Health Equity

**WHY HEALTH EQUITY?**
The overall health and productivity of the United States will decline if health inequities are not addressed.

- People of color will comprise approximately half of the population in the U.S. by 2050.*
- In its 2012 reports on health care quality and disparities, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) found that low income individuals and people of color experience more barriers to care and receive poorer quality care, resulting in poorer health outcomes.

**WHY STRATIS HEALTH?**
*Stratis Health* works to close the disparities gap in health care.

- We partner with health care organizations to incorporate health equity efforts into strategic plans, employee orientations, and overall evaluations based on the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards.
- We work with low-income populations and communities of color to improve health literacy.
- We close the disparities gap in health care by educating providers about the different cultures, beliefs, and practices of their patients.

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**Stratis Health’s Impact**

- **75** Clinics supported by using a gap analysis with customized recommendations to assess how well each clinic met the CLAS Standards.

- **10** County/city public health agencies assisted with cultural assessments around the CLAS and Public Health Accreditation Board Standards.

**Resources**

- Online training for physicians, nurses, and other medical staff
- One-on-one assessment and consultation on cultural competence topics
- Online cultural competence learning center: [www.culturecareconnection.org](http://www.culturecareconnection.org)
- **Cultural Matters** DVD Series describing Hmong, Latino, and Somali communities

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* U.S. Census 2010

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