Strategies for Promoting Primary Prevention

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"It is unreasonable to expect that people will change their behavior easily when so many forces in the social, cultural, and physical environment conspire against such change."

- Institute of Medicine

Individual

AND

The System

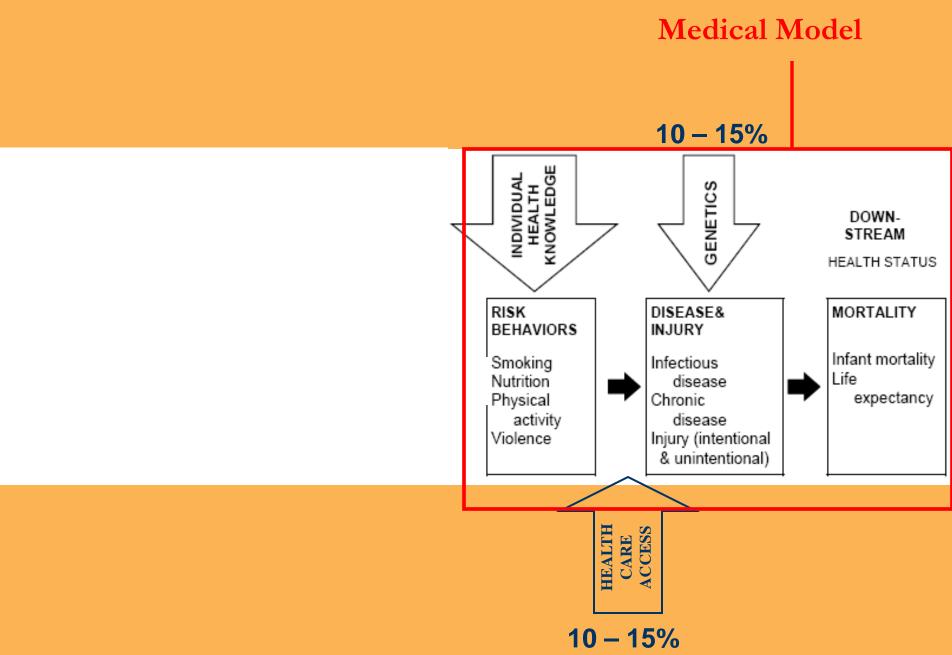
The social, economic, and political context of our health care options

Primary Prevention

...taking action to prevent problems from occurring <u>before</u> the onset of symptoms







Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative

Medical Model Interventions

- Tend to focus on individuals
- Do not address underlying conditions
- Expensive and difficult to sustain
- No sustained impact on health disparities
- Majority of Health, Social Services & Criminal Justice budget spent on these kind of interventions

