

Community Based Health Organizations Advocating For Improved Health

Igniting the Power of Community: The Role of CBOs and NGOs in Global Public Health introduces readers to the pursuit and potential of community-based organizations and nongovernmental organizations to transform global public health. At a time of unprecedented challenges, economic crises, social inequalities, environmental stressors, emerging health threats, these organizations are initiating and driving change, often being the first to call attention to the issues and increasingly forging significant and sustainable solutions. Through concrete examples, success stories, and cautionary tales from experienced practitioners, Igniting the Power of Community demonstrates why understanding the roles of the diverse organizations of this sector is vital to anyone concerned with improving health and public health today. This forward-thinking book explains how citizen organizations work, their immediate and long term impact on public health, and the key players and business dynamics involved. With an emphasis on innovative approaches, it provides an "insiders view" into practical considerations regarding organizational structure, financing, and operations. A sampling of the coverage: The new era of social entrepreneurship and philanthropy Sustainability in international public health NGOs Front-line perspectives from both well-established and grassroots CBOs Faith-based organizations and public health NGOs and the military: evolving relationships in conflict and disaster zones Understanding the environmental health movement and its impact Project YEAH: a youth AIDS organizations story. Whether you are involved in clinical care, health research, public health programs, or policy development and implementation, this book provides key insights and skills, and will serve as an invaluable resource in working most effectively with and within these dynamic organizations. body>

Conveys the breadth and depth of the social work profession's collective expertise, formulated and written by social workers from many backgrounds and competencies. This text provides a foundation for the initiation of advocacy efforts and for the evaluation of their success and includes topics such as: specific strategies, grassroots advocacy efforts, formation and development of coalitions, advocacy efforts in legislatures, administrative agencies, court, and the media. It is of interest to public and urban health workers, social workers, community organizers, and legislators.

Community-Based Health Organizations presents the basic principles and practical design and management elements that are needed to create an effective community-based health organization. Once in place, these institutions provide a viable health delivery alternative to traditional, mainstream health care organizations. This important resource includes a historical and theoretical overview of the development of community-based health care organizations and offers guidance for developing the structure and capacity of CBOs to effectively meet the health needs within their communities. Filled with illustrative examples and case studies, Community-Based Health Organizations is designed to be a practical resource. The authors show how to develop leadership and strategic plans, strengthen management, leverage and maximize resources, evaluate programs, and position a CBO in a changing and competitive health care environment.

Community Health Psychology

Igniting the Power of Community

Moving Upstream to Improve the Nation's Health

Pathways to Health Equity

Identifying and Addressing Childhood Food Insecurity in Healthcare and Community Settings

Abstracts of Active Projects

The Comprehensive Textbook of AIDS Psychiatry: A Paradigm for Integrated Care is the first book to provide insight into the interface between the psychiatric, medical, and social dimensions of HIV and AIDS and the need for a compassionate, integrated approach to the HIV pandemic with an emphasis on humanizing and destigmatizing HIV. Drawing from the expertise of 135 contributors in clinical and evidence-based medicine, the book provides information on the prevalence, incidence, medical and psychiatric aspects of HIV, as well as on the prevention and care of persons with HIV/AIDS.

Asian Americans encounter a range of health issues often unknown to the American public, policy makers, researchers and even clinicians. National research often combines Asian Americans into a single category, not taking into account the differences and complexity among Asian ethnic subgroups. The definition of Asian American derives from the U.S. Census Bureau's definition of Asian, which includes peoples from all the vast territories of the Far East, Southeast Asia and the South Asian Subcontinent. While Census classifications determine demographic measurements that affect equal opportunity programs, the broad rubric "Asian-American" can never describe accurately the more than 50 distinct Asian American subgroups, who together comprise multifaceted diversity across cultural ethnicities, socio-economic status, languages, religions and generations. This volume rectifies that situation by exploring the unique needs and health concerns of particular subgroups within the Asian American community. It consolidates a wide range of knowledge on various health issues impacting Asian Americans while also providing a discussion into the cultural, social, and structural forces impacting morbidity, mortality and quality of life. The volume is designed to advance the understanding of Asian American health by explaining key challenges and identifying emerging trends faced in specific ethnic groups and diseases/illnesses, innovative community-based interventions and the future needed areas of research.

