

**ORGANIC EFFORTS TOWARDS
HEALTH EQUITY-DRIVEN POLICY AND PRACTICE**

Pre-Webinar Check-in

How are you feeling?

What resources or supports have been helpful to you during this time?

Please use the hand-raising & chat function to share.





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Centering Community in Public Health

2020 Webinar Series

May 7, 2020

Land Acknowledgement



The Praxis Project is a national non-profit organization that works in partnership with national, regional, state, and local partners to achieve health equity and justice for all communities. **Our mission is to build healthy communities by transforming the power relationships and structures that affect our lives and communities.** Praxis supports policy advocacy and local organizing as part of a comprehensive strategy for change.



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Logistics for our webinar

- This webinar will be recorded and posted online.
- Slides AND Q&A responses will be posted online.
- Continuing Education Contact Hours: email jenna@thepraxisproject.org



Community Agreements

- Be respectful
- Be patient
- Brave space
- No wrong questions
- Pop the bubble
- Land the plane



Webinar Engagement

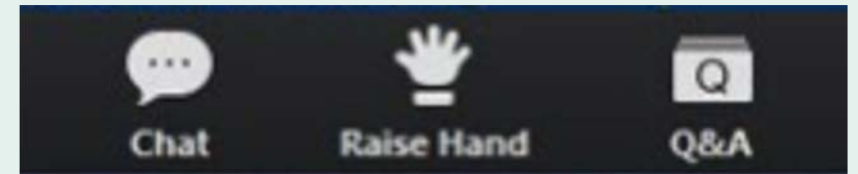
Use Q&A and chat tools throughout webinar

Q&A:

- We will answer questions as they come up
- We will have time for folks to verbally ask questions
- We will then answer written Q&A

Chat:

- Set chat to “all panelists & attendees”
- Chat can be used for comments and engagement with other attendees



Welcome & Introductions

Let's test the chat tool (to panelists and attendees):

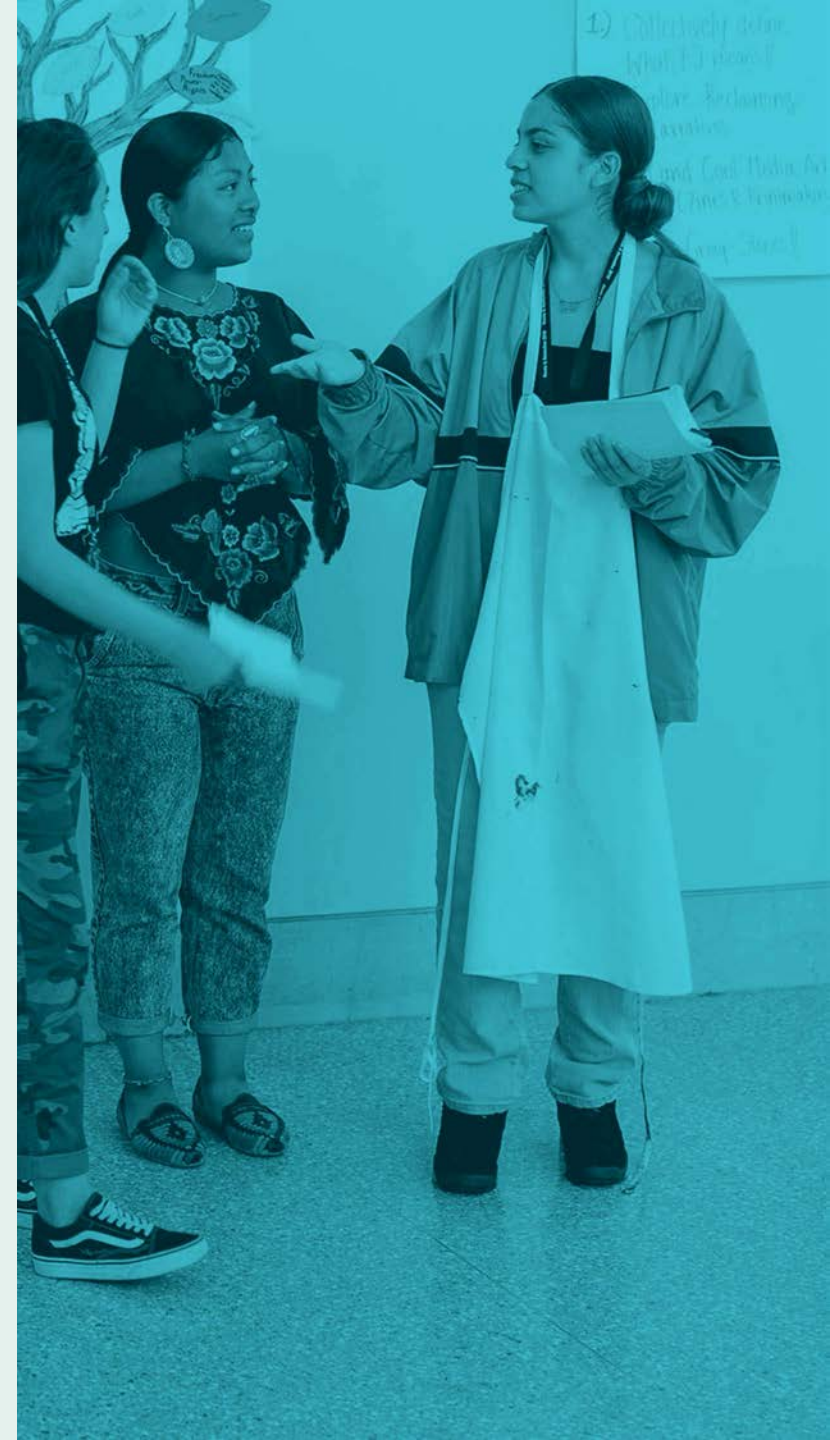
- Name
- Pronouns
- Sector (community, nonprofit, government, etc.)
- Where you're based/land acknowledgement

