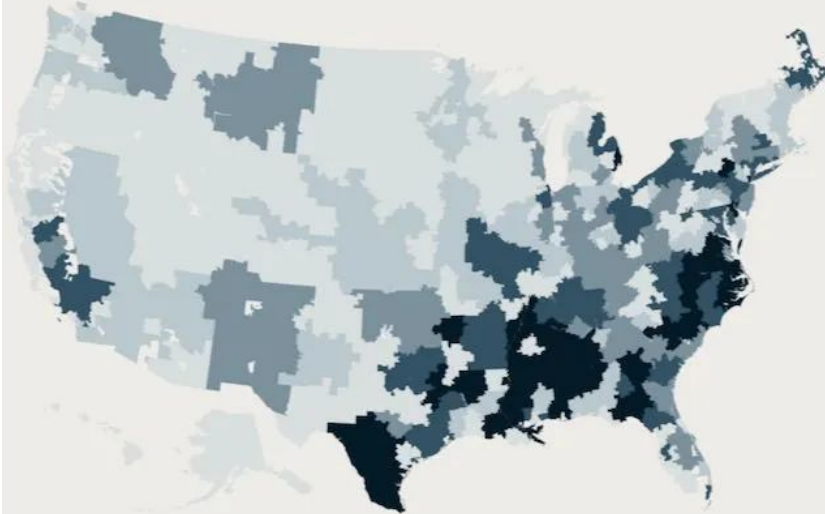
## ENSLAVED POPULATION IN 1860



The percentage of the population enslaved in 1860.  
Source: IPUMS NHGIS, University of Minnesota

## AVERAGE ANNUAL AMPUTATIONS, 2007-9

0-5 5-8 8-10 10-13 13+



The average number of amputations for peripheral artery disease per 10,000 patients per year. Source: [Dartmouth Atlas of Healthcare](#)



What's to be Done??

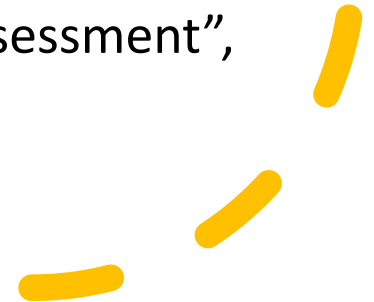
# Understanding the Complexities



# How to Identify Systemic Racism



- Operationalize the concept
- Use what you learn to examine organizational policies, data collection practices and use e.g. use of algorithms, race corrections in diagnostic tests, use of race in educational content
- Examine service design. Who is being filtered out?
- Watch for “cost saving”, “risk assessment”, etc as proxy language for race.





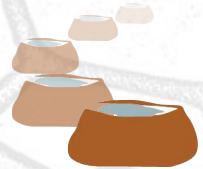


# Depersonalize the DEI Learning Curve



# *Preventing Diabetes*

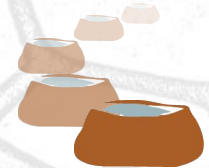
A Pacific Community Health Approach  
at  
*Kokua Kalihi Valley*





# *Talk Objectives*

- *Kalihi Valley*
  - *The place, its history, its residents and Diabetes*
- *Kokua Kalihi Valley Health Center*
- *Community Diabetes Prevention Efforts at KKV*





Kalihi Valley

Honolulu

Kokua Kalihi Valley

Island of Oahu

Honolulu

Pearl Harbor

Kalihi Valley

Google Earth

WHERE IS KALIHI VALLEY???



