

PURPOSE

To advance health equity for Ohio's Medicaid population by increasing healthcare providers and their team members' cultural competence and awareness of implicit bias through virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) training.

AUDIENCE

The VR platforms were created to educate healthcare teams in order to better serve the needs of patients.

These simulation experiences can be a powerful tool for anyone seeking to better understand the impact of social determinants of health and implicit bias.

WHY VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING?

Virtual reality experiences allow for full sensory immersion in a simulated environment. Providers can directly observe patients' challenging circumstances to tailor care to a patient's social, economic, and environmental factors.

ACCESS VR PLATFORMS ONLINE

Download: Individuals or groups can download the VR platforms from our website to a PC or Mac.

Moderated Training Session: Groups can request a moderated videoconference session and will be accommodated as schedules allow.

To inquire about a VR group training session email info@equityVRtraining.org

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About the VR training platforms

OBJECTIVE

Improve patient care by increasing awareness of social determinants of health and empathy toward individuals living in impoverished, urban communities.

EXPERIENCE

In this 360-degree video, participants will :

- » Experience vignettes of life in a segregated, distressed neighborhood with the challenges of social determinants of health (e.g. poor housing, lack of transportation, food insecurity, violence and racism)
- » Discover statistics representing neighborhood characteristics (e.g. foreclosures, crime prevalence)
- » Observe how social and economic factors affect health behaviors, health outcomes, management of chronic illness, and life expectancy

Duration: 30 minutes

Sensitize participants to the day-to-day challenges of living in poverty through the observed experience of low-income individuals.

In this 360-degree video, participants will:

- » Meet the Williams family, and observe the life of a low-income family over one month
- » Manage challenges such as housing, transportation, and employment by making choices at critical decision points
- » Observe how choices impact the physical, social, financial, and mental well-being of the family

Duration: 30 minutes

Understand how social determinants of health and unconscious bias can adversely contribute to infant mortality and health care disparities.

Participants will use a learning management system to:

- » Complete eight online learning modules that address how systemic discrimination adversely impacts patients' well-being and birth outcomes
- » View a 360-degree VR video to learn about challenges identified by mothers and fathers related to their experiences from prenatal to one year postpartum care
- » Access an AR app that explores a patient's pregnancy journey

Duration: 60 minutes

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