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2012 Symposium  
April 13, 2012

Community  
and Academia:  
Partners for Eliminating  
Health Disparities and  
Promoting Equity in Care



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### Program

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Sign-in & Coffee/Snack  
8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker:  
Mrs. Tara Taylor  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Community Based  
Participatory Research  
Plenary Panel  
10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break  
10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Action Oriented  
Conversations: Community  
and Academia  
Concurrent Sessions
- Youth & Education
  - Family & Community
  - Workforce & Employment
  - Health
- 11:15 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Choir  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Community Engagement  
Plenary Panel  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Rev. Minor  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Faith-Based Dialogue  
With Rev. Minor  
3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Break  
3:45 – 4:30 p.m. Stories of Work to Eliminate  
Health Disparities &  
Concurrent Poster Session  
4:30 p.m. Evaluation and Closing



**Dr. Michael O. Minor** is a local, regional, and national champion of faith-based health and wellness mobilization. As a community organizer for nearly 20 years, Dr. Minor has worked on community empowerment, non-profit business development, and faith-based initiative issues. He currently serves as the undershepherd of the Oak Hill Baptist Church in Hernando, Mississippi, and is the National Director for Health and Human Services of the National Baptist Convention.

After receiving his undergraduate degree in economics from Harvard University, Dr. Minor earned a doctorate degree in higher and adult education with a special emphasis on adult learners and masters' degrees in business administration, and real estate development from the University of Memphis. Dr. Minor teaches health and nutrition courses at the University of Phoenix – Memphis Campus and serves on several local, regional, and national committees/boards focused on health and wellness.

**Mrs. Tara Taylor** has worked for the YMCA of Greater Cleveland for eight years. She started as the Fitness coordinator at the Euclid YMCA and then transitioned to the Program Director for the We Run This City Youth Marathon Program (WRTC).

Mrs. Taylor has also served as Program Director for the Go Fit! program, a public health collaborative initiative between Cleveland Clinic, the YMCA, the City of Cleveland and Curves. She is a member of the leadership team for the Physical Activity Special Interest Group of the American Public Health Association.

Mrs. Taylor has been a certified Group Fitness instructor for 18 years working with YMCA's, city recreation centers, corporate wellness programs, gyms and fitness studios across the country. She currently teaches at Cleveland Clinic Employee Wellness Center and Cleveland State University Recreation Center.

## Registration Form

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Choose one topic to attend

- Youth and Education  
 Family & Community  
 Workforce and Employment  
 Health

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