Welcome to Public Health Practices BRIEF, a shorter version of our monthly UPDATE newsletter. It's our way of delivering curated and often hard-to-find tools and practices right to your inbox.

In this issue:
Preventing racial, ethnic, and linguistic disparities during a disaster

Social disparities after Hurricane Ike
After assessing hurricane damage, a Texas partnership measured social indicators of health and ethnic/economic disparities affecting resiliency. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

Training promotores
A Maryland county created a curriculum for promotores (community health workers) who reach Latino communities with preparedness information. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

Emergent language needs
A New Orleans program helped address the need for translation and interpretation following an influx of immigrants after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

Communication toolkit
Seattle-King County developed a toolkit to assist organizations that help diverse communities prepare for emergencies. The resource includes tools for mapping, conducting focus groups, distributing mini-grants, and coming up with communication ideas. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

Undocumented workers and wildfires
A San Diego coalition provided outreach and training to undocumented farmworkers who, in the past, had been unwilling to seek help and official shelter during wildfires. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

Prioritizing translation during H1N1
Minnesota created a decision-making process to help prioritize languages for translation during H1N1. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

Responder cultural competence
The national Office of Minority Health developed training materials for first responders who wish to provide culturally appropriate care during a disaster. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

Diverse community partnerships
A North Carolina project brought together health agencies and community leaders to enhance disaster preparedness communication with racially and ethnically diverse communities. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

Promotores on the US/Mexico border
A Texas partnership trained promotores to spread emergency preparedness and health promotion messages to Spanish-speaking communities along the border between El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

H1N1 mini-grants to CBOs
Massachusetts provided small grants to community-based organizations, allowing them to reach out to ethnically diverse populations hit hard by H1N1. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)

Agricultural workers and avian flu education
A Minnesota center developed a train-the-trainer avian flu education program for limited-English-speaking, rural agricultural workers. [View Practice](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs132/1107842220510/archive/1113830104050.html)
Fotonovela
North Carolina created a comic-style photographic story depicting a child teaching his parents preparedness skills (only available in Spanish). View Practice

Accessible program for Latinos
The National Council of La Raza developed a comprehensive toolkit to help emergency managers create accessible preparedness and response programs for Latinos and Spanish-speakers. View Practice

Preparedness education for farmworkers
A Chicago/New York coalition developed an interactive guide for organizations working to train migrant farmworkers in disaster preparedness. View Practice

Diversity resources
For more information addressing cultural competence and preventing health disparities during a disaster, please visit Drexel University's National Resource Center on Advancing Emergency Preparedness for Culturally Diverse Communities.

Search the wealth of tools from across the nation, or read more about this month's topic: "Recovering from the Oklahoma Tornado: Resources for Children and Families."

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