

**OXIHER**

## **A Catalyst for Improving Community Health**

**Long-term health disparities contribute to poor health in our communities.  
It's a complex problem that requires novel solutions.**

Ochsner-Xavier Institute for Health Equity and Research (OXIHER) combines the resources of Ochsner and Xavier University of Louisiana—and their network of partners—to conduct research and provide education around best practices for eliminating health disparities, engage with our communities to improve health outcomes, and promote inclusivity in our pipeline of healthcare providers.



Xavier University is uniquely positioned as the ideal partner to co-lead, expand and deepen efforts toward health equity and community wellness.



As the state's largest academic health system, Ochsner is positioned to be a catalyst for change across Louisiana working to coordinate and align a public health ecosystem with a shared public health agenda.

### **OXIHER aims to:**

- ✓ Improve the overall health of all our communities
- ✓ Reduce health disparities
- ✓ Develop innovative healthcare delivery models
- ✓ Model respectful, high quality care
- ✓ Inform strategy to improve Louisiana's health ranking

**"Through our partnership, we leverage the academic and research-based strengths to bring awareness to health disparities in our communities, educate providers to perpetuate a culture of community health, and train more students to advanced careers in healthcare. We believe that clinical expertise, data, knowledge and action will lead to improved health for the people in the communities we serve."**

– Eboni Price-Haywood, MD



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# OXIHER: Our Strategic Framework



## Outcomes Research

**Identify disparities & effective strategies to improve health outcomes among all communities.**

Initiatives:

- ✓ Develop Ochsner-XULA cross-institutional research collaborations
- ✓ Promote inclusivity in clinical research
- ✓ Advance health outcomes and community-engaged research internships



## Population Health Management

**Develop innovative solutions to improve overall community health.**

Initiatives:

- ✓ Design a comprehensive healthcare optimization strategy
- ✓ Leverage digital health technology to expand access
- ✓ Leverage public health internships



## Community Engagement

**Build partnerships for public health solutions tailored to local communities.**

Initiatives:

- ✓ Collaborate with community organizations in historically under-resourced (housing, green space, grocery stores, etc.) neighborhoods
- ✓ Align regional projects with community health needs assessment



## Health Careers & Workforce Development

**Recruit, educate and retain a workforce to lead, innovate and improve health outcomes for all communities.**

Initiatives:

- ✓ Promote inclusivity of students enrolled in health professional training programs
- ✓ Develop new science degrees and health professional training programs
- ✓ Deliver healthcare provider training in social determinants of health
- ✓ Host college students in paid internships in research, public health, and healthcare administration within the health system



## Health Advocacy & Policy

**Advocate for policies impacting community health.**

Initiatives:

- ✓ Disseminate evidence-informed solutions
- ✓ Promote outreach, education, and public speaking engagements

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