

# Health Equity! Better Together: Improving Health for All

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#### Objectives

- Terms and concepts
- How social determinants impact health outcomes
- Affect of "isms" and implicit bias
- Role of policy



# What is the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors





Our World....













### Perspective Transformation

- Why do we believe what we believe?
- Head (Logic, Data, Language) VS. Heart (Fairness, Justice, Meaning)



VS.





#### The "ISMS"

Systems of privilege and oppression based on social identities

Religious
Linguistic Ageism
Racism Xenophobia
Oppession Elitism
Heterosexism
Classism Sexism
Ableism



### Intersectionality



...the complex, cumulative manner in which the effects of different forms of discrimination combine, overlap, or intersect





## Racial Anxiety and Stereotype Threat

What can we do about them?



- Diversity, integration, and inclusion
- Greater contact between people of different races
- Continued open dialogue



# So what about health equity?



#### Common Language

Health Disparity.

Difference in disease prevalence, outcomes, or access to care.

Health Equity.

Exists when all people have the opportunity to attain their full health potential.

Health Inequity.

Difference that is unnecessary, avoidable, unfair, and unjust.

Power.

ability to act or produce an effect

Prejudice.

Preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience

Racism.

A belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race

Social Determinants of Equity.

Economic, environmental, and social conditions that influence health.

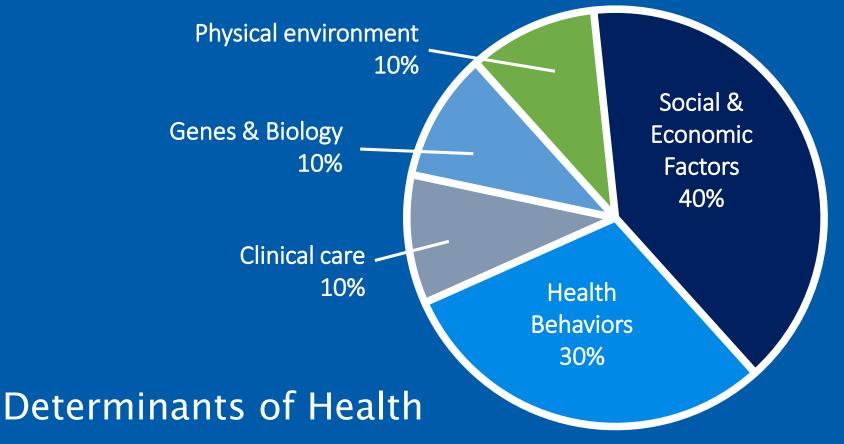


## What are the Determinants of Health?

- Policymaking
- Health Services
- Individual Behavior
- Biology and Genetics
- Social, Economic, and Environmental Factors



### Factors Affecting Health



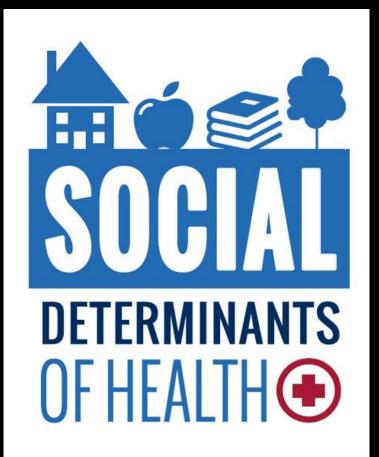
Determinants of Health Model based on frameworks developed by: Tarlov.AR. Ann N Y AcadSci 1999;

896: 281-93; and Kindig D, Asada Y, Booske B. JAMA2008; 299(17): 2081-2083

## Social Factors Impacting Health

- Economic Stability
- Health Care
- Education
- Neighborhood and Environment
- Social and Community Context
- Chronic Stress







## Communities of Opportunity vs. Low Income Communities

## Healthy Communities of Opportunity

- Parks
- Grocery Stores
- Financial Institutions
- Better Performing Schools
- Good Public Transit

#### Good Health Status



#### **Poor Health Status**

Contributes to health disparities:

- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Increased injury

## Low- Income Communities

- Fast Food Restaurants
- Liquor Stores
- Unsafe/Limited Parks
- Poor Performing Schools
- Toxic Waste Sites
- Limited Public Transportation
- Increased crime