Examines the cultural and socioeconomic factors that influence choices for health service utilization and health-seeking behaviors among Asian Americans.

Amid ongoing shifts in the world economic and political order, the promise for future public health is tenuous. Will today's economic systems sustain tomorrow's health? Will future generations inherit fair access to health and health care? An important hope for the health of future generations is the establishment of a well-grounded, global public health system. Global Public Health: Ecological Foundations addresses both the challenges and cooperative solutions of contemporary public health, within a framework of social justice, environmental sustainability, and global cooperation. With an emphasis on ecological foundations, this book approaches public health principles-history, foundations, topics, and applications-with a community-oriented perspective. By achieving global reach through cooperative, community-based interventions, this text illustrates that the practical application of public health principles can help maintain the health of the world's people. Blending established wisdom with new perspectives, Global Public Health will stimulate better understanding of how the different streams of public health can work more synergistically to promote global health equity. It is a foundation for future public health measures to be built and to succeed.

From Theory to Practice

Community-Based Health Interventions in an Institutional Context

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for 1998

The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century

The Role of CBOs and NGOs in Global Public Health

Advocating for Improved Health

Community-Based Health Interventions in an Institutional Context examines challenges of "institutionalizing" community-based health care. While the community-based or localized model is growing in popularity and importance in the United States, in practice it must often be brought in to larger institutions in order to grow to scale. The typical goals of an institution-standardization, formalization, and control-may be seen as antithetical to those of a community-based healthcare provider, such as spontaneity, customization, and flexibility. The contributions to this work raise questions about how the community-based model can be scaled up through institutions, and how "institutionalization" can be rethought from a bottom-up approach. They provide not only an overview of community-based organizations, but also delve into practical topics such as establishing budgets, training workers, incorporating technology, as well as more theoretical topics like goal-setting, policy effects (like the ACA), and relationships between patient and community. This work will be of interest for researchers interested in exploring the community-based health care model, as well as practitioners in health care and health policy.

Building Healthy Communities through Medical-Religious Partnerships describes an innovative approach to the development of community-based health education and patient advocacy programs targeted at the prevention and management of disease. Partnerships between health systems and religious congregations, the authors show, can be remarkably successful at bringing appropriate care to people who are often difficult to serve. Describing programs based on a six-year collaboration between health care systems and religious organizations in Florida, the book offers valuable guidance for religious and medical leaders interested in developing similar programs in their congregations and communities. Building Healthy Communities through Medical-Religious Partnerships includes practical and easily accessible information for establishing health education programs as well as important topics to consider. It also provides examples of specific programs and information about additional resources that can be obtained from local and national organizations. Medical topics include coronary heart disease, hypertension, cancer, diabetes, depression, dementia, prevention programs on influenza and pneumonia, accidents and falls, and medication management. The authors include information about preparing advance directives and establishing patient advocacy or health partners programs, which train individuals within a congregation to assist other members who may not have relatives or close friends to help them navigate a complex health system. "This book describes a new approach to community-based health programs -- the formation of alliances between health care organizations and religious congregations... Medical-religious partnerships can harness the energies of committed members of religious communities and couple that energy with information and knowledge provided by health care professionals." -- from Building Healthy Communities through Medical-Religious Partnerships