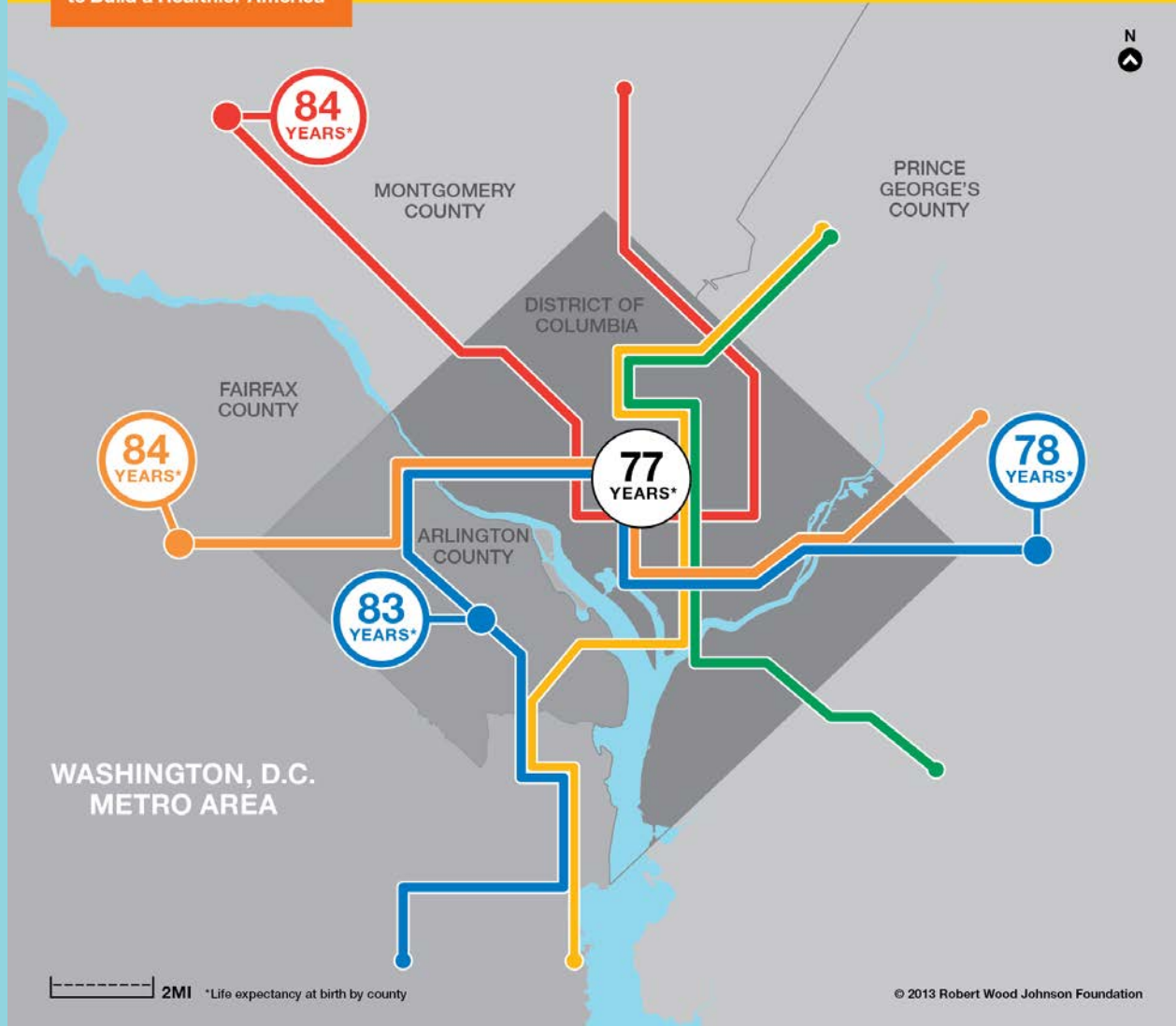


Gratitudes

Thank you to the community partners who contributed their wisdom, knowledge, and experience to this discussion:

Praxis technical assistance partners, staff, Board of Directors, and network of basebuilding organizations.





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Your **ZIP Code** shouldn't predict **how long you'll live.**

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health happens here



Social Determinants of Health



Praxis Theory of Change

Build
Community
Power

Increased
Agency to
Shape Policies,
Systems &
Practices

Basebuilding
Organizing is
Intrinsically Valued
and Directly
Supported

Positive Change
Across Social
Determinants of
Health Equity

More Just
Society



ACT WITH CARE



INCLUSIVITY

Working Principles for Health Justice & Racial Equity



COMMITMENT TO TRANSFORMATION



SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS



AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



Types of Organizations in Communities



Advocacy Organization

A group of people who work to support an issue or protect and defend a group of people, or social good or interest

Community Service Provider

Organizations that deliver person-centered care and services within the community

Community Organization

An organization that uses its own social structures and resources to accomplish community goals

Base-Building Organization

An organization that sets strategies using the priorities of their constituencies to build collective strength and power to address a variety of inequitable conditions within a community



Communities of Praxis

Four Communities of Praxis cohorts make up our Learning Circles, which are designed to emphasize grassroots organizers' strengths for putting ideas into action to address issues important to our communities' health and well-being.

- 1. Early Care & Education**
- 2. Family Supports & Economic Justice**
- 3. Housing Justice**
- 4. Utility Justice – Water & Broadband Internet**



Behind the Brief:
**Organic Efforts Towards Health
Equity-Driven Policy and Practice**



Two Key Findings:

1. Organizers are engaged in multi-level and intersectional advocacy and systems change, reflecting the complex and evolving needs of the communities they work within.
2. Organizers are paving the way for public health to create policy, systems and environment change on pressing health, justice, and racial equity issues.



