

Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference Fact Sheet



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The Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference (ECHM) is the largest gathering of public health professionals in Mississippi, attracting more than 400 local and state community leaders, educators, researchers, epidemiologists, health specialists, nurses, physicians, and concerned citizens. ECHM's conference program addresses current and emerging health science, policy, and practice issues in an effort to prevent disease and promote health. The conference has grown to be the state's premier public health educational event, attracting nationally renowned speakers, and presenting innovative information on replicable multidisciplinary models which integrates all levels of providers for the elimination of health disparities in Mississippi.

Conference Goal

The goal of the 7th Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference, “*Lead, Connect, and Inspire,*” is to foster a creative holistic approach towards improving the physical, environmental, behavioral, and emotional health of all Mississippians.

Conference Objectives

- To increase the capacity for successful cross-sector public health collaborations which facilitate effective policy, systems, and environmental changes that promote health equity in communities across the state.
- To promote holistic evidence-based approaches, involving researchers and practitioners across the spectrum of health, to transform health parity efforts, create new models in the field, and improve health outcomes.
- To promote school-community collaborations designed to improve health literacy, and health equity as a vital component of overall community health.

Educational Tracks

- Behavioral Health
- Child and Adolescent Health
- Community
- Environmental Health and Public Safety
- Health Promotion, Health Prevention, and Disease Management



Conference Highlights

- One full day of pre-conference workshops
- Plenary/breakout sessions with local and nationally known health professionals
- Legislative panel discussion
- Networking opportunities
- Various continuing education credits



Conference Partners

- Mississippi State Department of Health
- Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
- University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Mississippi Department of Education
- Mississippi Department of Mental Health
- Mississippi Primary Health Care Association
- Mississippi Public Health Association
- My Brother's Keeper, Inc.
- Alzheimer's Association—Mississippi Chapter

