Engaging across differences: Constructive dialogue for civic health

**County Health Rankings & Roadmaps**

**Tools & Resources**

- The Take Action to Improve Health and Online & On Air sections of our website help communities look at the factors influencing residents’ health, select effective strategies, and explore real-world examples to advance health and health equity. The sections include:
  - **What Works for Health**: Searchable database of evidence-informed strategies, policies, programs and systems changes
  - **The Action Center**: Step-by-step guidance and tools to move from data to action
  - **Webinars**: Live-streamed monthly presentations showcasing equity-centered approaches and real-world examples on a range of topics. Discuss learnings after the webinar in a virtual, small group setting. Webinars can also be watched on demand.
  - **Podcast “In Solidarity”**: Conversations with some of our nation’s brightest minds and bold leaders connecting power, place and health.

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**Highlighted Guidance**

**CDI Tools**: Learn more about Constructive Dialogue Institute’s (CDI) offerings and how you can bring their tools to your workplace to promote constructive dialogue.

**Conversation Simulator**: This 10-min mini-course teaches you three evidence-based practices to navigate difficult conversations. And it lets you practice along the way through a simulated conversation.

**Bridge building in the context of inequality**: In partnership with the Aspen Institute, CDI released a white paper exploring the tensions between efforts to repair intergroup relationships and efforts to correct inequitable structures, and how those tensions can be reconciled.

The 2023 **County Health Rankings & Roadmaps National Findings Report** focuses on the connection between civic health and thriving people and places. Civic health reflects the opportunities people have to participate in their communities.
Discussion Group Session Resources

- R.O.C.K. Mat-Su created the [Braided Stories: Building Equitable Communities for Alaska’s Children & Families workshop](#) to create a safe space for the exploration and transformation of racism in the community.
- “Unpacking ‘Participation’: models, meanings and practices” is an article by Andrea Cornwall published in the Community Development Journal, June 2008
- The [“What is Nonviolent Communication”](#) webpage contains information and resources from the Center for Nonviolent Communications which is based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg

Healthy Places by Design Resources

- [Healthy Places by Design](#) facilitated the post-webinar discussion group session. Their [Community Action Model](#) was developed with insights from more than a dozen years of supporting successful community health initiatives and a deep understanding of the community change process.
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