## What are the Root Causes of Health Inequity?

- Structural Racism
- Class Oppression
- Gender Inequity
- Heterosexism



### **Achieving Health Equity**

- ...exists when all people have the opportunity to attain their full health potential
- Moving the dialogue beyond access to health care to social determinants of health and health equity





#### What is a Political Context?

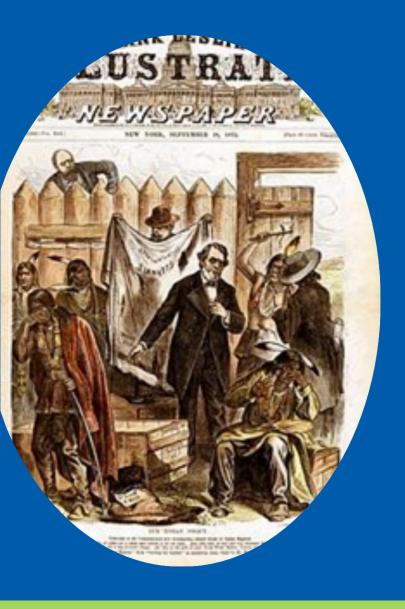
- Political context reflects the environment in which policies are produced indicating the purpose or agenda
- What is the agenda of the creator?
- Why was it made?
- Does it help people? Does it promote health?





The Importance of Urban, Rural and Native American Reservation Development History

- Understanding today's built environment requires understanding the historical perspective:
- Lessons from the past can inform current and future strategies.



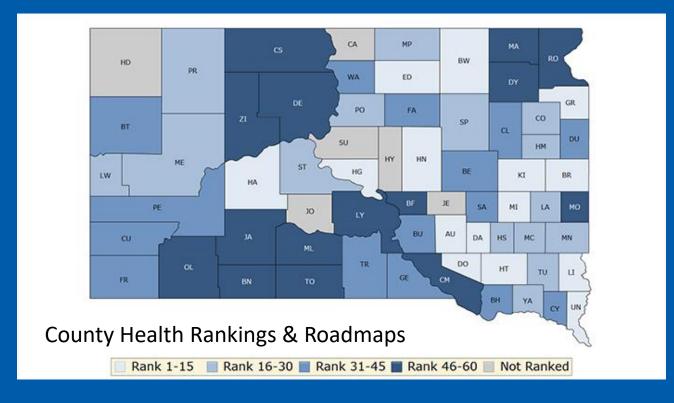
#### **Historical Policy**

- The Indian Intercourse Act of 1790
- The Indian Appropriation Act of 1871
- Allotment and assimilation era (1887– 1943)
- Termination and relocation (1945–1960)
- Tribal self-determination era
- Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 was passed.
- The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975
- Indian Child Welfare Act, passed in 1978



## How Do Counties Rank for Health Factors?

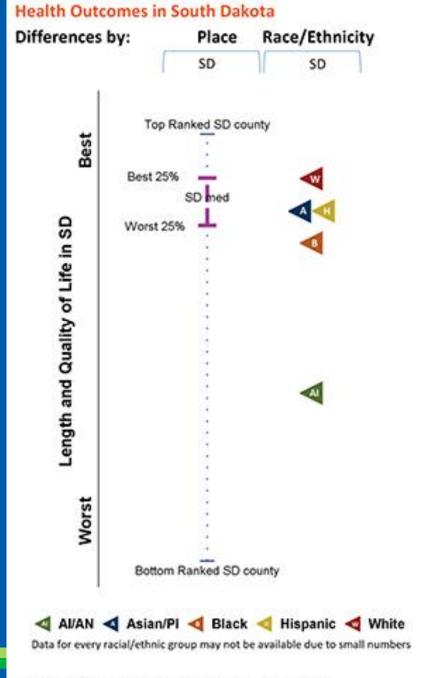
South Dakota's health factors based on weighted scores for health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment.



Less color intensity indicating better performance in the respective summary rankings.