Policy Priorities by Social Determinants of Health Equity



IMMIGRATION CLIMATE



HEALTH CARE ACCESS



CIVIC PARTICIPATION



HOUSING JUSTICE



REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE



HOPE & EFFICACY



EDUCATION JUSTICE



COMMUNITY SAFETY



TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE



COMMUNITY
INFRASTRUCTURE



FOOD JUSTICE



CLEAN WATER, AIR & SOIL



CONNECTIONS WITH
NEIGHBORS



IDENTITIES THAT ARE
VALUED & WELCOMED



FAIR & UNBIASED
JUSTICE SYSTEM



HEALTHY MARKETING &
RETAIL ENVIRONMENT



ECONOMIC JUSTICE



ACCESS TO PARKS &
RECREATIONAL SPACE

****racism, bias, & other systems of oppression underlie and impact these determinants**



Participant Question

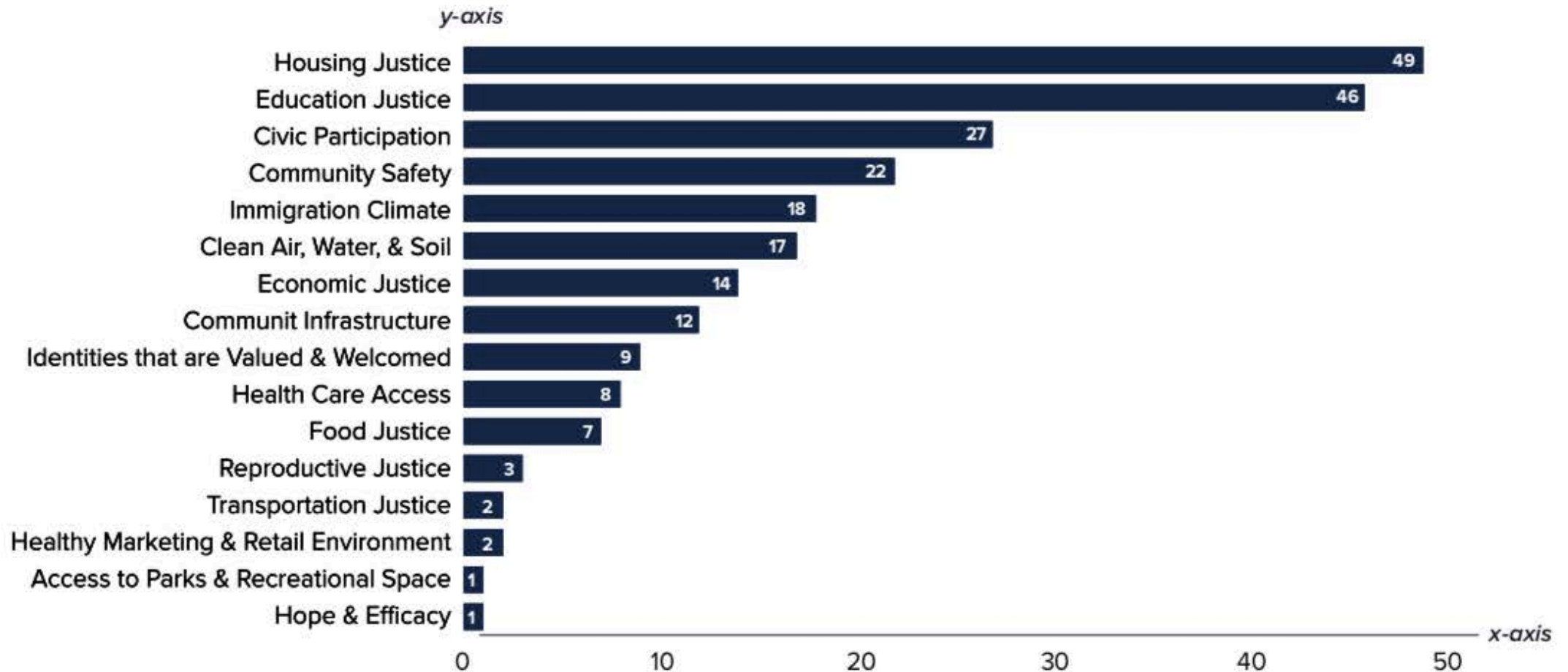
**Please type in your response using the chat tool
(to all panelists and attendees):**

- What social determinants of health equity are YOU improving in your community or organization?



Policy Priorities Across Social Determinants of Health Equity

The X axis represents the number of individual campaigns, initiatives or other efforts of the different organizations working on that social determinant.





Example: Housing Justice

AYPAL – Oakland, CA

- Media campaign against displacement
- Organizing and direct action to fight gentrification and displacement



Example: Education Justice

Padres y Jóvenes Unidos– Denver, CO

- Increasing access to healthier meals
- Promoting restorative practices
- Reviewing suspension/expulsion data
- Ensuring access to clean water





