

Priorities for Action

1. Increase awareness of health, education and social service disparities in access, quality and outcomes, especially those linked to race/ethnicity, immigration, disability, and socioeconomic status.
2. Communicate, document, and champion best practices in eliminating health inequities.
3. Promote, develop, and enhance communities' capacity to engage in healthy living and elimination of disparities in health status.
4. Promote customer-friendly services that meet the needs of underserved populations (i.e., the poor and minority groups).
5. Build, support, and fully utilize a diverse workforce capable of working in cross-cultural settings.
6. Identify and advocate for public policies that aid in closing the health status gap.
7. Demonstrate accountability and ownership for health outcomes.
8. Establish high-level leadership to serve as a focal point for prevention strategy and to ensure collaboration between initiatives to enhance underlying determinants of health.
9. Engage key grassroots communities in shaping the conditions that determine health in collaborative efforts.
10. Engage key state and regional leaders in redirect funding streams to increase investment in social determinants of health initiatives.
11. Implement a system of accountability that establishes clear responsibilities and incentives for contributing to improved public health.
12. Establish a data and evaluation system to monitor progress and focus public attention on the importance of determinants of health.
13. Establish a strong system of training and skill building for staff at all levels of regional and state agencies to engage in determinants of health work.
14. Translate determinants of health focus to states and localities.
15. Build political will to successfully propose and implement such changes