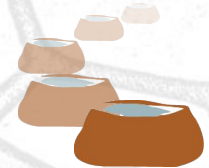
# *A Place in Hawaiian Legend*

Kalihi Valley



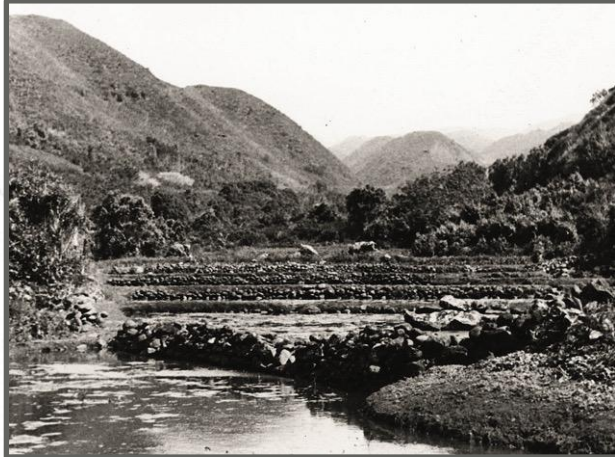
Pele, goddess of  
volcanoes and fire

Home of  
Pele's sister **Kapo** goddess of fertility, grit, resilience  
**Haumea** Pele's mother goddess of fertility and childbirth

