

Taking Action on the Social Determinants of Health to Promote Health Equity

This resource was developed by the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) as supplement material on the topic of *Taking Action on the Social Determinants of Health to Promote Health Equity*. OPHA is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that brings together a broad spectrum of groups and individuals concerned about people's health. OPHA's members come from various backgrounds and sectors - from the various disciplines in public health, health care, academic, non-profit to the private sector. They are united by OPHA's mission of providing leadership on issues affecting the public's health and strengthening the impact of people who are active in public and community health throughout Ontario. This mission is achieved through professional development, information and analysis on issues affecting community and public health, access to multidisciplinary networks, advocacy on health public policy and the provision of expertise and consultation.

The purpose of this handout is to support capacity for action on the social determinants of health at the local level and is supplementary material for a presentation by OPHA at a local workshop as part of the [*Keeping Kids Healthy through Collective Impact: Connecting Health and Social Sectors to Promote Healthy Equity*](#) project. This project aims to better integrate health and social sectors for system level changes that can impact children's health through a co-developed collective impact process that strives to better support those individuals disproportionately impacted by the social determinants of health.

Resources to Take Action and Promote Health Equity

- **alPHa-OPHA** – *Health Equity Indicators Report*, available [here](#).
- **Canadian Council on Social Determinants of Health** - *Communicating the Social Determinants of Health – Guidelines for Common Messaging*, available [here](#).
- **Canadian Journal of Public Health** - *Taking a Social Determinants Perspective on Children's Health and Development (Supplement)*, available [here](#).
- **Canadian Public Health Association** - Webpage with access to resources about SDOHs, available [here](#).
 - Example of reporting health equity data locally: *SDHU Priority Populations Primer*, available [here](#).

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- **Government of Canada** – Canadian Action on the Social Determinants of Health, available [here](#).
- **Government of Canada** - Webpage with information and access to resources about SDOHs and health equity, available [here](#).
- **National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health** - *Community Planning with a Health Equity Lens*, available [here](#).
- **National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy** - *Health Inequalities and Intersectionality*, available [here](#).
- **Ontario Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance and Health Nexus** - *Primer to Action: Social Determinants of Health*, available [here](#).
- **Ontario Public Health Association** - Webpage with information and access to resources about SDOHs and health equity, available [here](#).
- **Public Health Agency of Canada** - Webpage with information and access to resources about SDOHs, available [here](#).
- **Sudbury District Health Unit (SDHU)** – Health Equity Resources, available [here](#).
 - Ten Promising Practices to Local Public Health Practice to Reduce Social Inequities in Health, available [here](#).
- **TheCanadianFacts.org** - Webpage with resource and video about *Social Determinants of Health – The Canadian Facts*, available [here](#).
 - Video and user guide: *Let's Start a Conversation About Health... and Not Talk About Health Care at All*, available [here](#).
- **Wellesley Institute** - *Health Promotion through an Equity Lens*, available [here](#).
- **World Health Organization** - *Concepts and Principles for Tackling Social Inequities*, available [here](#) and Social Determinants of Health resources, available [here](#).

This handout can be found on the OPHA's website. Search "health equity" in the NRC Navigator here: <http://opha.on.ca/Nutrition-Resource-Centre/NRC-Navigator.aspx>

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