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April Newsletter

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We are officially CSHE-Partnership 2.0!

We are so excited to announce that the Community Solutions for Health Equity Partnership (CSHE-P) is officially the National Program Office (NPO) for our 11 funded partner! In this role, we are fully committed to providing a platform to leverage our collective alliance and representation as a resource for practical, generative and liberatory impact. Our commitment to uplifting the voices and strategies of multicultural communities will lead us to the systems change we all want to see!

We first shared the news about becoming our own NPO at our CSHE Partnership Impact Symposium in Jacksonville, Florida, a powerful gathering that showcased the strength of multicultural, multilingual, and multiethnic solidarity in advancing health equity. It was a week of learning, connection, and transformation as we came together to reimagine health care systems and uplift community voices.

Throughout the symposium, we engaged in deep conversations on health system transformation, collective storytelling, and somatic practices. Attendees explored strategies to address community health needs, participated in a panel on immigrant communities, and toured Jacksonville's rich history, all while centering accessibility, amplifying youth voices, and ensuring language justice so that every voice was heard.

We are incredibly grateful to the entire CSHE community, our partners, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for their unwavering dedication to this mission. A heartfelt thank you to our inspiring speakers, whose thought leadership and insights will continue to guide our work.

CSHE is proud to showcase new TA tools, partnerships, and initiatives that will drive lasting change in health equity. The work continues, and we are stronger together. Stay tuned for highlights, key takeaways, and the inspiring stories that emerged from this impactful week!





Elder Atum Azzahir: Empowering communities through cultural wellness and bridging knowledge for lasting health equity.

CSHE has partnered with [The Cultural Wellness Center \(CWC\)](#) since 2020, thanks to Elder Atum Azzahir's visionary leadership. As the Founder & Executive Director of the Cultural Wellness Center, Elder Atum introduced CSHE to the concept of cultural translation, emphasizing that institutional knowledge and community knowledge hold equal value. At the Black Leadership Summit in August 2024, we were honored to present Elder Atum with the inaugural award –The Atum Azzahir Award – for her guidance and transformative leadership contributions to CSHE.

With over 30 years of institution-building, Elder Atum continues to shape the cultural wellness field. Her lifelong dedication to cultural wellness and empowering communities has not only transformed local health practices but is also creating a nationwide movement toward equity and holistic well-being.



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April is Stress Awareness Month

HOW ARE YOU COPING WITH STRESS ?



CSHE's Impact in Action

**Breaking Barriers:
Advancing Disability &
Leadership Justice**



Autism Acceptance Month is a time to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion, shifting from awareness to embracing the autistic community. One of our partners [Padres E Hijos En Acción](#), is redefining health equity for children with autism by empowering families, advocating for systemic change, and creating culturally-centered spaces. Their work builds an ecosystem that honors cultural identities and provides families with the resources and support they need.

How We Can Move from Awareness to Acceptance:

Awareness means recognizing autism exists.

Acceptance means respecting each individual's journey and advocating for systemic change.

Awareness means identifying autism.

Acceptance means understanding its impact and working with communities to create solutions.

Awareness means acknowledging challenges.

Acceptance means breaking down barriers and ensuring equitable access to care.



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