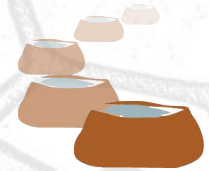




# Kalihi Valley



Fertile Productive Valley





# *A Place of Abundance, of Health* **Kalihi Valley**



Fish Ponds



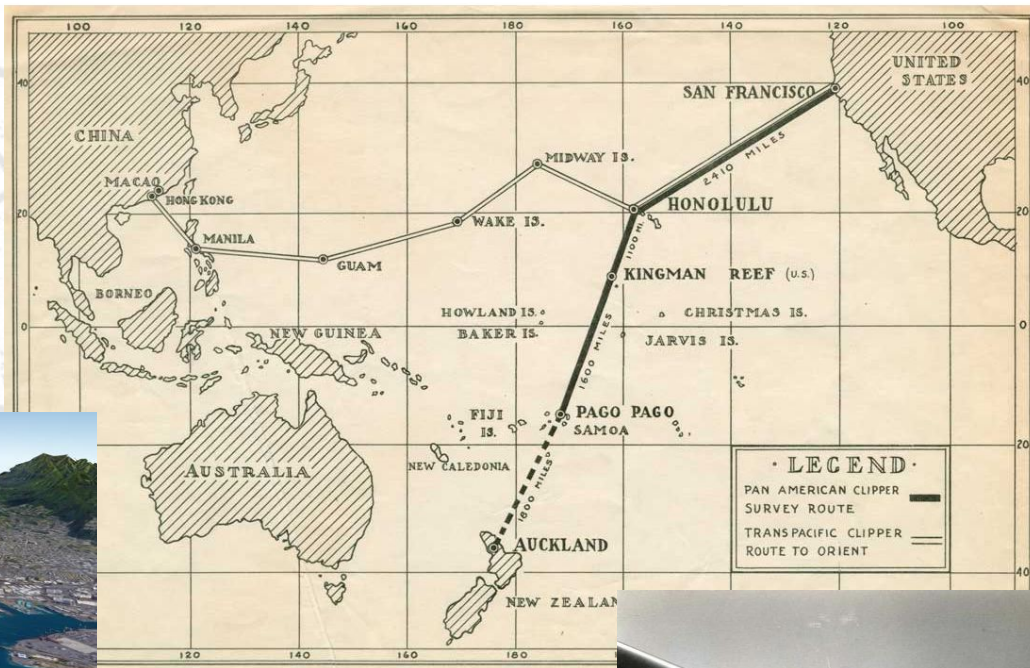
The view in 1836

Plentiful harvest from the sea, land





# Kalihi – A place of transition



Keahi Lagoon Seaplane Port 1940s







# *Kalihi – A place of transition*



Crossroads for major island highways



Ocean, Air, Land Crossroad



# *Kalihi – A place of transition*



Industrial /  
Commerical Space

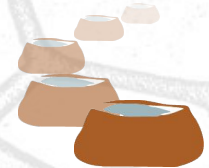


Honolulu Shipping  
Terminal



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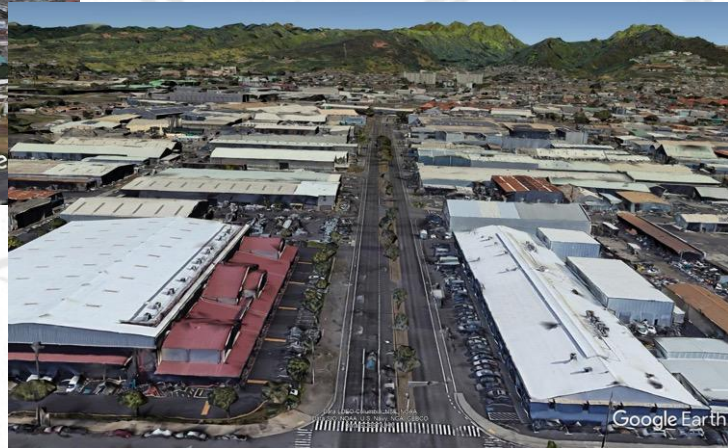
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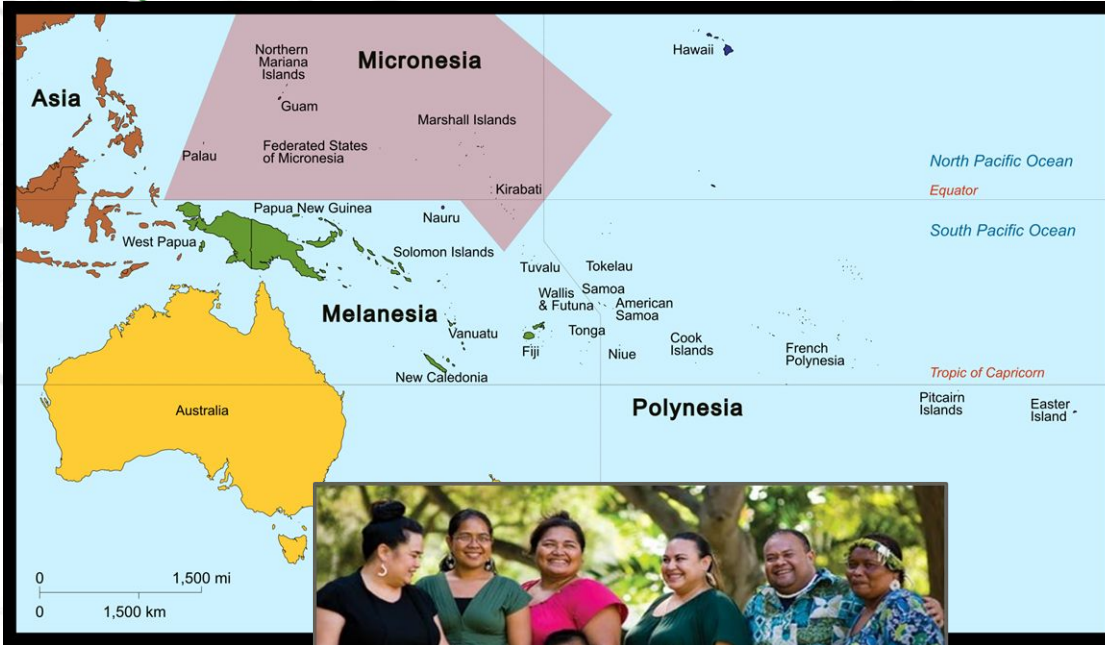
# Modern Kalihi

- Mix of commercial, residential, and government (public housing) space
- Home to *52,981 residents in 2019 ACS*





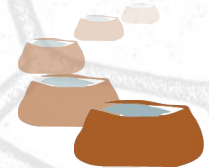
# Residents of Kalihi Valley



- **$\frac{1}{3}$**  born in Asian, Pacific Island Nation

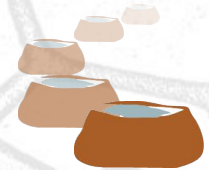
- **Micronesia**
- **Samoa**
- **Philippines**

- **$\frac{1}{3}$  –  $\frac{1}{2}$**  of homes Asian / Pacific Island language spoken as primary language (e.g. Chuukese, Samoan, Iloko)



