

OXIHER

A Catalyst for Improving Equity

Long-term health inequities contribute to poor health in our communities. It's a complex problem that requires novel solutions.

Ochsner-Xavier Institute for Health Equity and Research (OXIHER) combines the resources of Ochsner and Xavier University of Louisiana—and their network of partners—to conduct research and provide education around best practices for eliminating health disparities, offer education on health equity and population health, and help build a diverse and inclusive pipeline of healthcare providers.



Xavier University is uniquely positioned as the ideal partner to co-lead, expand and deepen efforts toward health equity and community wellness through innovative social justice approaches.



As the state's largest academic health system, Ochsner is positioned to be a catalyst for change across Louisiana working to coordinate and align a public health ecosystem with a shared public health agenda.

OXIHER aims to:

- ✓ Improve the overall health of all our communities
- ✓ Reduce health inequities
- ✓ Develop innovative healthcare delivery models
- ✓ Model equitable and respectful care
- ✓ Inform strategy to improve Louisiana's health ranking

"Through our partnership, we leverage the academic and research-based strengths to bring awareness to health disparities in our communities, educate providers to perpetuate a culture of equity and train more students to advanced careers in healthcare. We believe that clinical expertise, data, knowledge and action will lead to improved health for the people in the communities we serve."

– Eboni Price-Haywood, MD



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OXIHER: Our Strategic Framework



Outcomes Research

Identify disparities & effective strategies to improve health equity.

Initiatives:

- ✓ Cross-institutional research collaborations
- ✓ Inclusion of racial/ethnic minority populations in clinical research
- ✓ Clinical research internships



Population Health Management

Develop innovative solutions to improve overall community health.

Initiatives:

- ✓ Health system equity strategy
- ✓ Digital health technology to expand access
- ✓ Public health internships



Community Engagement

Build partnerships for public health solutions tailored to local communities.

Initiatives:

- ✓ Collaboration with community organizations in historically under-resourced neighborhoods
- ✓ Regional project alignment with community health needs assessment



Health Careers & Equity Education

Recruit, educate and retain a diverse workforce, and train healthcare workers to lead and innovate in health equity.

Initiatives:

- ✓ Diversification of medical and nursing training programs
- ✓ Develop new science degrees and health professional training programs
- ✓ Healthcare provider training in social determinants of health
- ✓ Healthcare administration internships



Health Advocacy & Policy

Advocate for policies impacting community health.

Initiatives:

- ✓ Legislative activity alignment with Healthy State priority areas
- ✓ Dissemination of evidence-informed health equity solutions
- ✓ Public speaking engagements

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