

Social Determinants of Health

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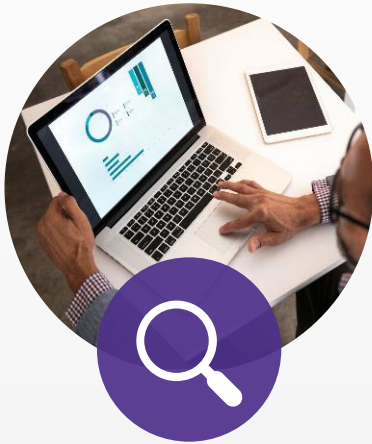




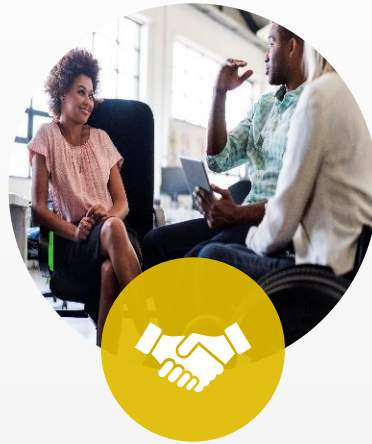
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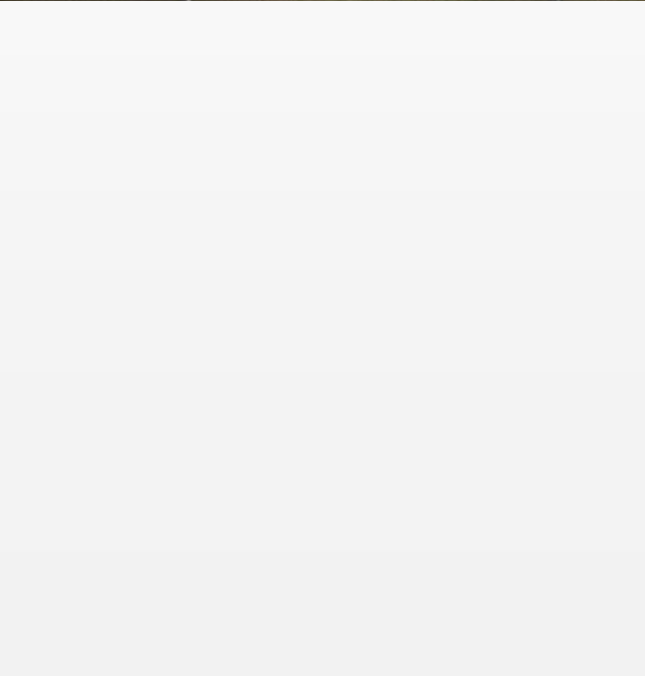
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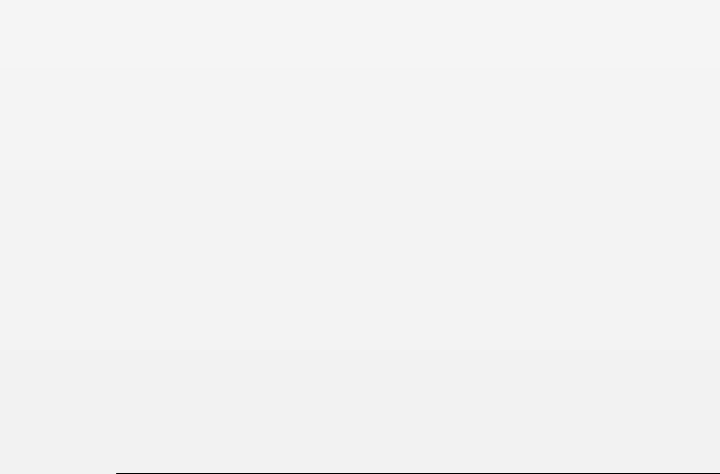












Downstream thinking:

The tendency we have, as individuals and as decision-makers, to focus on one-off, individual lifestyle-based, short-term solutions rather than long-term interventions that address the root-causes of wellbeing.

--Rachel Malena-Chan,
thinkupstream.net

Getting Upstream as Mainstream

Instead of only asking:

Why do people smoke?

Who lacks access to healthy food options and why?

How do we connect individuals to cancer screening and supports?

Who lacks health care coverage and why?

Perhaps we should also ask:

What social conditions and economic policies predispose people to the stress that encourages smoking?

What economic shifts would redistribute healthy food resources more equitably in our community?

What institutional policies and practices maintain rather than counteract people's access to cancer screening and supports?

What policy changes would redistribute health care resources more equitably in our community?

Thank you!

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