In the 1960s, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Of all forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.”

Over 40 years have passed, but not much has changed! Turn the page to learn more about the current state of health disparity and what you can do to eliminate it.
What are Health Disparities?

Compared to whites, people of color and people whose first language is not English often receive no or lower-quality health care. As a result, they live sicker and die younger.

Bronx Health REACH is now a Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities (CEED).

Our work continues and we must fight even harder to end Health Disparity NOW!

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What do Health Disparities Look Like?

African American Males vs. White Males

- African American males are expected to live 6 years less than White males (Center for Disease Control 2007).
- African American men are 30% more likely to die from heart disease, as compared to non-Hispanic white men (Office of Minority Health 2007).
- African American males are about twice as likely to have diabetes as White males (Office of Minority Health 2007).

Hispanic Males

- Latinos are almost twice as likely to die from diabetes as White males (CDC 2007).
- Hispanic males are 2 times as likely to die from stomach cancer as White males (NCI 2007).
- Hispanic males have over 3 times the AIDS rate of White males (CDC 2007).

African American Females vs. White Females

- African American women are expected to live almost 5 years less than White women (CDC 2007).
- African American women accounted for 66% of new AIDS cases in 2005, while White women accounted for 16% (OMH 2005).
- African American women are almost 2 times as likely as white women to be obese (OMH 2005).

Hispanic Females

- Latinas are four times as likely to die from AIDS as White women (CDC 2007).
- Hispanic mothers are almost 3 times as likely to have late or no prenatal care (CDC 2007).
- Latinas are 40% more likely to die from cervical cancer than white women (OMH 2005).