

Behavioral Health Disparities Impact Statements

The TA Tidbit is an online publication of the TA Network highlighting resources developed or provided in response to requests from SAMHSA SOC grantees on various topics.


This month's topical focus is on **Behavioral Health Disparities Impact Statements**.

The primary purpose of the Behavioral Health Disparities Impact Statement (BHDIS) is to assess and heighten the impact of policies, programs, processes, and resource decisions to eliminate behavioral health disparities and disproportionalities. This funding requirement enhances the quality of behavioral health and supportive care for children, youth and families by promoting data-driven strategies. A well-structured BHDIS includes:

- An outline of the grantee's population(s) of focus by race, ethnicity, and LGBTQI2-S identities
- Methods to address identified issues regarding data collection, service implementation, and data reporting
- Alignment of policies & procedures with the CLAS Standards

Resources to develop an initial statement or to modify a previously submitted statement can be found below:

- TA Network Webinars:
 - [Behavioral Health Disparities Impact Statements](#)
 - [Introduction to the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services \(CLAS\) in Health and Health Care](#)
- SAMSHA Resources
 - [Disparity Impact Examples](#)
 - [Efforts Related to Behavioral Health Equity](#)



- Additional Resources

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [National CLAS Standards](#)
- University of South Florida [Cultural & Linguistic Competence \(CLC\) Resource Library for Eliminating Behavioral Health Disparities](#)
- Gender Identity in U.S. Surveillance (GenIUSS) Group [Best Practices for Asking Questions to Identify Transgender and Other Gender Minority Respondents on Population-Based Surveys](#)

Please contact [Dr. Peter Gamache](#), if you have questions about your BHDIS.