

# Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) 2026 Program Schedule

- The Michigan Office of Transformation, Engagement, Community Health (MI-TEaCH) offers the following **program schedule** to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the public.
- We also offer a la carte sessions upon request.
  - Please fill out our [Technical Assistance Request Form](#) and *ask for Dr. Sam Evalt* for more information and possible cost. Dr. Evalt will reach out after receipt of a completed form.
- Most of the 2026 offerings are virtual. Each contains a registration link and specifies whether it is virtual or in-person.
- Pages 2-3 contain the dates/times and registration links.
- Pages 4-11 contain each training summary and shows if it is virtual or in-person.

Note: Please check back for a mid-year update in June 2026. We hope to add new offerings for late summer through early November.

# 2026 Schedule by Quarter

Calendar by Quarter	Training Offerings
January - March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Feb. 24, 9-11 a.m. - Unnatural Causes: In Sickness and In Wealth</a></li><li>• <a href="#">March 5, 9-11 a.m. - Unconscious Decision-Making</a></li><li>• <a href="#">March 24, 2-4 p.m. - Cross-Cultural Service Delivery</a></li></ul>
April - June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">April 21, 9-11 a.m. - Unconscious Decision-Making</a></li><li>• <a href="#">May 7, 9-11 a.m. - Cross-Cultural Service Delivery</a></li><li>• <a href="#">May 14, 9-11 a.m. - Unnatural Causes: Place Matters</a></li><li>• June 9-11 - Inside Our Minds<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Day 1</a> June 9 (in-person, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</li><li>• <a href="#">Day 2</a> June 10 (virtual, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)</li><li>• <a href="#">Day 3</a> June 11 (virtual, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)</li></ul></li><li>• <a href="#">June 23, 2-4 p.m. - Health Literacy in Action</a></li></ul>

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## Calendar by Quarter

## Training Offerings

July - September

- [July 14, 9-11 a.m. - Cross-Cultural Service Delivery](#)
- [Aug. 4, 2-4 p.m. - Unnatural Causes: In Sickness and In Wealth](#)
- [Aug. 18, 2-4 p.m. - Unconscious Decision-Making](#)
- Sept. 15-17, Inside Our Minds
  - [Day 1](#) Sept. 15 (in-person, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
  - [Day 2](#) Sept. 16 (virtual, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
  - [Day 3](#) Sept. 17 (virtual, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

October - November

- [Oct. 1, 9-11 a.m. - Health Literacy in Action](#)

# Computer-Based Trainings (CBTs)

MDHHS's Michigan Office of Transformation, Engagement, and Community Health (MI-TEaCH) sponsors these online learning opportunities and looks forward to continuing to offer relevant and free educational materials to the public.

The two computer-based trainings (CBT) focus on building a common language related to advancing health opportunities and tackling systemic structures that inhibit community well-being. Both how the application of terms apply to communities through data and health outcomes.

- **MDHHS**

MDHHS requires two foundational annual trainings per the [APR-500](#) MI-TEaCH policy. The trainings are maintained by MI-TEaCH, within the Office of Culture, Community, Education, and Leadership (CCEL). Both trainings can be accessed by MDHHS staff through the online [LMS course mill portal](#); staff are now automatically enrolled.

- **Public Users**

The public (non-MDHHS staff) can access these two trainings through [miHealth LMS](#). To gain access to these trainings as public users, please email us at [elearning@mphi.org](mailto:elearning@mphi.org). The same email can be used for technical questions/support.

# Unconscious Decision-Making in Health Care and Media - virtual



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If you have a brain, you make unconscious decisions. Unconscious decision-making is established by biology and shaped by social conditioning, which is impacted by the messages we receive every day. Evidence demonstrates that unconscious decisions permeate the health care sector on an individual and organizational level, playing an important role in health disparities. If health care professionals continue to operate without awareness and understanding, disparities will persist. During this session we will establish baseline awareness and understanding of how unconscious decisions operate in the human brain, demonstrate how unconscious decisions are interwoven in societal systems like the media and health care, and identify strategies to reduce prejudice in decision-making and maximize patient well-being.

