

The challenge of social justice is to evoke a sense of community that we need to make our nation a better place, just as we make it a safer place.

- Marian Wright Edelman

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL SOCIAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC HEALTH

Montgomery County Health Department's (MCHD) Division of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention is dedicated to providing public health services - with a commitment towards social justice.

At the Health Department, we understand the importance of confidentiality, service with compassion, and sensitivity to the many cultures we serve. Whether we are:

- Talking to teens about sexual health, or individuals newly diagnosed with HIV
- Assisting pregnant women in navigating Zika testing
- Providing low cost rabies vaccines through our mobilized programs
- Building new partnerships with underserved communities
- Or any of our other exciting programs...

We strive to remove barriers and build bridges by providing free or low cost services, using the latest in social media to connect with our target populations about disease prevention, bringing our services out into the community, providing written materials in multiple languages, and using the language line, to develop meaningful and in depth conversations between our staff and those we serve.

We are committed to being **CHAMPIONS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**, and look forward to many years of providing our programs and services to ALL of our residents in Montgomery County.

"...justice requires public health officials to devise plans and programs with particular attention to the disadvantaged."*

*What Does Social Justice Require For The Public's Health? Public Health Ethics And Policy Imperatives ([Lawrence O. Gostin](#) and [Madison Powers](#)) Health Aff July 2006 vol. 25 no. 4 1053-1060