Performing Public Health: Advisory | Remote Cultures | Unique Precarities

UNIQUE PRECARITIES: Elder Communities

Disability/Immunocompromised Communities
Experiencing Homelessness
Marginalized Communities
Elder Communities
Pregnancy
Essential Care Workers
Indigenous Communities

COMMUNITY ARTIST / ACTIVIST RESOURCES

There is No One Way
“As with many other marginalized communities, disabled artists and activists have always figured out how to exist and thrive in ways that may seem atypical or inferior by “normal” standards.”

Grieving Our Collective Loss—One Stitch at a Time
“...even though my life’s work has prepared me to understand precisely this moment in history, I’m finding scholarly mechanisms too abstract in the face of material loss. There is an ever-growing, gaping maw of a “people-shaped hole in the universe” that I cannot feel.”

Culture Surge
“We believe that artists and culture-makers are the visionary leaders needed to galvanize us towards a future rooted in justice, care, and connection.”

Center For Cultural Power - Confronting Crisis with Imagination
“If we get this right, we’ll never go back to normal.”

ACADEMIC / MEDICAL / LEGAL RESOURCES

People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions - CDC

Structural Racism, White Fragility, and Ventilator Rationing Policies
- Hastings Bioethics Forum. “It’s been painful to watch health leaders twist themselves into moral knots denying that recently created ventilator rationing guidance will differentially affect Blacks, Latinx, and other people of color. On television, in newspapers, and on listservs, when the predicted disproportionate impacts of these policies are raised, some bioethicists-often white, stonewall. Or repeat a policy’s assertions that race, ethnicity, disability, etc. are irrelevant to care decisions. Or default to the intent of the policymakers”
More from the Hastings Bioethics Forum on COVID19

Ethics Talk: Disability Community Perspectives on COVID-19
- AMA Journal of Ethics

Coronavirus and the Politics of Care - Law and Political Economy
“The most urgent need is for a new politics of care in this pandemic”

with support from ArtPlace America
NoBodyisDisposable.org
"We are people targeted by triage plans during the COVID-19 pandemic — people with disabilities, fat people, old people, people with HIV/AIDS or other illnesses — and our loved ones who don’t want us to die. We partner with social justice and civil rights organizations, as well as medical professionals to demand policies that avoid triage and avoid discrimination in triage.”

Performance Despite the Pandemic:
Continuing to Create at the Intersection of Coronavirus, Crisis, and Care

“Naming the Lost”
NYC Artists Built Memorials with 24-hour Vigil
Physical memorials across NYC honor the lives lost to COVID-19. “Naming the Lost” was a 24-hour online national vigil to draw attention to the lack of a national mourning and to encourage attendees to unite across differences to ensure everyone receives the care they need.

COVID-19 and The Naturalization of Vulnerability
“Seniors and elders in nursing homes and elsewhere aren’t inherently vulnerable; nor are disabled people in institutions inherently vulnerable. Both of these groups (among others) are made vulnerable.”

The Color of Corona:
COVID-19 deaths analyzed by race and ethnicity
A regularly updated research document by APM Research Lab.

Infection Control Deficiencies Were Widespread and Persistent in Nursing Homes Prior to COVID-19 Pandemic
A detailed report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office: “Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we found that most nursing homes were cited for infection prevention and control deficiencies (82% of those surveyed from 2013-2017). About half of these homes had persistent problems and were cited across multiple years.”

Evaluation Framework for Crisis Standard of Care Plans
A document from leading disability advocacy organizations that goes into greater detail on the guidance issued by the HHS Office of Civil Rights.
“Our values and our ancestral teachings are so relevant right now,” said Jodi Archambault of the Wend Collective during the town hall. “Communities are planting gardens, children are learning songs, and they’re learning languages. Without audiences, people are just doing it because it makes their hearts sing.”

Native Americans & COVID-19 Town Hall

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