

HEALTH EQUITY COHORT 2.0

Frequently asked questions

General information

Q1: What are the benefits of participating in the Health Equity Cohort?

- Opportunities to pilot innovative projects and receive funding support.
- Shared learning with other leaders to develop scalable solutions.
- Strengthened connections between health and social service systems.
- Access to training and tools for fostering equity and community-led action.

Application process

Q2: What is required to apply?

- **Previous cohort participants:** A short form confirming your interest, any organizational updates, and logistical details about who, when, and how you can participate.
- **New applicants:** A detailed application covering your organization's work, alignment with cohort themes, and capacity to participate. This process is not meant to be a tool to screen out interested participants, but to ensure we gather the information we need to inform planning and provide adequate orientation and support to participants.

Participation and expectations

Q3: What kind of projects will the cohort focus on?

Projects will focus on addressing health-related social needs (e.g., housing, food, transportation) through community-led solutions that bridge formal and informal systems of care.

Q4: Are participants required to pilot a project?

While pilot projects are encouraged, they are not mandatory. Participants can also contribute by sharing insights, best practices, and lessons learned.

Q5: Will there be funding available for projects?

Yes, we plan to invest in pilot projects that align with the cohort's goals and demonstrate scalability and sustainability.

Onboarding and support

Q6: What support will participants receive?

- Orientation for new members to align on goals and expectations.
- Peer mentoring opportunities
- Ongoing technical assistance and access to resources for pilot projects.
- Financial support can be discussed to cover cost of participation on a case-by-case basis

Additional questions

Q7: How does the cohort align with the region's health equity goals?

The cohort supports our region's efforts to improve health outcomes and reduce costs through collective commitment that everyone should have what they need to thrive.

Q8: Can I join if I don't have experience with pilot projects?

Yes! Whether you're new to pilot projects or have extensive experience, your unique perspective and commitment to health equity are what matter most.

Q9: What happens after the cohort ends?

We hope participants will continue to collaborate, scale successful projects, and apply lessons learned to their work. CHOICE will also use lessons learned from process and products to inform their ongoing approach and future investments related to Medicaid Waiver 2.0.

