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WELCOME ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES

Welcome to the 74th Louisiana Public Health Association (LPHA) Conference! It's with great excitement that we greet you for this gathering, where minds converge to propel the realm of public health forward.

This year's theme— "Creating a Healthier Louisiana" —allows us to explore our ability to overcome the many challenges to ensuring a healthy and equitable Louisiana. LPHA must lead the way to ensuring a new social compact for health; one that ensures health equity for all. The persistent health



challenges of obesity, opioid abuse, and maternal mortality, as well as the need to make more progress in cardiovascular disease and cancer, continue to demonstrate the importance of public health education and advocacy.

Over the next two days, we embark on a journey of robust discourse, where we exchange ideas, unveil groundbreaking research, and forge alliances to confront the urgent public health dilemmas confronting our communities and our beloved state.

Our assembly is graced by the presence of a rich tapestry of experts and practitioners, each contributing their unique perspectives and talents. With such diversity and depth, we are poised to achieve outcomes that resonate far beyond these walls.

We urge you to seize every opportunity for connection, enlightenment, and empowerment. From our compelling keynote address to the meticulously crafted breakout sessions, let us absorb, engage, and emerge emboldened.

As you depart this conference, may you carry with you a renewed vigor, armed with fresh insights and tools to champion positive change in the landscape of public health.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment to enhancing the health and welfare of individuals and communities across Louisiana. Together, we are catalysts for transformation.

Welcome to the 74th LPHA Conference!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sundée Winder".

Sundée Winder, PhD MSPH
President, Louisiana Public Health Association

ABOUT LPHA

The Louisiana Public Health Association (LPHA) is a nonprofit organization with a rich history, dating back to its founding in 1948. As an esteemed affiliate member of the American Public Health Association, LPHA is dedicated to advancing public health initiatives throughout the state of Louisiana. Our mission encompasses a range of vital objectives, including:

- Cultivating connections and fostering mutual understanding among individuals passionate about public health.
- Advocating for movements and policies aimed at elevating personnel standards, ensuring adequate income for workers, and fostering job security and tenure.
- Promoting innovative approaches to the administration of public health initiatives.
- Contributing to the development of superior health facilities across Louisiana.
- Remaining at the forefront of advancements and breakthroughs in the realm of public health.
- Elevating the profile and desirability of public health as a career path.
- Spearheading and championing Public Health Week activities throughout Louisiana.

Through these endeavors, LPHA stands as a stalwart ally in the ongoing effort to enhance the health and well-being of all individuals within our communities.

To find out more about LPHA, our mission and our work, please visit <https://lpha.org/>.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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Thursday, April 4

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Check-in	Foyer
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Opening Session <i>Sundée Winder, PhD, MSPH, LPHA President</i> <i>John Cavell, LPHA Vice-President</i> <i>Honorable Sharon Weston-Broome, City of Baton Rouge Mayor</i> <i>Tonya Joiner, JD, Office of Public Health Assistant Secretary</i> <i>Julia Lothrop, MS, U. S. Health & Human Services Region 6 Acting Regional Director</i>	Salon 2
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Keynote: Redesigning Community Health: A Journey Towards Equity <i>Takeisha Davis, MD, MPH, CEO & President</i> New Orleans East Hospital LCMC Health	Salon 2
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Plenary Session 1: The Opioid Epidemic <i>William "Beau" Clark, MD, Coroner</i> East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office	Salon 2
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Exhibition	Foyer
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Plenary Session 2: Cardiovascular Risk Factors <i>Garland Green, MD, Medical Director</i> Cardiovascular Institute of the South - Baton Rouge	Salon 2
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch & LPHA Section Meeting	Salon 1, Salon 2, Salon 3
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	Concurrent Session A1: Extreme Heat and Heat-Related Illness <i>Anna Reilly, PhD, MPH, Environmental Health Scientist & Epidemiologist</i> Office of Public Health Environmental Epidemiology & Toxicology Section Concurrent Session A2: Advancing Health Equity and Nutrition Security <i>Traci Causey, PhD, MBA, CHES®, SNS, Vice President of Programs & Strategy</i> Alliance for a Healthier Generation	Salon 3 Salon 2
2:30 PM - 2:40 PM	Exhibition	Foyer
2:40 PM - 3:25 PM	Concurrent Session B1: Defining and Operationalizing Health Equity <i>Earl "Nupsius" Benjamin-Robinson, DrHSc, CPH, Director</i> Office of Community Outreach & Engagement Louisiana Cancer Research Center Concurrent Session B2: Growth of Local Public Health Preparedness in New Orleans <i>Meredith McInturff, MPH, Planning & Systems Coordinator</i> Public Health Emergencies & Environmental Health Unit New Orleans Health Department	Salon 2 Salon 3
3:25 PM - 3:45 PM	Exhibition	Foyer
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	Plenary Session 3: Mental Health is Health <i>Jan Laughinghouse, PhD, LCSW-BACS, LAC, CCS, Executive Director</i> Capital Area Human Services	Salon 2
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	President's Reception	Terrace

