



Community Leadership Team 2022-2023

The CLT is a group of community members in our region interested in building their capacity to advocate and organize around racial justice health equity. The CLT met virtually, from October 2022-June 2023. During this time, OHEA staff provided assisted with the following objectives:

- Deepened their racial justice health equity analysis skills via trainings and community conversations around topics like data justice and policy and advocacy work.
 - Learn about strategies around advocating and organizing around racial justice health equity principles policies and action
 - Coordinated events and/or projects that engage their communities around racial justice health equity work
-

WHO MAKES UP THE CLT?

This group of community members were interested in developing their existing analyses around policy, systems, and environmental change work, political advocacy, and/or learning about ways to engage in strategies within their own communities, networks, or institutions, for change.

This cohort focused on building the capacity of young folks of color (ages 18-26) in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington County in Oregon.



Community Leadership Team 2022-2023

DURING THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM, CLT MEMBERS GAINED:

- A deeper discussion and development of racial justice informed health equity analysis
- Stronger understanding and confidence in pushing for racial justice health equity policies and practices within their positions of influence
- Opportunities to develop relationships with professionals dedicated to racial justice health equity as well as connections to sit on decision- making spaces in our region
- Connections with other amazing advocates working to further their racial justice health equity informed analyses, support from OHEA staff and partners

HOW CLT MEMBERS DESCRIBE THEIR PROJECTS

" My project focused on providing low-income refugee children in Southeast Portland with the school supplies necessary to make it through the school year. My project also aimed to identify the need for school supplies and other resources within the community."

My project involved fund redistribution to HOLLA mentors for their Joy Fund. The other organization that received funds to help their current project of a Houselessness Comic was the "Changing the Narrative" project.

"We created a financial literacy workbook called the Family Love Fund FOR the immigrant and refugee community BY the African immigrant and refugee community. The workbook is centered on the act of remittance, which we refer to in our workbook as the Family Love Fund. Remittance is the practice of sending money or resources from people living abroad to their communities and loved ones in their country of origin. The Family Love Fund workbook provides a space for people to read wisdom from the African immigrant and refugee community in regards to the family love fund and to reflect upon their own Family Love Fund and their general budget."

"This project helped me get a better understanding of what it means to have a community-driven approach, and it was an experience I would want to do over and over again if given the opportunity! "

THE PROGRAMMING OR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS LED BY THE CLT MEMBERS:

- Anti-Oppressive Financial Literacy Approach for African Immigrant and Refugees
 - Two CLT members collaborated by organizing virtual focus groups and creating a booklet composed of what was learned and the feedback from the focus group events
 - Here is a link to the [Family Love Fund Booklet](#)
- One CLT member focused on school Supplies distribution and holding Art event for socioeconomically disadvantaged youth in Southeast Portland, targeted towards refugee families
- One member provided care, health equity education and supplies for Agriculture workers
- A pair of CLT members worked together on Community Hygiene Wellness for the unhoused and students
- One member organized a [virtual seated Yoga session](#) where participants were guided through activities and stretches, led by a culturally inclusive instructor
- One member donated their funds to a local non-profit community partner with the purpose of supporting the youth with purchases they may need this summer
- One CLT member put their efforts toward creating a Zine, which highlighted local bipoc businesses such as restaurants, merchants, local talent such as musical artists & artists in general. This zine also included information on where to obtain health access needs