Florida health disparities data show that racial/ethnic minority and underserved communities experience significant health disparities. The People's Scientific Conference to Promote Health and Eliminate Health Disparities (The People's Scientific Conference) is a first-of-its-kind conference in which members of these communities and diverse researchers and health care providers come together to learn from and teach each other information that will foster research- and evidence-based interventions to promote health and eliminate health disparities. The conference also will launch a mentoring program to inspire and train the next generation of researchers to conduct research that has implications for promoting health and eliminating health disparities in racial/ethnic minority and underserved communities.

The conference is unique in that it will:

- Empower lay community members most negatively impacted by health disparities in Florida to be teachers and presenters of information that can inform research and interventions to promote health and eliminate health disparities;
- Include a major emphasis on providing participating community members, researchers, and health care providers with answers to their questions;
- Provide a forum for culturally diverse patients to identify health care provider behaviors, attitudes, and types of knowledge that enable patients to feel trusting of, respected by, and comfortable with their health care providers;
- Empower lay community members to learn about and help shape research- and evidence-based interventions that can promote health and eliminate health disparities, and consequently may be motivated to meet the need for their participation in such research; and
- Involve a large number of diverse community members, thus truly making it a people’s conference.

Conference sessions will be diverse in format and will include (a) panel sessions comprised of biomedical and health researchers and health care providers, (b) panel sessions comprised of community members/patients/caregivers and community health workers, (c) formal presentations by health professionals on evidence-based interventions, and (d) research poster presentations by participants in the Health Disparities Research Fellow Mentoring Program. Each panel and presentation session will include time for both presentation and discussion.

Conference Registration Fee

The registration fee includes conference materials, access to all conference sessions, and meals and refreshments.

Professionals/Researchers .................. $60
Students ........................................... $30
Lay Community Members ................. No Fee

(All fellows selected to participate in the Health Disparities Research Fellow Mentoring Program will receive funding for transportation and lodging to attend the conference, and a registration fee waiver.)