### Health Outcomes in South Dakota





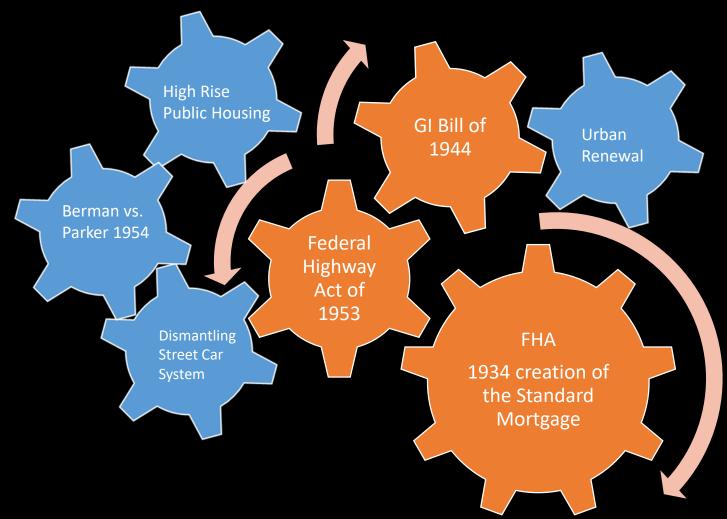
AI/AN -American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native American Asian/PI - Asian/Pacific Islander

## American Indian Health Disparities

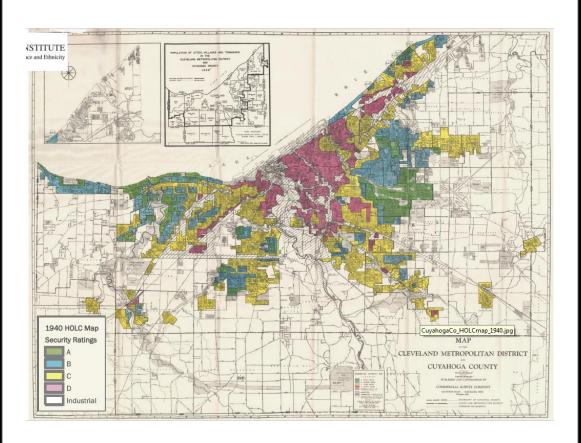
- Death rates from preventable diseases among Als are significantly higher than among non-Indians:
- Diabetes 208% greater
- Alcoholism 526% greater
- Accidents 150% greater
- Suicide 60% greater



