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Yaa Simpson (AKA Sista Yaa) is a Community Epidemiologist for the non profit organization, The Association of Clinical Trials Services (TACTS), and for the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). A public health practitioner for over 31 years, as an epidemiologist, she has presented, taught and published at numerous community forums, professional workgroups, conferences, and schools. She was named Advocate of Year (2017), awarded Outstanding Worker in Health Care, and assigned as the first CDPH Epidemiologist in community engagement. She assisted in the development , presentation and publication of the first CDPH Health Equity training webinar, Chicago Health Atlas and Community Profiles. As a veteran, community leader and advocate she is currently working on a COVID plan fact-sheet, Health Equity and Wellness Black Agenda with NBAC Chicago, and worked on a resolution policy for 'Violence as a Disease' featured on Fox News in April 2019. Sista Yaa has a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and BA from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Associate of Applied Science (AAS) from Community College of AIR FORCE Surgical Service Technology, and is pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Epidemiology.



“I am a COMMUNITY EPIDEMIOLOGIST who brings the research to the community like a *griot* who brings news to the village!!!”