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Friday, April 5

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Check-in, Foyer	
7:45 AM - 8:50 AM	LPHA General Business Meeting & Continental Breakfast	Salon 2
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9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Plenary Session 4: Climate and Health: Impacts to Humans, Wildlife, and Weather Systems <i>Sunny Wescott, Chief Meteorologist</i> Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency	Salon 2
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	Student Posters & Exhibition	Foyer
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Concurrent Session C1: Overcoming Access Challenges and Ensuring Equitable Healthcare <i>Michael Griffin, DSc, MSPH, FACHC, President/CEO</i> Ascension DePaul Services New Orleans and DePaul Community Health Centers	Salon 2
	Concurrent Session C2: Louisiana's Immunizations: Successes, Challenges, and Education <i>Javone Davis, MBA, MPH, Immunization Operations Manager</i> Office of Public Health Immunization Program	Salon 3
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Concurrent Session D1: Overview of the Louisiana Hospital Inpatient Discharge Database <i>Arun Adhikari, PhD, Business Intelligence Manager</i> Office of Public Health, Bureau of Health Informatics	Salon 3
	Concurrent Session D2: Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Health and Wellbeing <i>Ecoee Rooney, DNP, RN, AFN-C, NPD-BC, SANE-A, DF-AFN, Director</i> Nursing Leadership Professional Development and Nursing Professional Development Northshore Gulf Coast and Ochsner Health System	Salon 2
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	LPHA Awards Luncheon	Salon 1
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Concurrent Session E1: Smart Surfaces <i>Angela Chalk, DHA, GIP, Healthy Community Services Founder & Executive Director</i> <i>Jill Heins-Nesvold, MS, American Lung Association Nationwide Senior Director</i> <i>Shweta Arya, APHA Senior Project Manager, Smart Surfaces</i>	Salon 2
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	Concurrent Session E2: Social Determinants of Health <i>Catherine Haywood, BSW, CHW, Executive Director</i> Louisiana Community Health Outreach Network	Salon 3
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Exhibition	Foyer
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Plenary Session 5: Maternal Health <i>Veronica Gillispie, MD, MAS, FACOG, Medical Director</i> Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative & Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review Louisiana Department of Health	Salon 2
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Closing Session & Adjournment	Salon 2

HIGHLIGHTS

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS



Welcome Address
Sharon Weston-Broome
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Julia Lothrop, MS
Acting Regional Director
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Welcome Address
Tonya Joiner, JD
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Public Service Award
Lacey Cavanaugh, MD
Region 5 Medical Director
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**Louise McFarland Award for
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Christian Snowden
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WELCOME OUR KEYNOTE **SPEAKER**



Dr. Takeisha Charles Davis was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. After surviving being stabbed three times in her senior year of high school, Dr. Davis entered Xavier University of Louisiana with a desire to serve the public through the field of medicine. Dr. Davis' passion for medicine was nurtured at Xavier, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude, and cultivated at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she earned her Doctor of Medicine. During her Pediatric Residency at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Dr. Davis was selected to serve as Chief Resident and decided to forego a fellowship opportunity to pursue a more nontraditional career path of becoming a public health physician and healthcare administrator.

