

Healthy People 2020

Social Determinants of Health

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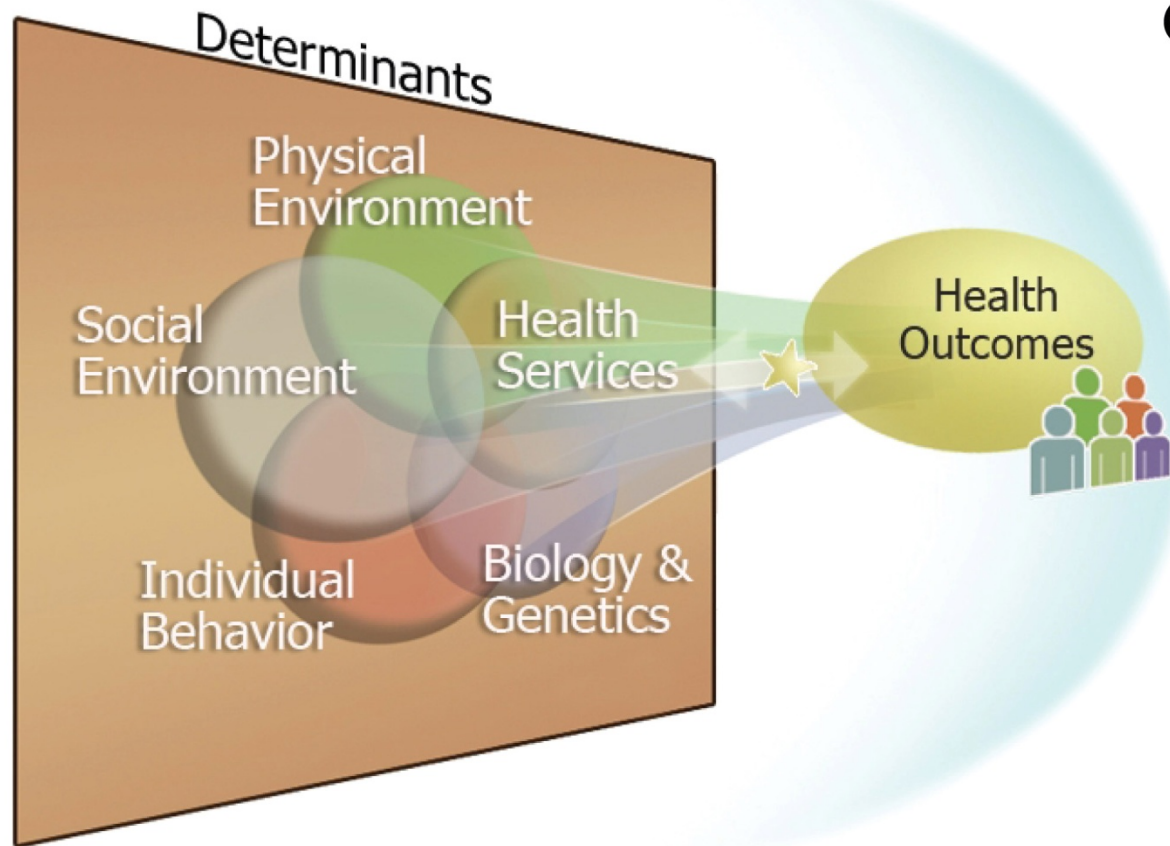
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Healthy People 2020

A society in which all people live long, healthy lives



Overarching Goals:

- Attain high quality, longer lives free of preventable disease, disability, injury, and premature death.
- Achieve health equity, eliminate disparities, and improve the health of all groups
- Create social and physical environments that promote good health for all.
- Promote quality of life, healthy development and healthy behaviors across all life stages.

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH WORK GROUP

Includes multiple federal departments/agencies and university participants:

Lead agencies: HRSA and CDC

- Office of the Assistant Secretary
- National Institutes of Health
- Indian Health Service
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Education
- Transportation
- Justice
- Census
- Veterans Administration
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Park Service
- Columbia University
- University of Washington
- National Opinion Research Center
- University of California at San Francisco
- Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

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Pre launch activity included:

- Providing input to foundation material on Determinants of Health for HP 2020 website
- Researching existing frameworks for Social Determinants of Health
- Developing overview statement for website
- Reviewing and categorization of public comments

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Post launch – Next steps:

- Continue to develop framework and approach
- Create objectives with national data sources
- Identify additional approaches to integrate SDOH into Healthy People

Understanding a broader view of “Determinants of Health”

Social Interactions	Physical Environment
Family, friends, co-workers, others in the community	Natural and built environments
Cultural attitudes, norms, and expectations.	Particular individual or institutional settings
Social aspects of health-related behaviors	Neighborhoods and related areas where individuals live, work, travel
Encompasses social institutions	Can support or harm health
Can be impacted by policy decisions	



Why are the determinants of health important?

The rationale for focusing on determinants includes:

- ❑ The need to move beyond controlling disease to address factors that are root causes of disease;
- ❑ The importance of achieving health equity; and
- ❑ Practical considerations related to national prosperity and security.



Multi-Sectoral Efforts are Needed

- ❑ Health is created through the conditions of our daily lives
- ❑ The commitment of all is needed:
 - To implement evidence-based strategies to improve health, and
 - To build the evidence base for such strategies.



Social determinants of health: *A new area of focus for HP2020*

- ❑ A video on Social Determinants of Health is viewable on the Healthy People 2020 website at:
<http://healthypeople.gov/2020/about/DOHAbout.aspx>
- ❑ A new topic area narrative explaining social determinants of health is available on the Healthy People 2020 website.
- ❑ New objectives addressing social determinants of health are under development for Healthy People 2020.



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