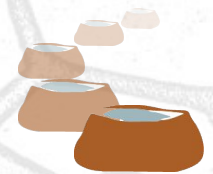


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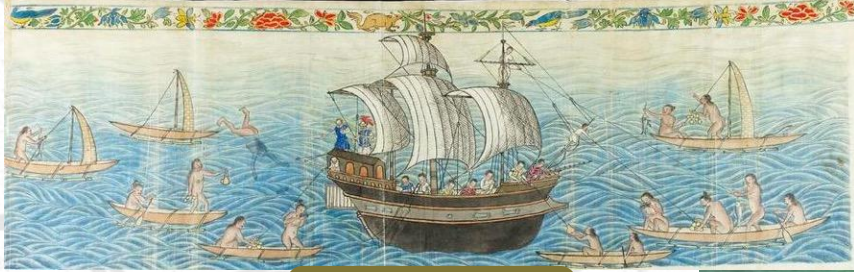
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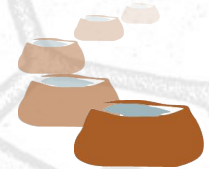




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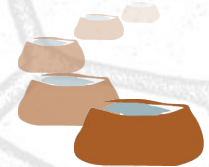




# Kalihi and Work

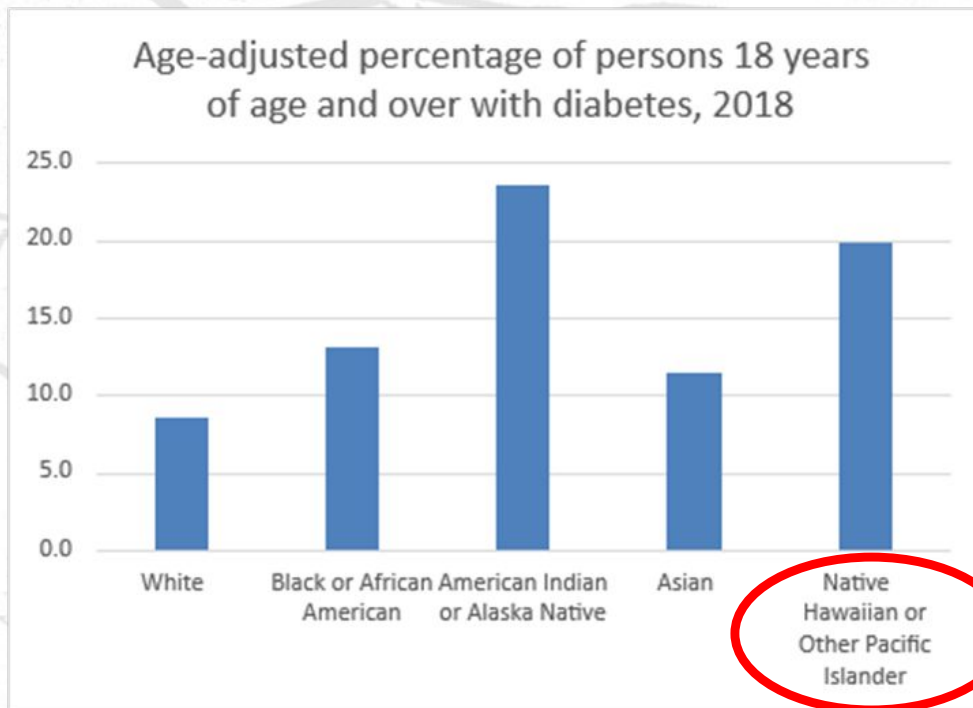


- *Top 3 employment sectors*
  - *Hospitality*
  - *Retail*
  - *Healthcare*
- *Average Income*
  - *\$27K per capita (3/4 Honolulu average)*
- *Many working multiple jobs*
- *Multiple workers in households*





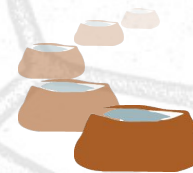
# Asian, Pacific Islanders Burden of Diabetes



- Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islanders **2.5 x** the rate of diagnosed diabetes cases compared to non-Hispanic Whites in 2018