After securing a Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health in 2005, Dr. Davis returned to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals where she supervised the clinical aspects of the Special Needs Shelter and Temporary Medical Operations and Staging Area opened at Nicholls State University to serve over 20,000 residents evacuated during Hurricane Katrina. Over the next 10 years she served in various positions for the State of Louisiana, including the last five years as the Director of the Center for Community and Preventive Health, Office of Public Health Medical Director, and Assistant State Health Officer for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. In this capacity, she directed public health services delivered through 70 clinics statewide, the state laboratory, and state pharmacy.

Dr. Davis' experience in clinical care, community engagement and healthcare systems, led to her selection to serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the New Orleans East Hospital in January 2016. At NOEH, Dr. Davis is committed to reducing disparities in health outcomes and promoting health equity by focusing on evidence-based, clinical and population health initiatives. Since taking the helm as the only African American Female Hospital CEO in the State of Louisiana, Dr. Davis has grown the hospital's admissions and outpatient visits annually, overseen capital expansion, improved quality scores, and increased profit margins by implementing expense controls. In addition, she has championed public health initiatives and innovation including starting a Diabetes Center of Excellence in partnership with the National Diabetes and Research Institute and the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Davis continues to chart her own path as a founding member of Achieving Awesome Things Through Inspired Actions (AATTIA), an empowerment group for adolescents. Through this association and Taylor Made Medical Consulting LLC, established by Dr. Davis in 2006, she is able to support and encourage young people to achieve their greatest potential. This led to a preventive health lecture series with incarcerated youth and a feature story in "Against All Odds...Celebrating Black Women in Medicine". Dr. Davis has received numerous awards in recognition of her work including being named to the 2018 Becker's Hospital Review's Annual List of 143 Women Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know. She is a well sought-after speaker and thought leader on issues of public health, healthcare administration, and health equity and served on the Health Transition Committees for both Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards and New Orleans Mayor Latoya Cantrell. Recently, in response to her leadership in providing lifesaving care to patients in a COVID 19 hotspot and sounding the alarm regarding disparate health outcomes she was appointed to serve on Louisiana's COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force Executive Committee and Centene Corporation's National Health Disparities Task Force.

Dr. Davis currently serves on the governing boards of the New Orleans Medical Association, New Orleans Business Alliance, Camp AATTIA, and United Way of Southeast Louisiana. She is also a member of The National Medical Association, Links, Incorporated, Pontchartrain (LA) Chapter, and is a Past-President of the Louisiana Public Health Association. True to her New Orleans roots, Dr. Davis proudly serves as the President and Founding Parade Captain for the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale, the first predominately African American female led Mardi Gras organization in New Orleans. However, Dr. Davis' greatest joy comes from raising her two sons, Waymon and Elie.

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William "Beau" Clark , MD

Dr. William "Beau" Clark is a native of Baton Rouge. He graduated from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed his residency in Emergency Medicine in Baton Rouge. He is board certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Clark has been the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner since 2012. Dr. Clark has served as Medical Director for the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, Louisiana State Police SWAT Team, Louisiana House of Representatives, and the Louisiana Department of Health Bureau of EMS. Dr. Clark has been certified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. Dr. Clark is a third degree black belt. He is also an avid endurance athlete who has completed an Ironman Triathlon and several Spartan Races while continuing to train for other endurance events.