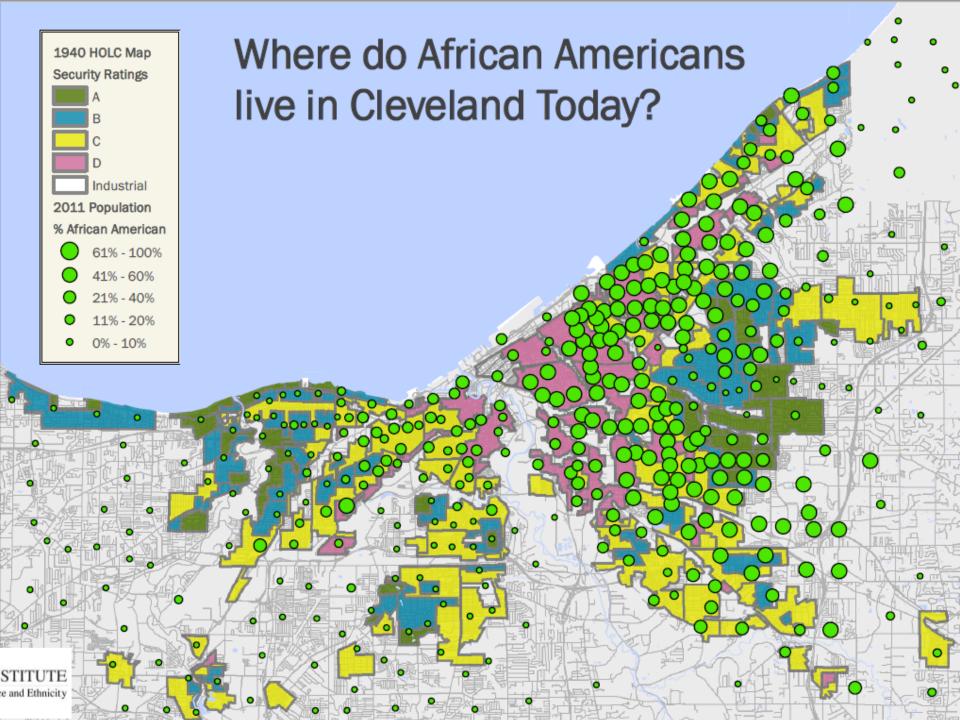
### **Federal Policies**

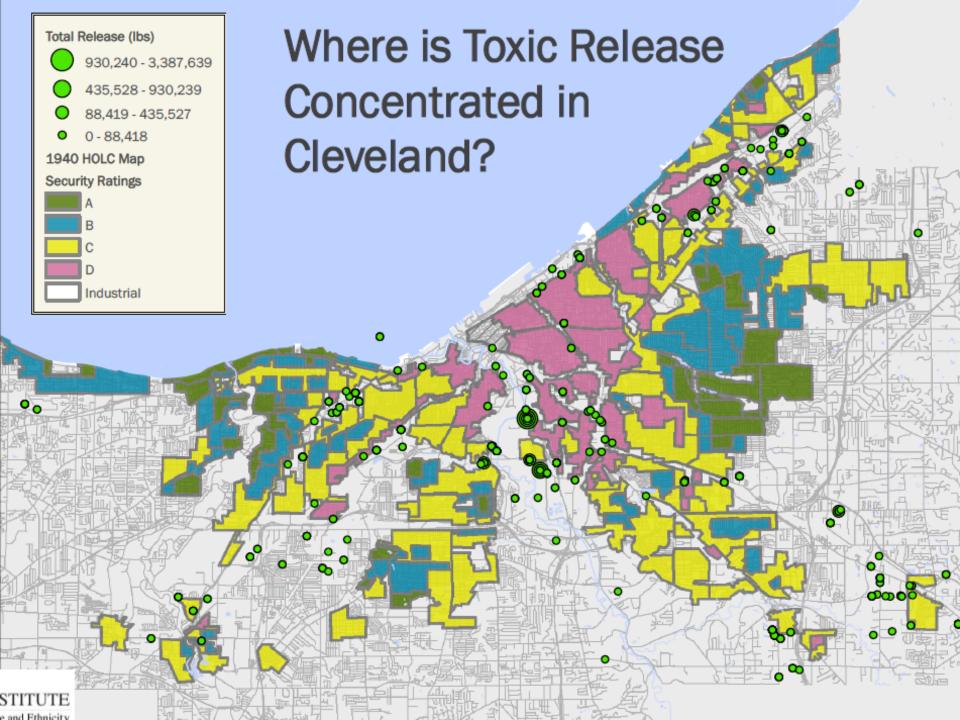


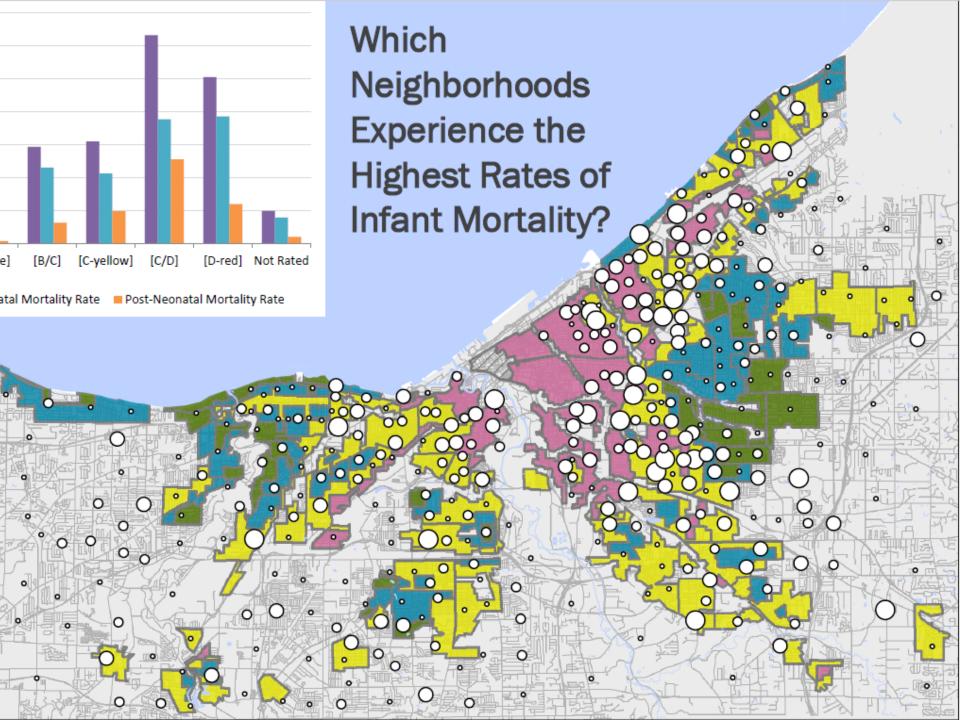
#### The Cleveland Example













Applying a Health Equity Lens: Things to Remember Who benefits? Who is burdened? Distributive Justice Recognize social justice issues Challenge and remove barriers<sup>2</sup> Advocate to enhance social change Enhance community and social responsibility Ensure Equity for all