**Note: This training meets the LARA Health Care Licensing Rules for health care professionals.**

## Registration Dates:

- [March 5, 9-11 a.m. - Unconscious Decision-Making](#)
- [April 21, 9-11 a.m. - Unconscious Decision-Making](#)
- [Aug. 18, 2-4 p.m. - Unconscious Decision-Making](#)

# Cross-Cultural Service Delivery (CCSD) - virtual



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CCSD program addresses the growing need for equitable health and human services by focusing on demographic shifts, persistent health disparities, and the role of culture and disability in shaping health outcomes. Participants learn how cultural beliefs, language barriers, and systemic inequities influence service delivery and explore strategies to improve communication, trust and accessibility for all populations. The training emphasizes practical frameworks and actionable steps to advance fairness for all.

## **Registration Dates:**

- [March 24, 2-4 p.m. - Cross-Cultural Service Delivery](#)
- [May 7, 9-11 a.m. - Cross-Cultural Service Delivery](#)
- [July 14, 9-11 a.m. – Cross-Cultural Service Delivery](#)

# Unnatural Causes: In Sickness and In Wealth - virtual



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The Unnatural Causes series explores why health is more than what happens in a doctor's office. It is shaped by social and economic conditions. The episode "In Sickness and In Wealth" reveals how income, education, housing and neighborhood environments strongly influence health outcomes, often more than individual choices or genetics. These factors, known as social determinants of health, create patterns of advantage and disadvantage that impact life expectancy and well-being. The training encourages participants to reflect on their own communities, identify resources and stressors, and consider how systemic inequities — such as discrimination, lack of affordable housing and limited access to healthy food — contribute to health disparities.

## Registration Dates

- [Feb. 24, 9-11 a.m. - Unnatural Causes: In Sickness and In Wealth](#)
- [Aug. 4, 2-4 p.m. - Unnatural Causes: In Sickness and In Wealth](#)

# Unnatural Causes: Place Matters - virtual



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The Unnatural Causes series explores why health is more than what happens in a doctor's office. It is shaped by social and economic conditions. The episode "Place Matters" focuses on how zip code can be a stronger predictor of health than genetic code. Neighborhood conditions — such as safe housing, clean environments, transportation and economic opportunities — are deeply influenced by policy decisions, private investment and community engagement. Historical and structural barriers, including segregation and disinvestment, continue to shape health outcomes today. The training calls for action through equitable policies, environmental justice initiatives, and community empowerment strategies to create healthier neighborhoods. By addressing these root causes, Michigan can move toward a future where everyone has a fair chance at health, regardless of race, income or where they live.

## Registration dates:

- [May 14, 9-11 a.m. - Unnatural Causes: Place Matters](#)

# Inside Our Minds – Day 1 in-person and Days 2-3 virtual



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An interactive training designed to uncover how unconscious attitudes and stereotypes shape our decisions and behaviors. Using neuroscience concepts like “fast brain” and “slow brain” thinking, the session explains why implicit bias exists, how it impacts individuals and systems, and why awareness alone is not enough. Through activities and discussion, participants learn practical strategies — such as stereotype replacement, perspective-taking and the PAUSE method — to interrupt bias and foster equity. The training emphasizes that lessening bias is a lifelong process requiring intentional practice, cultural change and commitment to creating inclusive environments. Note: Please know for the three-day training, Day 1 is in-person, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Days 2-3 are virtual, four hours each.

## **Registration Dates: Please register for all three dates for either session.**

- June 9-11 - [Day 1](#) (in-person, **Lansing Training Center**, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.); [Day 2](#) (virtual, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.); [Day 3](#) (virtual, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- Sept. 15-17 - [Day 1](#) (in-person, **Detroit Cadillac Place**, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.); [Day 2](#) (virtual, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.); [Day 3](#) (virtual, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

# Health Literacy in Action - virtual

Health literacy is essential for high quality patient centered care, reducing health disparities and ensuring patient satisfaction. In this session, participants will explore the importance of health literacy, plain language and health literacy best practices, and strategies to assess and improve patient, personal and organizational health literacy. Participants will leave the session with a renewed charge to ensure health information and services are easily understood by all via meeting varying individual needs. Participants will learn actionable strategies to incorporate health literacy into patient-centered care and work culture.