Example: Food Justice

Diné Community Advocacy Alliance – Navajo Nation

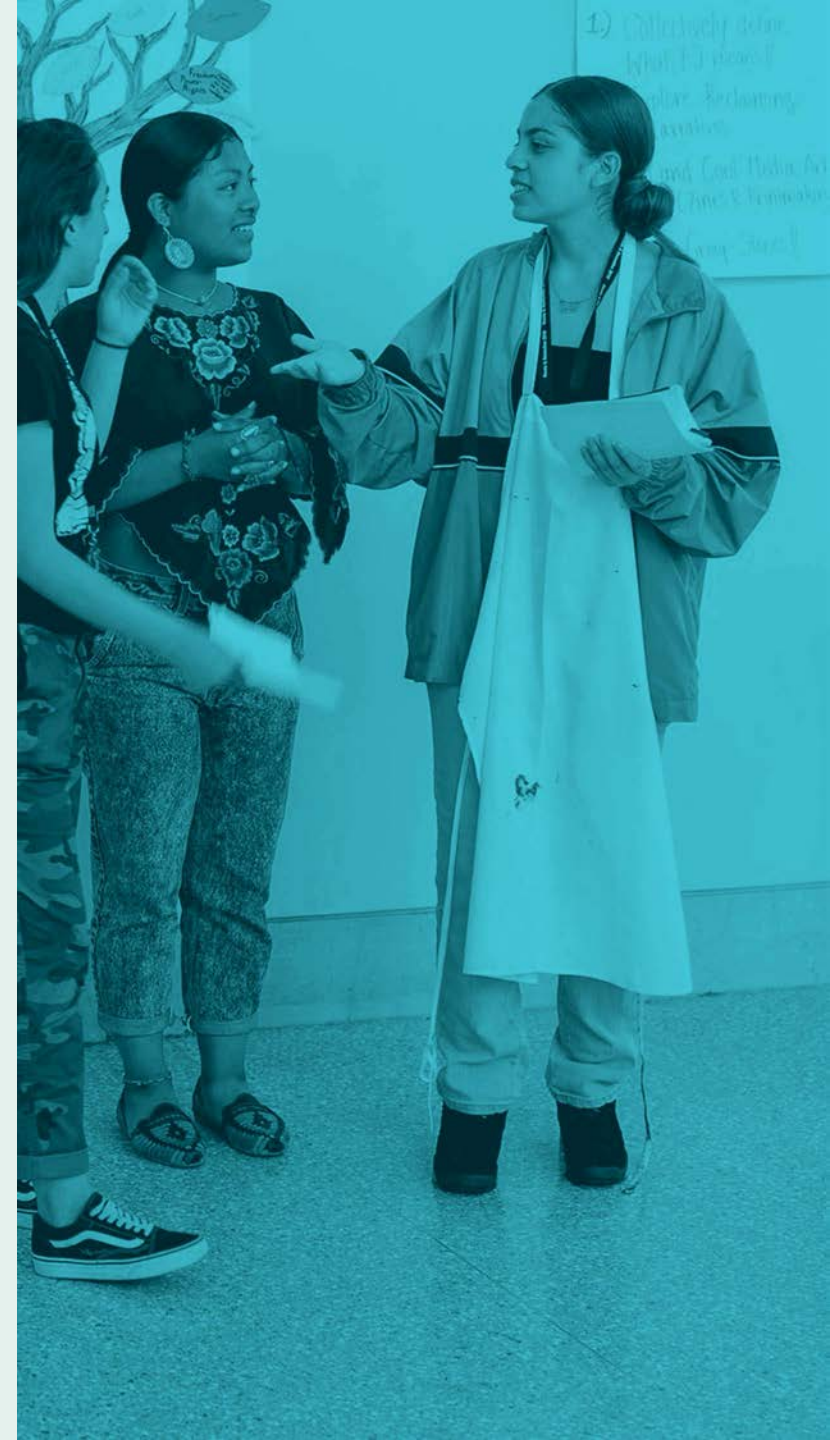
- Monitor implementation of food policy (Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2014)
- Development and advocacy of long-term community wellness plans



Example: Civic Participation

Freedom, Inc. – Madison, WI

- Engage community members in political education and leadership development
- Active in the movement for black lives campaigns
- Neighborhood advocacy using community accountability models



From the Organizers Leading the Work

- PODER SF
- Menikanaehkem





PODER SF

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PODER is an organization that organizes with Latino immigrant families and youth to put into practice people-powered solutions that are locally based, community led and environmentally just.





Menikanaehkem

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Menikānaehkem is a grassroots community organization based on the Menominee Reservation, in Northeast Wisconsin working to revitalize our communities.



Recommendations:

We urge foundations, funders, and other grantmaking organizations to **identify and invest** in multi-issue and high-impact nonprofit community organizing to reinforce equity-centered, community-driven policy, systems and environmental change.

Together, organizers and traditional public health can join forces to build transformative health justice.



Discussion

1.) First, use the hand-raising function in zoom if you have a mic and would like to speak your question.

2.) Please type in your question using the Q&A tool.

What questions do you have for the speakers and Praxis hosts?

What are YOUR greatest needs with advancing equity-driven policy in your community?



Participant Feedback Poll

Please complete our brief anonymous poll.

We will share a separate evaluation survey afterwards. Please complete it, as your feedback is invaluable to us.





What's Coming Up for Praxis:

Community Wisdom Brief Series

Stay tuned for the next release:

Measuring the Impact of Building Community Power for Health Justice: What? Why? And How?

<https://www.thepraxisproject.org/signup-for-updates>



What's Coming up for Praxis:

- **Working Principles for Health Justice & Racial Equity:**
<https://www.thepraxisproject.org/our-principles>
- **Next Webinar:** June 24, 2020: Building & Measuring Community Power for Health Justice
- **Basebuilding Convenings:** virtual support for disaster recovery justice & digital storytelling



Thank You!

* Please don't forget to complete the evaluation!

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