Garland Green, MD

Dr. Garland Green serves as the Medical Director for the CIS Baton Rouge location. He joined Cardiovascular Institute of the South in 2012 as an interventional cardiologist. He has provided cardiology care for patients since 2007. Dr. Green earned his Doctorate at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He completed his internal medicine training residency through the University of Alabama-Birmingham Program, and completed his cardiology and interventional cardiology training at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Green is board certified in internal medicine and cardiology. He is a member of the American College of Cardiology, the National Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



Jan Laughinghouse, PhD, LCSW-BACS, LAC, CCS

Jan Laughinghouse, Executive Director at Capital Area Human Services (CAHS), provides prevention, treatment, and developmental disabilities services for seven Louisiana parishes. With over 25 years of experience, she is a licensed clinical social worker, licensed addiction counselor, and certified clinical supervisor. Dr. Laughinghouse, originally from North Carolina, holds a B.A. in Psychology from Bennett College, an M.S.W. from North Carolina A & T State University and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from UNC Greensboro. She has taught at various institutions and uses her clinical skills to educate diverse audiences about substance use disorders, aiming to reduce stigma.

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Sunny Wescott, Chief Meteorologist

Sunny Wescott, a Chief Meteorologist at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), specializes in national extreme weather hazards and their impacts on key resources. With top honors in Homeland Security Management, Public Safety Administration, and Atmospheric Sciences, she is a member of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and the International Association of Emergency Managers. Ms. Wescott, a former Lead Meteorologist in the US Air Force, is recognized for her expertise in various climatological events and provides support to multiple federal working groups. In her current role at CISA's Infrastructure Security Division, she conducts Extreme Weather Outreach by delivering targeted reports to regions and critical infrastructure operators during disasters.



Veronica Gillispie, MD, MAS, FACOG,

Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell is a Board-Certified Obstetrician & Gynecologist and Associate Professor at Ochsner Health in New Orleans. She serves as Senior Site Lead and Section Head of Women's Services at Ochsner Kenner, and as the Director of Quality for Women's Services for Ochsner Health System. Dr. Gillispie-Bell earned her medical degree from Meharry Medical College, completed residency at Ochsner, and holds a Master of Applied Science in Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is nationally recognized for her expertise in managing heavy menstrual bleeding associated with fibroids and serves as Medical Director of the Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative. Dr. Gillispie-Bell is a leader in initiatives to improve birth outcomes and eliminate disparities in Louisiana, and she has testified before Congress on maternal mortality issues. She has received numerous accolades for her contributions to clinical care, academia, and community service and has been featured in various local and national media outlets.



Anna Reilly, PhD, MPH

Anna Reilly is an Environmental Health Scientist/Epidemiologist at the Louisiana Department of Health's Office of Public Health. She leads the Louisiana Occupational Health Program, focusing on preventing heat-related illnesses. Dr. Reilly has authored articles and presentations, and in 2021, she secured funding to expand the program's capacity. Using syndromic surveillance, the program provides real-time data on heat-related illnesses to enhance public health response. Dr. Reilly holds a Master's in Public Health in Epidemiology and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.



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Traci Causey, PhD, MBA, CHES®, SNS

For nearly 20 years, Traci has worked in food and nutrition and public health fields. She managed Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinics in Brownsville and Houston, Texas, igniting her passion for public health. Traci held management roles in school districts, state educational agencies, and nonprofits, focusing on health and nutrition programming to address social determinants of health and achieve equity. Currently, as Vice President of Programs & Strategy at the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, she continues her impactful work. Traci holds a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and advanced degrees from Texas Woman's University, with credentials as a School Nutrition Specialist and Certified Health Education Specialist.



Earl "Nupsius" Benjamin-Robinson, DrHSc, CPH

Dr. Earl "Nupsius" Benjamin-Robinson serves as the director of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center's Office of Community Outreach & Engagement, while also holding senior roles at the Louisiana Public Health Institute. Previously, he led the health equity office at The Louisiana Department of Health, pioneering the agency's first health equity plan. With over 20 years of experience, Dr. Benjamin-Robinson is a faculty member at Xavier University and has taught at Tulane University School of Public Health. He is a board-certified public health practitioner and an alumnus of Loyola University, Louisiana Tech, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and Nova Southeastern University's Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Science.