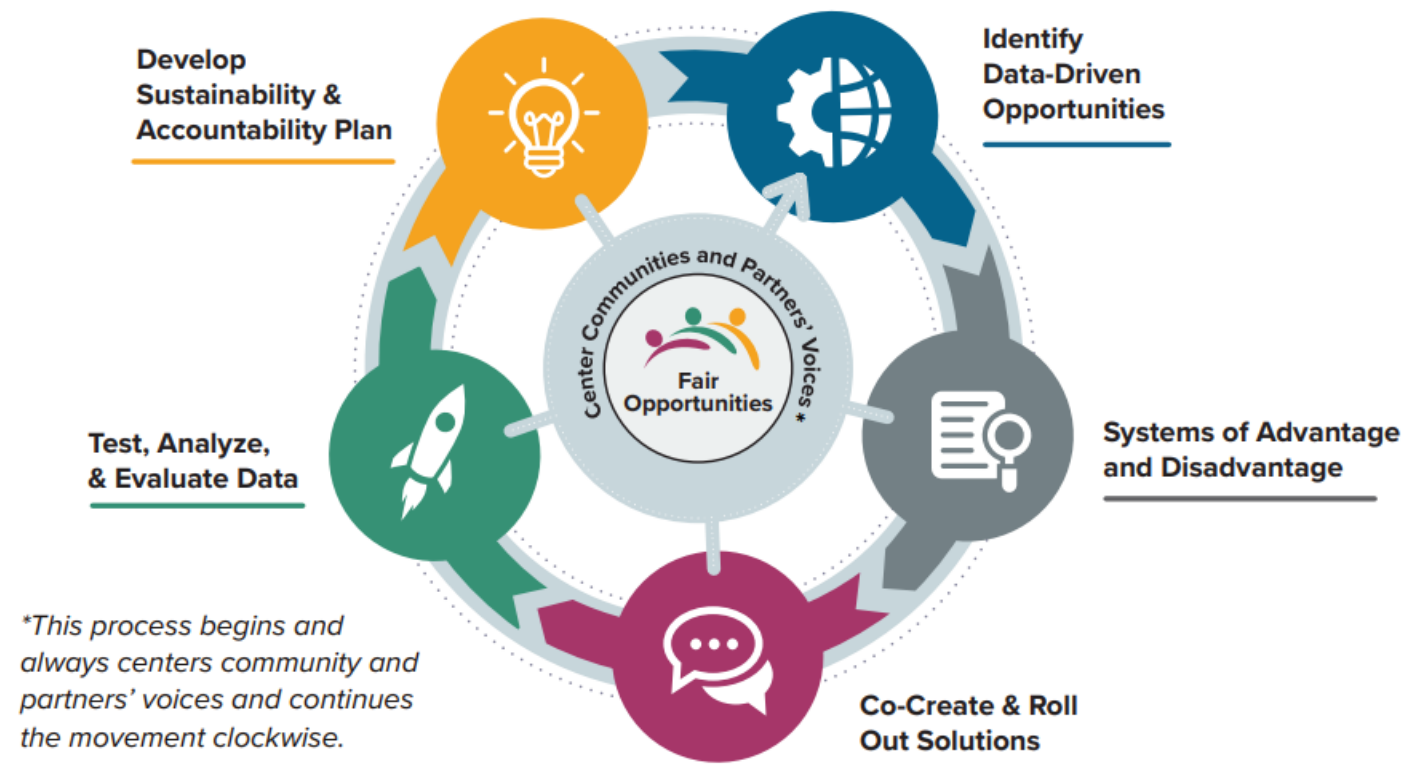
## **Registration dates:**

- [June 23, 2-4 p.m. - Health Literacy in Action](#)
- [Oct. 1, 9-11 a.m. - Health Literacy in Action](#)

# Data-Driven Decision-Making (3D) Process

Without intentional intervention, institutions and structures can perpetuate unfair systemic conditions. The 3D Process prepares organizations to address the root causes that contribute to differences in health outcomes, processes, practices, policies, budgetary decisions, and other factors. Through the 3D Process, organizations learn how to develop actionable strategies and decisions that can lead to better outcomes for all communities.

For more information, please contact Yesenia Murillo, [MurilloY@michigan.gov](mailto:MurilloY@michigan.gov).



# Attendance Logistics

- Cancellation
  - If a participant cancellation needs to happen, we ask participants try to provide a two-business day notice via email ([evalts1@michigan.gov](mailto:evalts1@michigan.gov)) or cancellation within the TEAMS registration/Outlook invite.
- Participation
  - TTA has a minimum number of registrations per training of eight people. **Should there be no quorum, the training will be cancelled and all parties notified by email.**
  - TTA asks participants to log on five minutes before the start of each training; and be open to learning and growth through dialogue.