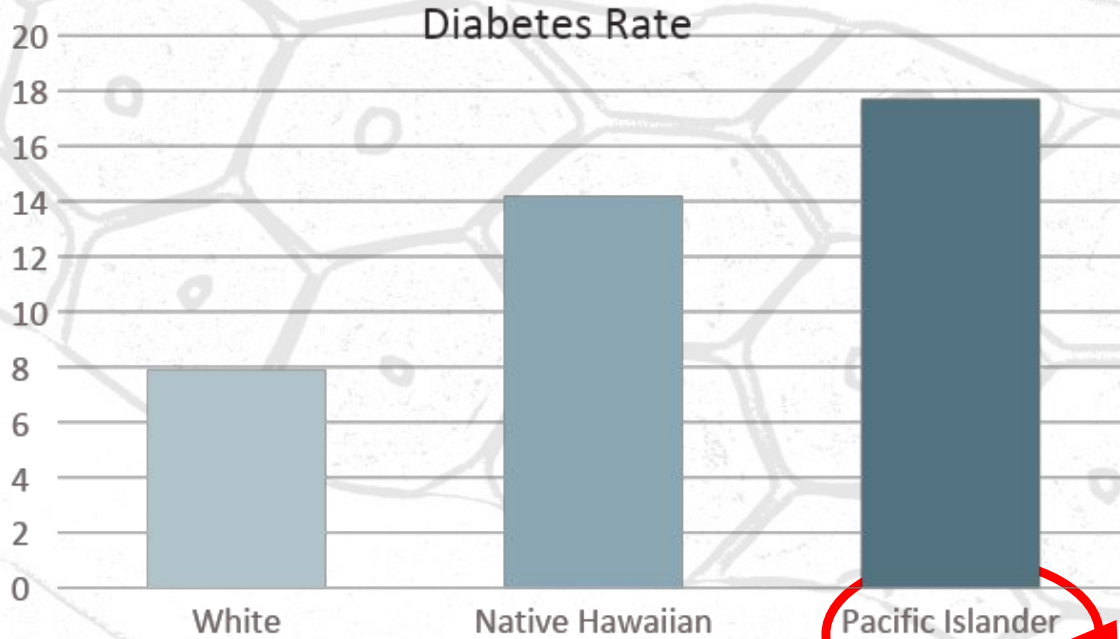
Source: CDC 2021. Summary Health Statistics:

**National Health Interview Survey: 2018.** Table A-4a.





# Burden of Diabetes Pacific Islanders

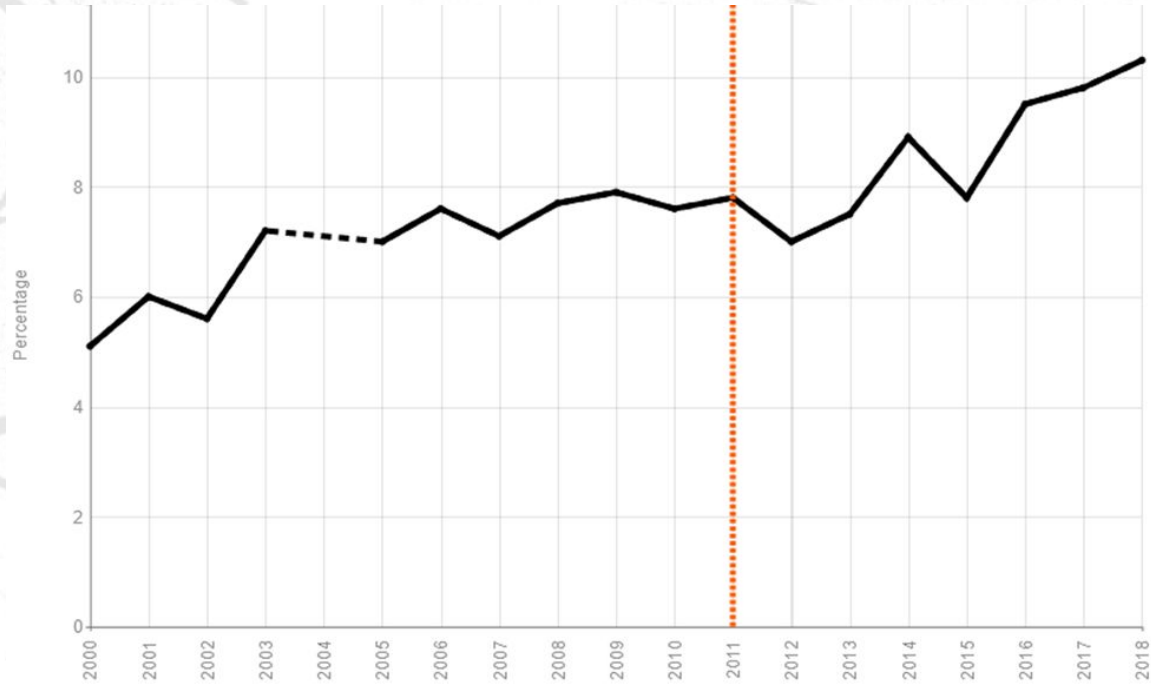


- **Highest Rates for Pacific Islanders** amongst Asian and Pacific Islanders

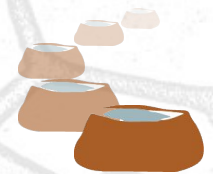
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# *Diagnosed Diabetes in Hawaii*



<https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/diabetes/DiabetesAtlas.html#>



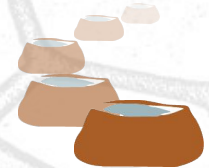


# Factors contributing to Diabetes Burden



- Limited access to healthy cultural food
  - Cost
  - Limited means of transportation
  - Limited access to cultural foods

- Limited opportunities for exercise
  - Open, safe spaces

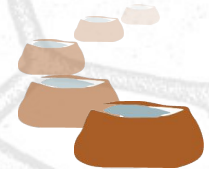




# Factors contributing to Diabetes Burden



- Lack of access to healthy cultural food
  - Cost
  - Limited means of transportation
  - Limited access to cultural foods
- Limited opportunities for exercise
  - Open, safe spaces





*Kokua Kalihi Valley*  
*The health center*







# Kokua Kalihi Valley Health Center



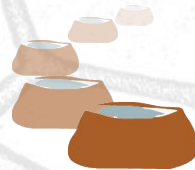
**1972**

- *Started in trailer located Church parking lot. 4 female employees going door to door. Talk – story.*

**"Neighbors being neighborly to neighbors"**

**1989**

- *Designated a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)*
- *Service area of Kalihi Valley - 96819, where patients initially must live to establish care*



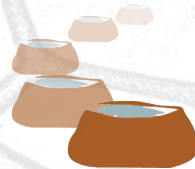


# Kokua Kalihi Valley Health Center



## Today

- Celebrate 50 years in Kalihi Valley, Honolulu in 2022
- 40,000+ client visits per year
- 96% Asian Pacific Islander ethnicity
- 60% of clients best served in another language than English
- 36% of patients live in public housing
- 18% uninsured





*What is KKV doing to  
prevent diabetes?*

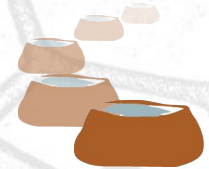




# At KKV, Health means Wholeness



“We have to treat the whole, the whole community, the whole family.”



# Preventing Diabetes

At KKV, Health means Wholeness

4 Connections framework for health



*Connection to past and present*

To have kuleana; a purpose in the world.

*Connection to your better self*

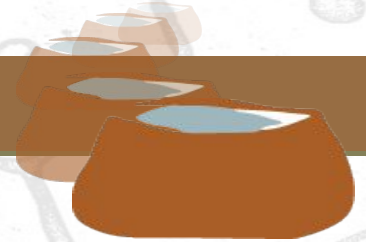
To find and know yourself.

*Connection to place*

To have kinship with aina.

*Connection to others*

To love and be loved; to understand and be understood.



## Some of our current KKV programs:

- Comprehensive Elder Services
- Ho'oulu 'Aina Nature Preserve**
- Tobacco and Betel Nut Cessation
- Public Housing Care Management
- Kalihi Valley Instructional Bike Exchange**
- Medical-Legal Partnership for Children
- Interpreter Services in 21 languages
- Roots Food Program**
- Traditional medicine cultivation
- Native re-forestry
- Indigenous Diets
- Transportation services
- Community navigation
- Youth programs

Classes: Sewing, Parenting, **Pili 'Ohana**, Chronic Disease Self Management, Tennis, Family Strengthening, Hula, Canoe-making



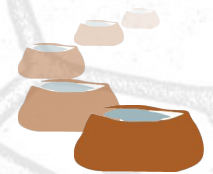


# Ho'oulu 'Aina Nature Preserve



A place of refuge where people of all cultures sustain and propagate the connections between the health of the land and the health of the people.

