Each year, MHI and their partners provide educational events and health screenings throughout the state. This map illustrates the 42 counties where events were held in 2016, highlighted in orange. The areas shaded in blue represent Census Block Groups (CBGs) in the fourth quartile for percent minority population. These CBGs have a minority population of 43% or higher. In all, MHI events reached counties that cover 93% of the CBGs with the highest minority populations.

The MHI addresses existing disparities in minority communities by educating these communities on diseases that disproportionately impact them, encouraging healthier lifestyles, promoting awareness of services and accessibility within the current healthcare system, and collaborating with community partners.

The MHI partnered with more than 60 grassroots/nonprofit and faith-based organizations in 2016.

MHI continues to follow-up with the young women who participated in Camp iRock. Many campers (78%) stated that they now have a positive body image.

The Economic Cost of Health Inequities in Arkansas report (2015), commissioned by the Arkansas Minority Health Commission showed that eliminating health disparities for Arkansas minorities would result in a reduction of direct medical care expenditures of $518.6 million.

Counts reached by MHI screenings & events
Census Block Groups in the 4th quartile for % minority population

30,000 People Educated
22,000 Health Screenings

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