

Social Drivers of Health, Removing Barriers and Promoting Optimal Health

SPECS

Social drivers of health influence health outcomes. Public health agencies must consider the social drivers of health when addressing health issues. The goal of public health is to remove barriers and promote optimal health for everyone.

Public health agencies must have the ability to work with partners to develop policies, programs, and services that reduce health disparities and create the environment where everyone can thrive. Public health agencies should be able to analyze data to identify health disparities and apply evidence-based strategies and interventions to ensure the conditions where every Missourian can live their healthiest life and thrive.



Foundational Capabilities



Foundational Areas

DISCUSSION

1. How do our current organizational practices and policies facilitate or inhibit us from removing barriers and promoting optimal health for everyone?
2. How do our staff prioritize evaluating social drivers of health?
3. What operational changes are needed for our services to be more accessible to everyone?
4. What new partnerships should we explore to help us address health disparities?

APPLICATION

1. [Identify the factors that drive health disparities](#) in our community.
2. [Develop strategies](#) to promote health in our community.
3. Establish new [partnerships within our community](#).

#HealthierMO is a grassroots initiative to transform Missouri's public health system into a stronger, more sustainable, culturally relevant and responsive system that can offer every Missourian the opportunity to live their healthiest life. #HealthierMO is housed at the [Ozarks Public Health Institute](#) at [Missouri State University](#). Visit [HealthierMO.org](#).

RESOURCES

- ✓ [Social Drivers of Health, DHSS](#)
- ✓ [Social Determinants of Health, Healthy People 2030](#)
- ✓ [The Public Health Approach to Eliminating Disparities in Health, NIH](#)
- ✓ [Advancing Health Equity, Eliminating Health Disparities, and Improving Population Health, CDC](#)
- ✓ [Disparities in Health and Health Care: 5 Key Questions and Answers, KFF](#)