The eighth edition of best-selling AN INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN SERVICES offers a uniquely practical and comprehensive introduction to the human services profession. Drawing on the authors' extensive experience as practitioners, educators, and researchers, the text defines human services, reviews the historical development of the field, provides a practical overview of the profession, and emphasizes the skills needed to succeed as a human services practitioner. The book provides a solid grounding in such fundamental concepts as serving the whole person, using an interdisciplinary approach, interacting with helper and client, preparing generalists, and empowering clients. Every chapter includes detailed case studies to highlight the practical applications of key concepts and prepare students to effectively address issues they are likely to encounter as helping professionals. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Integrating Social Care into the Delivery of Health Care: Moving Upstream to Improve the Nation's Health was released in September 2019, before the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic in March 2020. Improving social conditions remains critical to improving health outcomes, and integrating social care into health care delivery is more relevant than ever in the context of the pandemic and increased strains placed on the U.S. health care system. The report and its related products ultimately aim to help improve health and health equity, during COVID-19 and beyond. The consistent and compelling evidence on how social determinants shape health has led to a growing recognition throughout the health care sector that improving health and health equity is likely to depend *at* least in part *at* on mitigating adverse social determinants. This recognition has been bolstered by a shift in the health care sector towards value-based payment, which incentivizes improved health outcomes for persons and populations rather than service delivery alone. The combined result of these changes has been a growing emphasis on health care systems addressing patients' social risk factors and social needs with the aim of improving health outcomes. This may involve health care systems linking individual patients with government and community social services, but important questions need to be answered about when and how health care systems should integrate social care into their practices and what kinds of infrastructure are required to facilitate such activities. Integrating Social Care into the Delivery of Health Care: Moving Upstream to Improve the Nation's Health examines the potential for integrating services addressing social needs and the social determinants of health into the delivery of health care to achieve better health outcomes. This report assesses approaches to social care integration currently being taken by health care providers and systems, and new or emerging approaches and opportunities; current roles in such integration by different disciplines and organizations, and new or emerging roles and types of providers; and current and emerging efforts to design health care systems to improve the nation's health and reduce health inequities.

Clearinghouse Review

A Guide for Community Based Organizations

SLIAG Advocacy Packet

The Culture of Health

The Routledge Handbook of Health Communication

The Advocate

The anthrax incidents following the 9/11 terrorist attacks put the spotlight on the nation's public health agencies, placing it under an unprecedented scrutiny that added new dimensions to the complex issues considered in this report. The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century reaffirms the vision of Healthy People 2010, and outlines a systems approach to assuring the nation's health in practice, research, and policy. This approach focuses on joining the unique resources and perspectives of diverse sectors and entities and challenges these groups to work in a concerted, strategic way to promote and protect the public's health. Focusing on diverse partnerships as the framework for public health, the book discusses: The need for a shift from an individual to a population-based approach in practice, research, policy, and community engagement. The status of the governmental public health infrastructure and what needs to be improved, including its interface with the health care delivery system. The roles nongovernment actors, such as academia, business, local communities and the media can play in creating a healthy nation. Providing an accessible analysis, this book will be important to public health policy-makers and practitioners, business and community leaders, health advocates, educators and journalists.

Europe's Black Death contributed to the rise of nation states, mercantile economies, and even the Reformation. Will the AIDS epidemic have similar dramatic effects on the social and political landscape of the twenty-first century? This readable volume looks at the impact of AIDS since its emergence and suggests its effects in the next decade, when a million or more Americans will likely die of the disease. The Social Impact of AIDS in the United States addresses some of the most sensitive and controversial issues in the public debate over AIDS. This landmark book explores how AIDS has affected fundamental policies and practices in our major institutions, examining how America's major religious organizations have dealt with sometimes conflicting values: the imperative of care for the sick versus traditional views of homosexuality and drug use. Hotly debated public health measures, such as HIV antibody testing and screening, tracing of sexual contacts, and quarantine. The potential risk of HIV infection to and from health care workers. How AIDS activists have brought about major change in the way new drugs are brought to the marketplace. The impact of AIDS on community-based organizations, from volunteers caring for individuals to the highly political ACT-UP organization. Coping with HIV infection in prisons. Two case studies shed light on HIV and the family relationship. One reports on some efforts to gain legal recognition for nonmarital relationships, and the other examines foster care programs for newborns with the HIV virus. A case study of New York City details how selected institutions intend to give what may be a picture of AIDS in the future. This clear and comprehensive presentation will be of interest to anyone concerned about AIDS and its impact on the country: health professionals, sociologists, psychologists, advocates for at-risk populations, and interested individuals.