The National Stakeholder Strategy for Advancing Health Equity

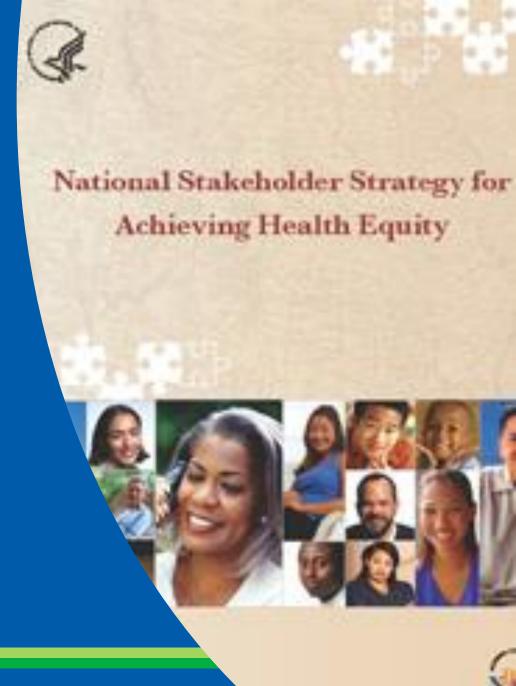
**Awareness** 

Leadership

Health System and Life
Expectancy

Cultural and Linguistic Competency

Data, Research, and Evaluation



### The Dual Approach

Population- Targeted,
wide culturally
interventions + tailored
with health
equity in address the
mind greatest burden

Targeted,

Culturally

APPROACH



#### Equity in Policy – How do we get there?

- Big P" and "little p" policy
- Many sectors of government, civil society and social action create health.

#### **HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES**

A Guide for State and Local Governments









#### WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH IMPACT REVIEWS

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#### **Examples of HiAP in Action**

- Health impact reviews provide objective information on proposals to help inform policy making
- Reviews provide information quickly—within 10 days of request during session
- Many proposals may directly impact health or the factors that influence health—such as where we live, learn, work, and play
- Health impact reviews can be requested for any topic—including:













Health Care Workforce Development

#### - ONLINE-

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You can also print or download a word document and
email it to us

#### — PHONE— (360) 236-4106 ou can also call us and

You can also call us and we can take the request over the phone





#### **Examples of HiAP in Action**

#### The NACDD Institutional Equity Tool

 To Assess the potential impact for vulnerable groups. Taking advantage of decision points

Helps to Identify ways to modify proposed policies or procedures

 Fosters active engagement and empowerment of your stakeholders both internally and with community partners.

MOVING TO INSTITUTIONAL EQUITY

A Tool to Address Racial Equity for Public Health Practitioners



### Creating Health for ALL



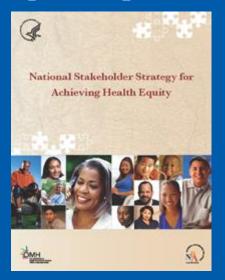


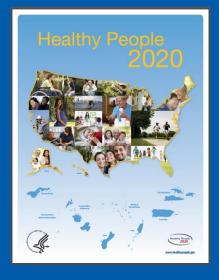




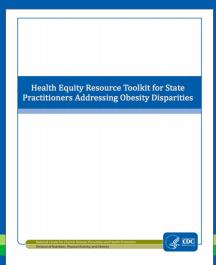


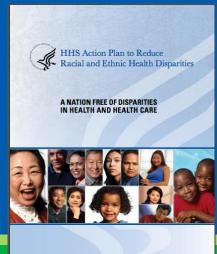
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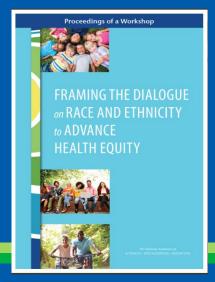
















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