

# Eliminating Disparities and Creating Equity in Health Care

## JSI in the United States



**JSI has been working to reduce health inequality** for more than 30 years. JSI assists communities, states, and the federal government to reach people who are underserved, including members of diverse racial and ethnic groups, people with limited English proficiency, people who are under-educated, under-paid, developmentally challenged, and others who may not have access to health care services.

### **Improving Access to Health Care**

JSI addresses social determinants of health in the United States to expand coverage and improve access to services for at-risk groups who may be marginalized within the health care system:

- Assisting homeless programs to provide pediatric health services in locations that have limited health care access and evidence of poor health status.
- Providing technical assistance to HRSA grantees by developing and supporting initiatives that reduce racial and ethnic health disparities among low-income populations.
- Building capacity of Federally-funded state agencies and community-based organizations to reduce teen pregnancy by providing culturally responsive services, programs, and practices.
- Conducting national conferences, (Section 508-compliant) Web casts, workshops, and organizational assessments on providing client-centered and culturally and linguistically appropriate health care programs and services.

### **Strengthening Prevention and Health Promotion**

JSI develops prevention messages to encourage healthy decisions, and JSI's evidence-based initiatives support health literacy for all populations as an essential public health goal. Trainings and technical assistance targeting community health care providers encompass key health issues affecting traditionally underserved clients, including smoking cessation, integration of HIV prevention and reproductive health services, substance abuse prevention, and maternal-child nutrition counseling.

### **Supporting Broad-based Community Initiatives to Improve Health Outcomes**

JSI facilitates capacity building among organizations working in diverse communities, both urban and rural. JSI designs and implements fiscal tracking and staff development systems; develops HIV care and prevention interventions; and devises data collection methods to support evaluation, reporting requirements, and proposal development.

*JSI works with public and private clients to address the nation's most pressing health issues.*

### **Selected Clients**

Action for Boston Community Development  
Boston, MA

The Children's Health Fund  
New York, NY

National Cancer Institute  
Bethesda, MD

Indian Health Service  
Rockville, MD

Pueblo City-County Public Health Department  
Pueblo, CO

Health Resources and Services Administration  
Rockville, MD

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Atlanta, GA

Friends of Shattuck Shelter, Inc.  
Boston, MA

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