Build the skills you need to provide effective community oral health care! Community Oral Health Practice for the Dental Hygienist, 5th Edition describes the role of the public health professional in improving the oral health care of people throughout the community. It discusses key topics such as access to care, the assessment needed for program planning, social responsibility and government policy, cultural diversity, and career options in public health. Written by respected dental educator Christine French Beatty, this book helps you prepare for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) and to develop the core competencies needed in the practice setting. Comprehensive, cutting-edge coverage provides everything you need to know to succeed in community dental hygiene practice. Practice-oriented content includes learning objectives in each chapter, opening statements with lists of key facts, mini-scenarios, and Dental Hygiene Competencies. Applying Your Knowledge sections in each chapter provide opportunities to apply what you have learned to local public health problems. Chapters on assessment and measurement help in planning and evaluating community oral health programs. Test-Taking Strategies and Community Cases chapter offers tips and practice questions to help you prepare for the NBDHE, and tests your understanding of content in relation to real-world community situations. Chapters on population health and oral health programs describe issues affecting access to care as well as common oral diseases and conditions affecting the community, helping you prioritize, plan, implement, and evaluate practical solutions. Learning resources on an Evolve companion website reinforce your understanding with quizzes and case studies. NEW! Comprehensive, cutting-edge content is updated on topics including national initiatives, Healthy People 2030, data on the status of oral health and factors that affect access to oral healthcare, cultural competencies, oral health programs in the community, applied research, and the different career paths for dental hygienists. EXPANDED! Coverage of dental hygiene competencies and interprofessional collaborative practice is enhanced to reflect changes in the oral health profession. UPDATED! Community Case sections in each chapter include sample cases along with test questions. F EXPANDED! Additional photographs and illustrations depict key concepts.

The Role of Women and Youth in Policy-Focused Community-Based Participatory Research: A Multi-Case Study Analysis By Anallia Patino Garcia Doctor of Public Health University of California, Berkeley Professor Meredith Minkler, Chair Communities that are marginalized by unequal distribution of resources and power are at an increased risk of suffering an undue burden of illness and premature death. Staggering health disparities persist throughout the United States, a collective result of a lack of affordable, accessible and culturally relevant health care services, missed opportunities for preventive services, and public health interventions grounded in approaches that focus too narrowly on individual behavior change. Such approaches cease to capture the complexities of local social, economic and political environments, which contribute to the myriad of inequalities that unjustly perpetuate disenfranchised communities. The active engagement of low-income individuals and communities of color who are disproportionately affected by health inequities can serve as a powerful tool to advocate for policies that can contribute to reversing health disparities. Increasingly, Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR), as an orientation to research, has garnered attention and respect from academics and community-based organizations alike, as an approach that equitably engages community residents as part of the research process-- making it accessible and relevant-- with a focus on action-oriented solutions to community identified problems of greatest importance. This dissertation aims to illustrate the role of promotoras (lay health workers) and youth involvement in research and their subsequent contributions to policy change outcomes. Through a retrospective case study analysis of three CBPR partnerships in California, I describe their individual and collective contributions to the research process, and in leveraging research results to advocate for and bring about policy change. The first case is a partnership in Los Angeles' Skid Row with youth living in Single Occupancy Rooms (SORs), who were galvanized to action by violence in their community, discrimination they face at school, and their lack of access to the only park in their neighborhood. Their actions led to national media attention, which resulted in school district policy changes, and increased, albeit still limited, access to their local park. The second case involved youth in a Bakersfield community that worked collaboratively with adults from various city agencies and community organizations to achieve environmental changes that led to the creation of safe open spaces for families. The final case focused on a partnership in Old Town National City involving a group of women who were transformed into powerful advocates in the pursuit of environmental justice. Through culturally and linguistically appropriate trainings, the promotoras (lay health workers) who were also residents of National City, made significant contribution to the research process, that in turn contributed to subsequent policy wins. The various participatory methods employed by each of the three communities facilitated participation and empowered participants to have an active voice through numerous community engagement activities. CBPR is well positioned to effectively mobilize residents, including in the case for this dissertation, women and youth, and to build capacity within communities that will outlast any funded intervention. Collectively, the three CBPR case studies offer exciting, innovative possibilities in the engagement of promotoras and youth as equitable partners in the research process. At the same time, the cases offer lessons learned and important implications for research, practice and policy. The voices of the women and youth involved in the partnerships are captured throughout the dissertation, a unique gift to this dissertation, on the insider perspectives they bring as they share their experiences, leadership development, and individual level outcomes as a result of their participation.