Meredith McInturff, MPH

Meredith McInturff, MPH, serves as the Planning and Systems Coordinator at the New Orleans Health Department (NOHD), overseeing environmental health data and research initiatives. She also builds the workforce capacity of City of New Orleans staff and New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps volunteers for emergency response, ensuring the city's active participation in disaster planning activities, including Emergency Support Function-8 and Recovery Support Function-3. Prior to joining NOHD, Meredith interned with Leidos, Inc., supported the CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, and held student positions at Tulane University. Meredith holds an MPH in Epidemiology and a BS in Public Health and International Development from Tulane University. Her diverse experiences and academic background equip her with the skills and knowledge to effectively address emergent health challenges and promote community well-being.

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Michael Griffin, DSc, MSPH, FACHC

Dr. Michael G. Griffin serves as the President and CEO of Ascension DePaul Services of New Orleans (ADS) and Marillac Community Health Centers, leading a non-profit health care organization with a rich 190-year history of serving the greater New Orleans region and rural Arkansas. Griffin's foremost goal is ensuring access to compassionate, high-quality health care services for all residents, exemplified by expanding patient care from one to eleven health centers, twenty-seven school-based health sites, and four mobile medical and dental units. He has been instrumental in securing over \$120 million in funding and is a recognized authority in patient-centered care, frequently addressing national organizations on topics related to health care transformation. Griffin's dedication extends beyond his executive role, as he actively serves on various non-profit boards and has been commended for his advocacy efforts in health care, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to improving community health outcomes.



Javone Davis, MBA, MPH

Javone boasts an impressive career spanning a remarkable 18 years of dedicated service with the Louisiana Department of Health. Holding not only a Master of Business Administration but also a Master of Public Health, she embodies a rare blend of expertise and passion for her field. Presently, she serves as the esteemed Operations Manager within the Immunization Program, where her leadership and proficiency continue to drive impactful initiatives and ensure the well-being of countless individuals within the community.



Arun Adhikari, PhD

Meredith McInturff, MPH, serves as the Planning and Systems Coordinator at the New Orleans Health Department (NOHD), overseeing environmental health data and research initiatives. She also builds the workforce capacity of City of New Orleans staff and New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps volunteers for emergency response, ensuring the city's active participation in disaster planning activities, including Emergency Support Function-8 and Recovery Support Function-3. Prior to joining NOHD, Meredith interned with Leidos, Inc., supported the CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, and held student positions at Tulane University. Meredith holds an MPH in Epidemiology and a BS in Public Health and International Development from Tulane University. Her diverse experiences and academic background equip her with the skills and knowledge to effectively address emergent health challenges and promote community well-being.



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Ecoee Rooney, DNP, RN, AFN-C, NPD-BC, SANE-A, DF-AFN

Dr. Rooney, a distinguished nursing leader with over 22 years of experience, holds key roles as the Director of Nursing Leadership Development at Ochsner Health and the Immediate Past-President of the Louisiana State Nurses Association. Renowned for her expertise in forensic nursing, leadership, and ethics, she's sought after for workshops on topics like conflict resolution, trauma recovery, and establishing sexual assault nurse examiner programs, with international outreach sponsored by the US Department of State. As a Distinguished Fellow of the Academy of Forensic Nursing and Founding Chair of its Ethics Committee, Dr. Rooney remains actively engaged in national and regional nursing organizations, advocating for equity in healthcare.



Jill Heins-Nesvold, MS

Jill Heins-Nesvold services as the nationwide Senior Director of Health Systems Improvement and Indoor Air Quality for the American Lung Association. She leads a nationwide team who help healthcare and public health professionals ensure high quality of care for individuals with lung disease. During Jill's 35 years in healthcare and public health, she has worked at local, state, and national levels of government, non-profit organizations, and managed care. Jill holds master's degrees in health management and business administration, as well as doctoral coursework in evaluation studies. In Jill's spare time, she teaches two master's courses in public health communications.