Community comes together around forest, food, knowledge, spirituality, and health activity.



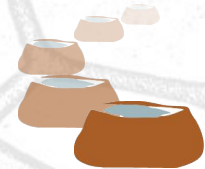


# Neighborhoods as a Means to Health

## Moving to Opportunity – Department of Housing and Urban Development demonstration project.



- Randomized social experiment by HUD 1994 – 1998
- 4498 women and children living in public housing in high poverty urban census tract (>40%)
- Randomly assigned 3 groups
  - Low poverty housing vouchers - standard housing vouchers redeemable only if moved to low poverty census tracts (<10% in 1990)
  - Standard housing vouchers
  - No housing vouchers







## Moving to Opportunity – Department of Housing and Urban Development demonstration project.



Measurement and analysis by Ludwig et al NEJM 2011  
“Neighborhoods, Obesity, Diabetes-A Randomized Social Experiment”

- BMI, A1c followed at baseline and 10-15 year long term follow up
- For patients receiving low poverty vouchers
  - Significantly lower rates of moderate – severe obesity (BMI  $\geq 35, 40$ ) RRR (12-20%)
  - Significantly lower A1c  $\geq 6.5$  RRR (19%)

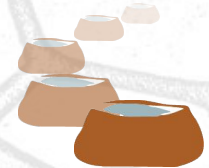




# Kalihi Valley Instructional Bike Exchange



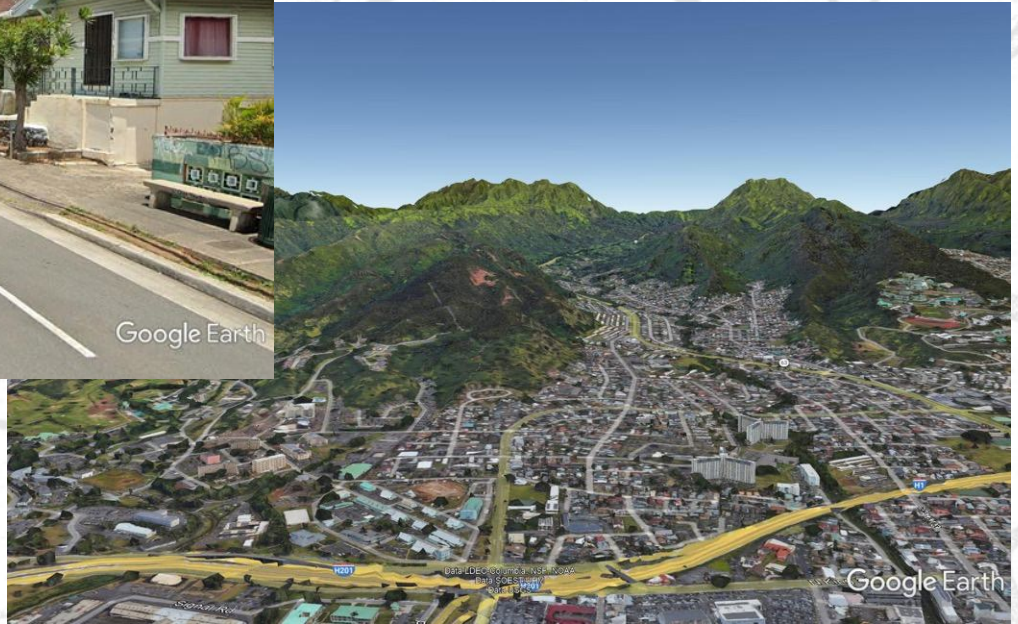
- KVIBE started in 2005 out of an active living design grant that promoted physical activity in communities with a high rate of diabetes
- 400 donated bikes yearly refurbished by youth
- 4000 bikes are repaired though 9000 youth service hours.
- 90% of participants ride their bicycles more often since starting at KVIBE
- 63% of youth saying they have helped others to learn how to fix bikes.
- Learn about issues of social justice