A Half Century of Struggle, 1950-2000

Health Promotion Programs

The Social Impact of AIDS in the United States

Culture, Development, and Health

Handbook of Asian American Health

Improving Healthcare Through Advocacy

Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a genetic condition that affects approximately 100,000 people in the United States and millions more globally. Individuals with SCD endure the psychological and physiological toll of repetitive pain as well as side effects from the pain treatments they undergo. Some adults with SCD report reluctance to use health care services, unless as a last resort, due to the racism and discrimination they face in the health care system. Additionally, many aspects of SCD are inadequately studied, understood, and addressed. Addressing Sickle Cell Disease examines the epidemiology, health outcomes, genetic implications, and societal factors associated with SCD and sickle cell trait (SCT). This report explores the current guidelines and best practices for the care of patients with SCD and recommends priorities for programs, policies, and research. It also discusses limitations and opportunities for developing national SCD patient registries and surveillance systems, barriers in the healthcare sector associated with SCD and SCT, and the role of patient advocacy and community engagement groups.

There has always been homeless people in the United States, but their plight has only recently stirred widespread public reaction and concern. Part of this new recognition stems from the problem's prevalence: the number of homeless individuals, while hard to pin down exactly, is rising. In light of this, Congress asked the Institute of Medicine to find out whether existing health care programs were ignoring the homeless or delivering care to them inefficiently. This book is the report prepared by a committee of experts who examined these problems through visits to city slums and impoverished rural areas, and through an analysis of papers written by leading scholars in the field.

Health Promotion Programs introduces the theory of health promotion and presents an overview of current best practices from a wide variety of settings that include schools, health care organizations, workplace, and community. The 43 contributors to Health Promotion Programs focus on students and professionals interested in planning, implementing, and evaluating programs that promote health equity. In addition to the focus on best practices, each chapter contains information on: Identifying health promotion programs Eliminating health disparities Defining and applying health promotion theories and models Assessing the needs of program participants Creating and supporting evidence-based programs Implementing health promotion programs: Tools, program staff, and budgets Advocacy Communicating health information effectively Developing and increasing program funding Evaluating, improving, and sustaining health promotion programs Health promotion challenges and opportunities Health promotion resources and career links "The authors have clearly connected the dots among planning, theory, evaluation, health disparity, and advocacy, and have created a user-friendly toolbox for health promotion empowerment."—Ronald L. Braltwaite, PhD, professor, Morehouse School of Medicine, Departments of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Family Medicine, and Psychiatry "The most comprehensive program planning text to date, this book examines all facets of planning and implementation across four key work environments where health educators function."—Mal Goldsmith, PhD, CHES, professor and coordinator of Health Education, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville "Health Promotion Programs . . . explores the thinking of some of our field's leaders and confirms its well-deserved place in the field and in our personal collections."—Susan M. Radius, PhD, CHES, professor and program director, Health Science Department, Towson University

New multidisciplinary scholarship on civic engagement in America

A Strategic Plan and Blueprint for Action

Community-Based Health Organizations

A Multi-Case Study Analysis

Ecological Foundations

The Future of Nursing 2020-2030

Hearings Before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, One Hundred Fifth Congress, First Session

This handbook summarizes the research on communicative processes as they relate to health and health care, and provides directions for future research. For scholars & professionals in health communication, public health, psychology, & related areas.

"A Psychiatrist's Guide to Advocacy explores the diverse conditions that may demand an in-tervention or affirmative response from mental health practitioners charged with advocating for patients and the profession. The editors and authors argue for a greater culture of advocacy among psychiatrists to effect broad and lasting changes, emphasizing that advocacy takes many forms (e.g., organizational, patient-level, legislative, media, education). The authors identify systemic problems in mental health care, describe the essential factors needed for effective advocacy, and delineate the advocacy needs of diverse patient populations (e.g., children and families, older adults, LGBTQ patients, veterans)"--

The Advocate is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) monthly newsmagazine. Established in 1967, it is the oldest continuing LGBT publication in the United States.

