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Register for FREE Racial Equity Trainings

2020 continues to highlight the persistence of systemic racism in Virginia, from disparate COVID-19 outcomes to the lessons of the Black Lives Matter movement, there is more work to be done to ensure equitable health outcomes for all Virginians. To equip Virginia's health care community with the tools and understanding necessary to create a more equitable system Virginia Health Catalyst will host a **free** virtual training series in 2021.

Each training is facilitated by one of two leaders in the field, staff from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities or Ebony Walden Consulting, and each session features content tailored to the unique challenges and opportunities facing Catalyst partners. There are opportunities to take standalone trainings, or take part in a three-part learning cohort. Find descriptions for each course [here](#).

[Register Now](#)



Mark Your Calendar for the Next Catalyst Coffee Chat!

Thank you to all who joined the first Catalyst Coffee Chat this November! Our next informal chat is on January 21. Stop in to share what's next for your work in 2021 and reconnect virtually with some familiar faces! Find event details [here](#).

Additional Resources

- Don't Miss the Deadline for the Pediatric Learning Collaborative

Today is the last day to apply for the Transforming Oral Health for Families project. Federally Qualified Community Health Centers in Virginia are encouraged to apply for this innovative program to improve oral health among Virginia's children. In addition to learning opportunities and expert leadership, the clinic selected will receive a stipend for staff time. [Find eligibility information and apply now.](#)

- Open Enrollment Deadline is December 15

Enrollment is open for the Affordable Care Act marketplace, the deadline to

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[interpreters](#) who are providing free one-on-one multilingual support for Virginians. [Cover Virginia](#) also has a list of enrollment assisters across Virginia who can help, sort by location, or insurance type (Marketplace or Medicaid/FAMIS) to learn more.

- Supreme Court Hears Case on ACA

Earlier this month the Supreme Court heard arguments regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA), [Health Affairs](#) has more insights on the arguments and next steps from the Supreme Court. As we await the decision Virginians continue to turn to the ACA marketplace for affordable health insurance, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic when more Virginians are facing financial challenges. Catalyst will continue to monitor the court case and share updates with partners.

- Value-Based Care and the COVID-19 Pandemic

The current COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically reshaped dentistry and the safety-net care model. A [recent white paper](#) from the Dentaquest Partnership and the National Association of Community Health Centers shares how moving to a value-based care system can help FQHCs meet the needs of patients during the pandemic, and address financial challenges clinics face. Stay tuned for Virginia-specific recommendations related to value-based care in 2021 from Virginia Health Catalyst!

- Webinar Recording for Home Visitors: Increasing Access to Oral Health Care in VA

Home visitors play an important role in keeping children and families healthy. This webinar, created through a partnership between Catalyst, Families Forward Virginia, and Early Impact Virginia, discusses the connection between oral and overall health, policies that impact oral health, options for affordable dental care in VA, and resources for home visitors to use with their clients. Check out the webinar [here](#).

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