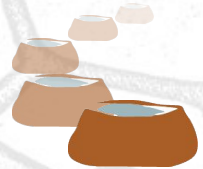
# Kalihi Valley Instructional Bike Exchange

Successful advocacy for complete street on Kamehameha IV Road





# Elder Exercise Program





# Roots Food Program

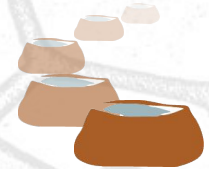


- Providing access to healthy, cultural affordable foods
  - Food Hub
  - Double your EBT program
  - Packs of Produce program for low income at risk families with at least one member who has diabetes
  - Farmers Market – connecting local farmers to public housing residents





“We have to see all the parts  
of community as health.”



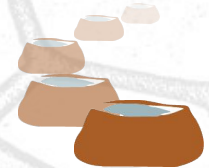


# Mahalo Nui Loa



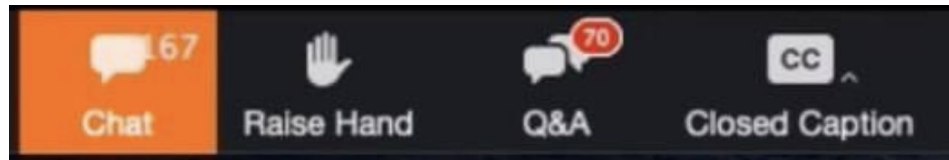
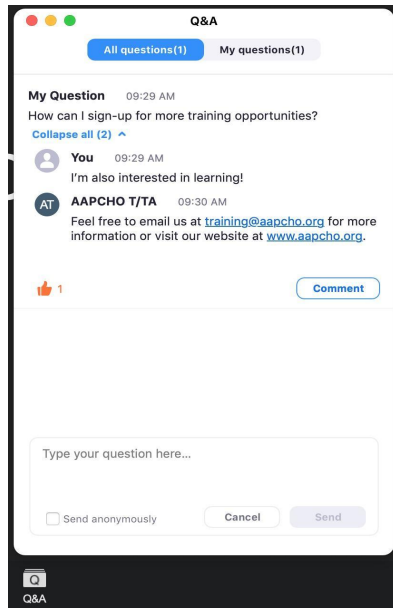
*Kokua Kalihi Valley*  
*[www.kkv.net](http://www.kkv.net)*

*“Communities Driving  
Health Equity – KKV”*  
*[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)*



# Q&A

Please type your questions into the Q&A box or raise your hand and unmute. You can “upvote” and comment on other attendees’ questions.





# RESOURCES

- National Diabetes Prevention Program
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/index.html>
- Pacific Islander Diabetes Prevention Program
  - <https://pi-copce.org/pi-dpp/>
- Prediabetes Awareness Campaign
  - [www.DoiHavePrediabetes.org](http://www.DoiHavePrediabetes.org)
- American Medical Association
  - <https://amapreventdiabetes.org>
- HRSA Diabetes Quality Improvement Initiative
  - <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/qualityimprovement/clinicalquality/diabetes.html>

# FURTHER READING

## *The Black American Amputation Epidemic, ProPublica (2020)*

<https://features.propublica.org/diabetes-amputations/black-american-amputation-epidemic/>

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**Black patients were losing limbs at triple the rate of others.**



# NEXT STEPS

Learn more about National DPP providers in your area

- [https://nccd.cdc.gov/DDT\\_DPRP/Registry.aspx](https://nccd.cdc.gov/DDT_DPRP/Registry.aspx)

# Upcoming Learning Opportunity

## *National Diabetes Prevention Program Community of Practice*

December Session: **December 8, 2021 3:00pm EST**



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<https://nurseledcare.phmc.org/training/item/1135-diabetes-prevention-program.html>

# Upcoming Webinar Opportunity



**Register Now to  
Save Your Spot**



**Language Access at Community Health Centers**

Thursday, December 16  
9:00am HT / 11:00am PT / 2:00pm ET

Register at: [bit.ly/CHCLanguageAccess-1216](https://bit.ly/CHCLanguageAccess-1216)



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