Now in its Fourth Edition, this transcultural nursing text conveys the importance of diverse cultural knowledge for the evaluation of patient outcomes, understanding persons in clinical settings and appropriate responses to clinical situations during the nurse/client interaction. Detailed theory is discussed and each chapter contains awareness exercises to ensure comprehension of the nursing role as trusted health care providers. Coverage includes cultural variation in lifestyle, communication and beliefs. New to this edition is a two-color design; revised content on assessment and applications of concepts; a new chapter on culturally appropriate interventions; and, more case studies, research studies and clinical vignettes.

Transcultural Concepts in Nursing Care

The Encyclopedia of Social Work

Asian Communities in the United States

Empowerment for Diverse Communities

A Psychiatrist's Guide to Advocacy

Addressing Sickle Cell Disease

This book debates the role of community health workers in the United States have gravitated toward one of two positions: that just health care is an individual responsibility or that it must be regarded as a national concern. Both arguments overlook a third possibility: that justice in health care is multilayered and requires the participation of multiple and diverse communities. Communities of Health Care Justice makes a powerful ethical argument for treating communities as critical moral actors that play key roles in defining and upholding just health policy. Drawing together the key community dimensions of health care, and demonstrating their neglect in most prominent theories of health care justice, Charlene Galarrague postulates the ethical norms of community justice. In the process, she proposes that while the subnational communities of health care justice are defined by shared place, including those bound by culture, religion, gender, and race that together they define justice. As she constructs her innovative theorization of health care justice, Galarrague also reveals its firm grounding in the work of real-world health policy and community advocates. Communities of Health Care Justice not only strives to imagine a new framework of just health care, but also to show how elements of this framework exist in current health policy, and to outline the systemic, conceptual, and structural changes required to put these justice norms into fuller practice.

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The decade ahead will test the nation's nearly 4 million nurses in new and complex ways. Nurses live and work at the intersection of health, education, and communities. Nurses work in a wide array of settings and practice at a range of professional levels. They are often the first and most frequent line of contact with people of all backgrounds and experiences seeking care and they represent the largest of the health care professions. A nation cannot fully thrive until everyone - no matter who they are, where they live, or how much money they make - can live their healthiest possible life, and helping people live a healthier life is and has always been the essential role of nurses. Nurses have a critical role to play in achieving the goal of health equity, but they need robust education, supportive work environments, and autonomy. Accordingly, at the request of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, on behalf of the National Academy of Medicine, an ad hoc committee under the auspices of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine conducted a study aimed at envisioning and charting a path forward for the nursing profession to help reduce inequities in people's ability to achieve their full health potential. The ultimate goal is the achievement of health equity in the United States built on strengthened nursing capacity and expertise. By leveraging these attributes, nursing will help to create and contribute comprehensively to equitable public health and health care systems that are designed to work for everyone. The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity explores how nurses can work to reduce health disparities and promote equity, while keeping costs at bay, utilizing technology, and maintaining patient and family-focused care into 2030. This work builds on the foundation set out by The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health (2011) report.

As the number of people of color rapidly grows within the US population, health providers in these communities have become increasingly aware of the need to address the concerns and problems particular to each group. It's also become clear that as the delivery of our health care systems evolve, a new approach must be summoned to build systems both cost-effective and socially responsible. Community Health Psychology offers a new and different perspective for redressing the gaps in our systems of care. The authors contend that in order to begin an attempt at eradicating the more intractable societal problems, health providers need to tailor themselves to a more culturally competent approach, which addresses all members of a community they claim to serve.