Angela Chalk, DHA, GIP

Dr. Angela M. Chalk, a 4th generation 7th Ward resident, is the Founder and Executive Director of Healthy Community Services, a non-profit in New Orleans. She's actively engaged in community initiatives, serving on committees like the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana Advisory Committee and Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards' Anti-Litter Trash Abatement and Beautification Task Force. Additionally, Dr. Chalk's advocacy extends to academia, where she co-authored policies with the American Geophysical Union to promote inclusivity in research collaborations with Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities. With degrees from Dillard University, the University of New Orleans, and Virginia University of Lynchburg, she's recognized as an AGU Thriving Earth Exchange Fellow and is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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Shweta Arya

Shweta Arya is the Senior Project Manager, Smart Surfaces at the Center for Climate, Health & Equity at the American Public Health Association. In her current role, she works with APHA Affiliates to create cross-disciplinary partnerships especially with underserved communities; to encourage cities to address and prepare for the health risks associated with extreme heat and excessive rain; and to reduce health disparities by implementing Smart Surfaces as a health solution. In her last job as the Executive Director of Delaware Interfaith Power & Light, Shweta led faith-based climate initiatives and played a pivotal role in the passage of the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act. She currently co-leads a statewide coalition POWER Delaware focused on offshore wind, championing an urgent transition to renewable energy.



Catherine Haywood, BSW, CHW

Catherine Gray Haywood is the Executive Director for the Louisiana Community Health Outreach Network, she's also the co-founder of the Louisiana Community Health Outreach Network and Women With A Vision, Inc. Catherine has worked for the last 30+ years advocating for individuals living below the poverty level, also to educate communities around health disparities. She provides structure mentoring process for community members, implements training programs for community members. She partners with LSU Community Health Workers Institute to train Community Health Workers in the state. Catherine received her BSW from Southern University @ New Orleans.



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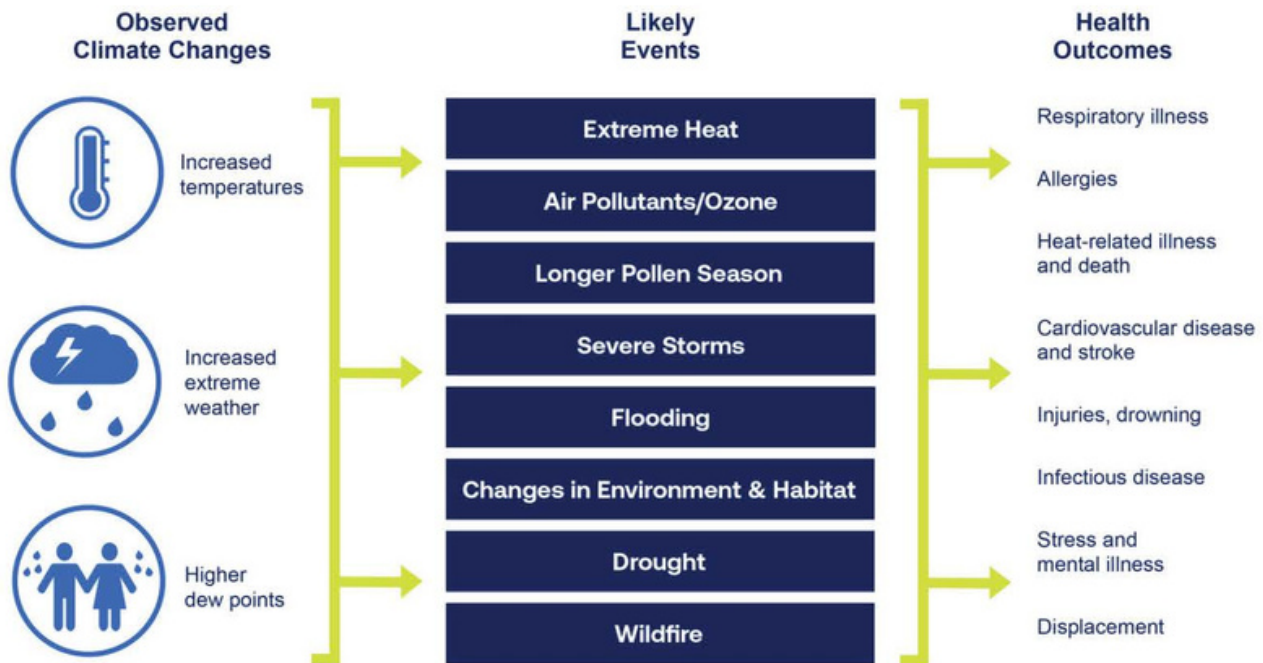
9x Award-Winning Customer Service