Community Oral Health Practice for the Dental Hygienist - E-Book

Communities of Health Care Justice

Integrating Social Care into the Delivery of Health Care

Abortion Wars

Comprehensive Textbook of AIDS Sufferer

Communities in Action

In the United States, some populations suffer from far greater disparities in health than others. Those disparities are caused not only by fundamental differences in health status across segments of the population, but also because of inequities in factors that impact health status, so-called determinants of health. Only part of an individual's health status depends on his or her behavior and choice; community-wide problems like poverty, unemployment, poor education, inadequate housing, poor public transportation, interpersonal violence, and decaying neighborhoods also contribute to health inequities, as well as the historic and ongoing interplay of structures, policies, and norms that shape lives. When these factors are not optimal in a community, it does not mean they are intractable; such inequities can be mitigated by social policies that can shape health in powerful ways. Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity seeks to delineate the causes of and the solutions to health inequities in the United States. This report focuses on what communities can do to promote health equity, what actions are needed by the many and varied stakeholders that are part of communities or support them, as well as the root causes and structural barriers that need to be overcome.

While vulnerable populations are most susceptible to lack of health care and inadequate services, all consumers are potentially at risk. This book uses an intervention framework and first-person case studies from health care workers and consumers to illustrate how everyone in the health care system can advocate effectively. Cases are provided from a wide range of health professionals and consumers. Written in a clear, jargon-free style, this book focuses on health care access and the treatment of vulnerable populations. Essential reading for social workers and front line health care workers.

This salient resource offers clinicians a comprehensive multi-tiered framework for identifying, addressing, and reducing food insecurity among children and their families. Reinforcing the importance of food insecurity as a key social determinant of health, this monograph reviews the epidemiology and presents in-depth guidelines for screening for food insecurity and hunger. Recommendations for screening in a busy clinical setting as well as the strengths and limitations of widely-used instruments are discussed. The monograph also outlines a variety of clinic-level interventions, potential community-based resources, and opportunities for clinical-community partnerships to improve families' food access and security. Further, contributors provide workable plans for large-scale advocacy through greater engagement with professional and community resources as well as policymakers. The monograph concludes with an outline of the critical steps to implement a food insecurity screening process and the key components to train the next generation of provider-advocates. Included in the coverage: Epidemiology and pathophysiology of food insecurity Screening tools and training Scope of interventions to address food insecurity Creation and evaluation of the impact of food insecurity-focused clinical-community partnerships on patients and populations Development of an action plan to fight food insecurity Identifying and Addressing Childhood Food Insecurity in Healthcare and Community Settings will find an engaged audience among physicians and other clinicians who want to address food insecurity in their healthcare and/or community setting. Institutions that are starting to address social determinants of health, including food insecurity, will find guidance on screening tools, processes and evaluation of impact.

This book introduces an interdisciplinary lens by bringing together vital research on culture, psychosocial development, and key aspects of health and disease to address a wide range of salient concerns. Its scholarship mirrors the diversity of the Arab American population, exploring ethnic concepts in socio-historical and political contexts before reviewing findings on major health issues, including diabetes, cancer, substance abuse, mental illness, and maternal/child health. And by including policy and program strategies for disease prevention, health promotion, and environmental health, the book offers practitioners--and their clients--opportunities for proactive care. Featured in the coverage: Family, gender and social identity issues Arab Americans and the aging process Acculturation and ethnic identity across the lifespan Arab refugees: Trauma, resilience, and recovery Cancer: Crossroads of ethnicity and environment Health and well-being: Biopsychosocial prevention approaches Arab American health disparities: A call for advocacy Rich in cultural information and clinical insights, Biopsychosocial Perspectives on Arab Americans is an important reference that can enhance health practices across the disciplines of medicine, nursing, rehabilitation, social work, counseling, and psychology.

Homelessness, Health, and Human Needs

Community Health Advocacy

International Perspectives

Interdisciplinary Community Development

Community-based Coalitions for Cancer Prevention and Control

A Guide for the Health and Helping Professions

Interdisciplinary Community Development: International Perspectives is a unique look at the innovations in interdisciplinary community development around the world. International leaders in geography, public policy, administration, social work, education, and public health explore the latest research, programs, and approaches to promote strategies

A "pro-rights" collection of essays by abortion providers, journalists, legal strategists, and philosophers includes a timeline of events from 1940 to the present

A Paradigm for Integrated Care

From Urban Neighborhoods to Higher Education

Biopsychosocial Perspectives on Arab Americans

An Introduction to the Human Services

Sowing Seeds in the Mountains

Acting Civically