The Problem

Two-thirds of the average U.S. city is made up of roads, parking spaces, sidewalks and roofs. Since these surfaces are typically dark and non-porous, they contribute to urban heat, flooding, increased air pollution and poor health.

Excessive Heat Impacts Health



The Solution: Smart Surfaces

Smart Surfaces encompass a suite of cutting-edge technologies, including reflective (cool) roofs and pavements, green roofs, trees, solar photovoltaics (PV) and rain gardens. These features are designed to mitigate urban heat, enhance air quality and improve health.



Be a Part of the Solution

- Contact your policy makers to encourage them to adopt Smart Surfaces.
- Take fewer vehicle trips and walk, bike or take public transportation.
- Plant trees, shrubs, and greenscapes
- Install light-colored roofs
- Install solar roofs onto your home or business

For more information:
Lung.org/Smart-Surfaces

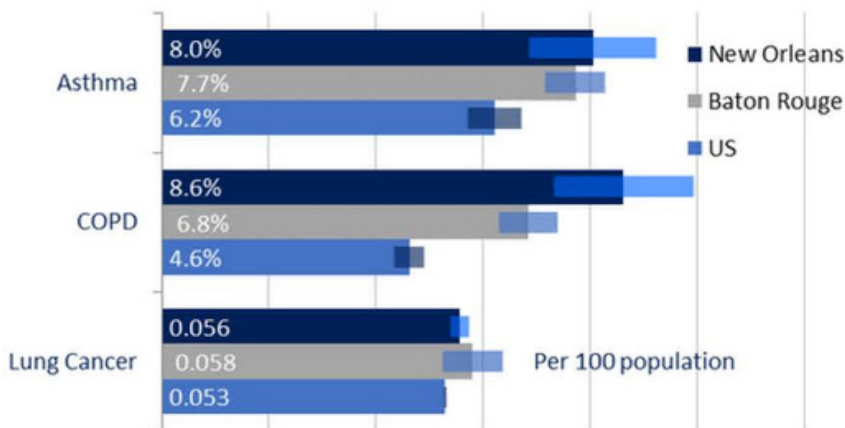


Louisiana

New Orleans & Baton Rouge



Rate of Disease



State of the Air Report

New Orleans Metro Areas:

- Ranked **91 worst** for **high ozone days** in the nation
- Ranked **134 worst annual particle pollution** in the nation

Baton Rouge Metro Area:

- Ranked **44 worst** for **high ozone days** in the nation
- Ranked **79 worst annual particle pollution** in the nation

New Orleans & Baton Rouge Total Population at highest risk: 830,272

Children under 18: 177,442

Adults 65 & Over: 132,099

Pediatric Asthma: 15,527

Adult Asthma: 63,790

People with COPD: 55,429

People with Lung Cancer: 523

People with CV disease: 61,718

Pregnant People: 11,461

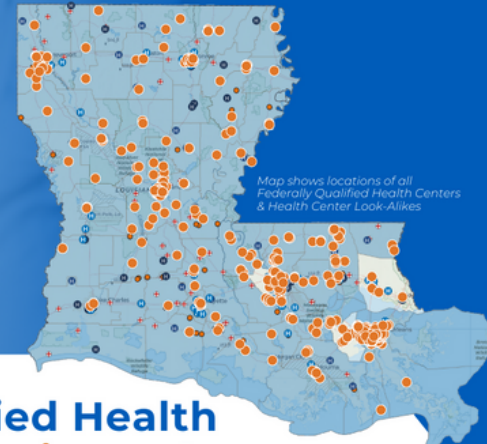
People living in Poverty: 177,198

People of Color: 515,371



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LOUISIANA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION
Louisiana's Community Health Centers



Map shows locations of all Federally Qualified Health Centers & Health Center Look-Alikes

Providing support services for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), their staff, and the **489,000** patients they serve each year

- Managed Growth & Research Development
- Technical Assistance & Training
- Recruitment & Retention
- Practice Management
- Marketing & Community Outreach
- Data Information Gathering & Analysis
- Governmental Relations
- Clinical Quality & Performance Improvement

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BUREAU OF COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS



PREPAREDNESS

Our team works to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and encourage individuals to take action.



PREVENTION

BCP follows its mission to build healthy communities through prevention by ensuring a secure and resilient state across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from threats and hazards.



RESPONSE

Our staff respond 24/7 to incidents occurring across the state which have the potential to become threats to the public's health.

OUR MISSION

"To provide comprehensive, affordable, quality health care with compassion and respect for all."

Baton Rouge

225-650-2000

3140 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Zachary

225-654-7000

4852 Highway 19, Suite A
Zachary, LA 70791

Plaquemine

225-385-4742

59340 River West Drive
Plaquemine, LA 70764

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OUR SERVICES:

Adult Medicine
Behavioral Health
Chronic Disease Management
Dental
Immunizations
Lab Services
OB/GYN
Pediatrics
Podiatry
Physicals (school, sports and work)

BATON ROUGE ONLY SERVICES

Hepatitis C
HIV Counseling/Testing (free)
HIV Primary Care
In-House Pharmacy
Psychiatry

ANCILLARY SERVICES

Certified Application Counselors
(Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, Food
Stamps, etc.) Patient Assistance Program
(for medications)

WIC SERVICES

CareSouth also provides Women, Infants
and Children (WIC) services at its Baton
Rouge, Martin L. King Center, and
Donaldsonville locations.



Statewide Nutrition Incentive Program

Good for Farmers, Good for Families

Greaux the Good matches Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) & Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) benefits spent at participating Louisiana farmers markets and farm stands.

Greaux the Good convenes a Community Partners Council that helps support the program's mission of being **Good for Farmers, Good for Families**, and good for Louisiana by strengthening the local food system & economy.

Together we are cultivating a healthier state!

To learn more, join the Council, or find partner locations, visit:

www.greauxthegoodla.org



Visit the Crescent City Farmers Market:

Tuesdays - Uptown

8 am - 12 pm

Uptown Square
200 Broadway St.
at the River

Thursdays - Mid-City

3 pm - 7 pm

Lafitte Greenway Plaza
500 N. Norman C. Francis
Parkway at the Bayou

Sundays - City Park

8 am - 12 pm

Tad Gormley Stadium
Marconi Drive @ Navarre
Ave.

Market Umbrella Programs:



Doubles SNAP dollars
spent at CCFMs
& partner locations



Statewide nutrition
incentive programs at
farmers market partners



Breastfeeding
support and nutrition
incentive program

Meet Me at
the Market



Field trip program for
Pre K - 3rd graders, free
to N.O. public schools



Hands-on educational
activities, first Sunday
market of every month

FMNP
INCENTIVES

Matches Farmers Market
Nutrition Program (FMNP)
benefits spent by low
income seniors & WIC
program participants

We envision a thriving, equitable, and sustainable food system that supports all community members, including those who bring local, nutritious food to market. Our mission is to cultivate the power of farmers markets to drive economic and community health in the region.



Opioid
Response
Network



Training and Education Start Here.

Opioids and stimulants have created an unprecedented health crisis. So we created an unprecedented response.

The *Opioid Response Network* works directly with communities, healthcare systems, and individuals to provide the resources, knowledge and connections required to turn the tide.

There is no cost. We are here to help with your harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery efforts, all tailored for your needs.

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