Race/ethnicity

Going Upstream

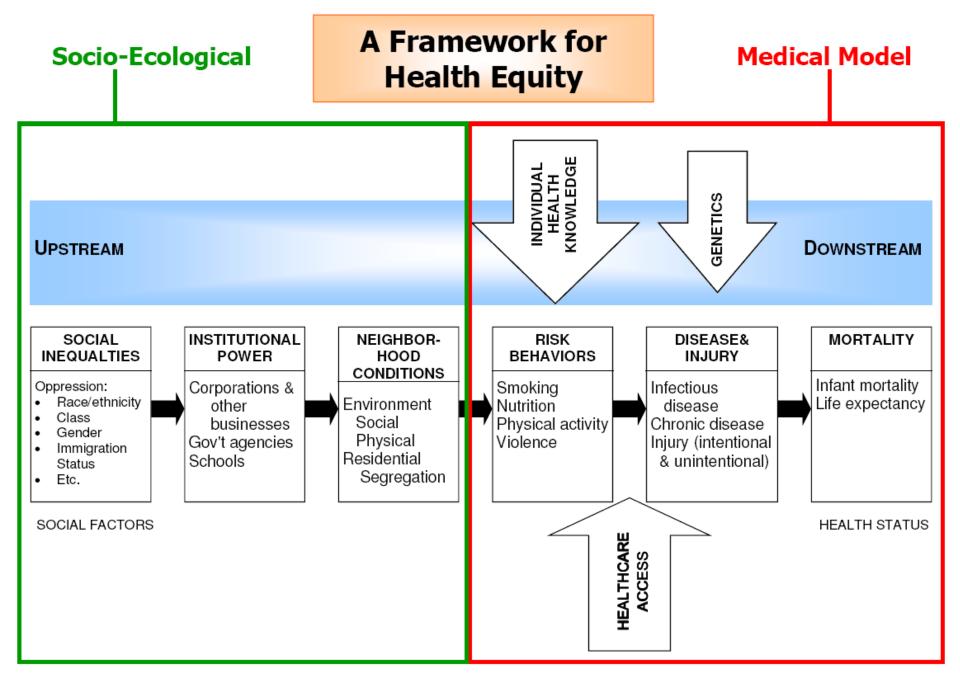
Class

Gender Corporations and Businesses



Immigration status

Government Agencies



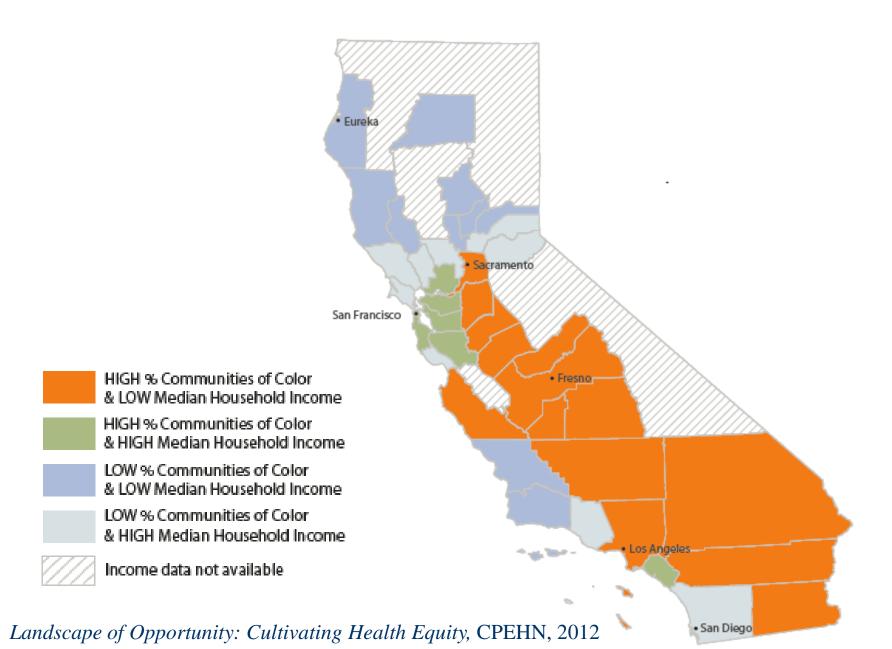
Income and Health Disparities

- A resident of the Newport Beach–Laguna Hills area in Orange County is:
 - Fifteen times more likely to have a bachelor's degree
 - Earns \$33,000 more per year
 - Can expect to live fifteen years longer
 - than a resident of Watts in Los Angeles

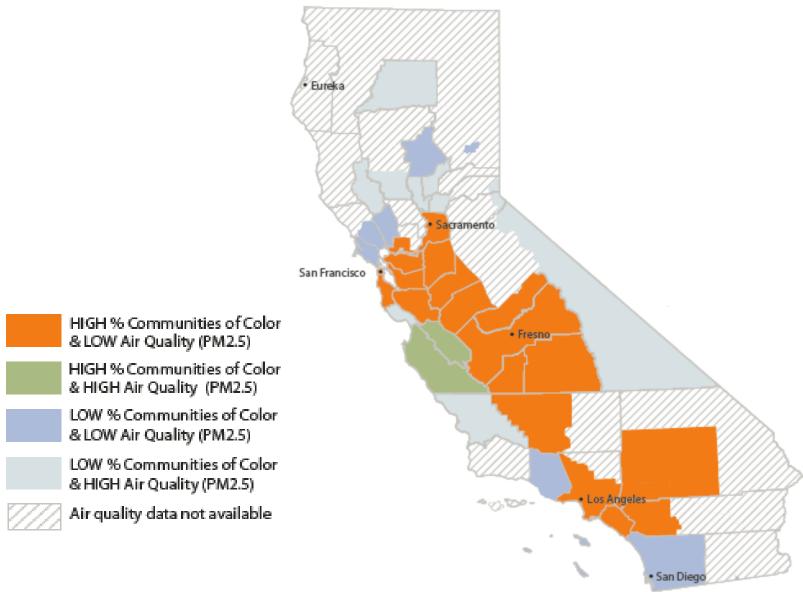
Place Matters



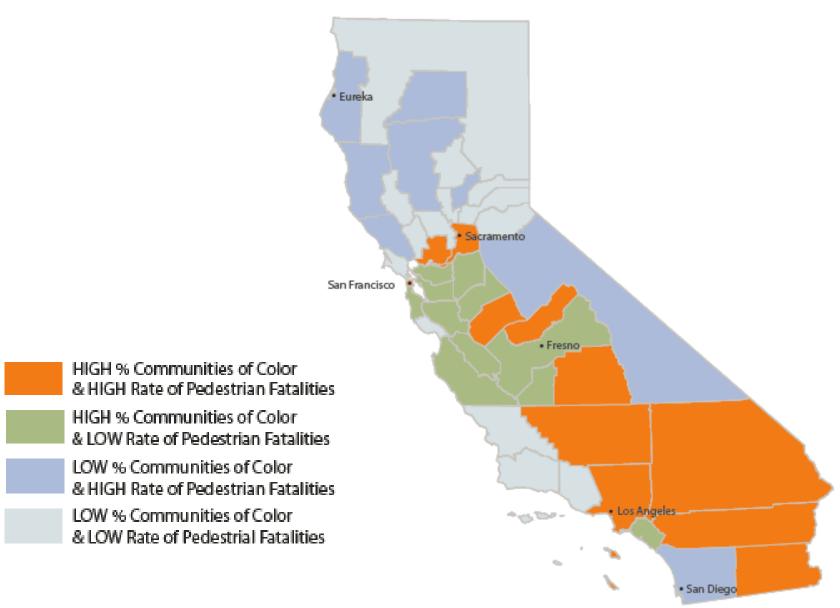
Median Income and Communities of Color



Air Quality and Communities of Color



Pedestrian Safety and Communities of Color



Teen Perception of Park Safety at Night and Communities of Color



Youth Access to Parks and Communities of Color



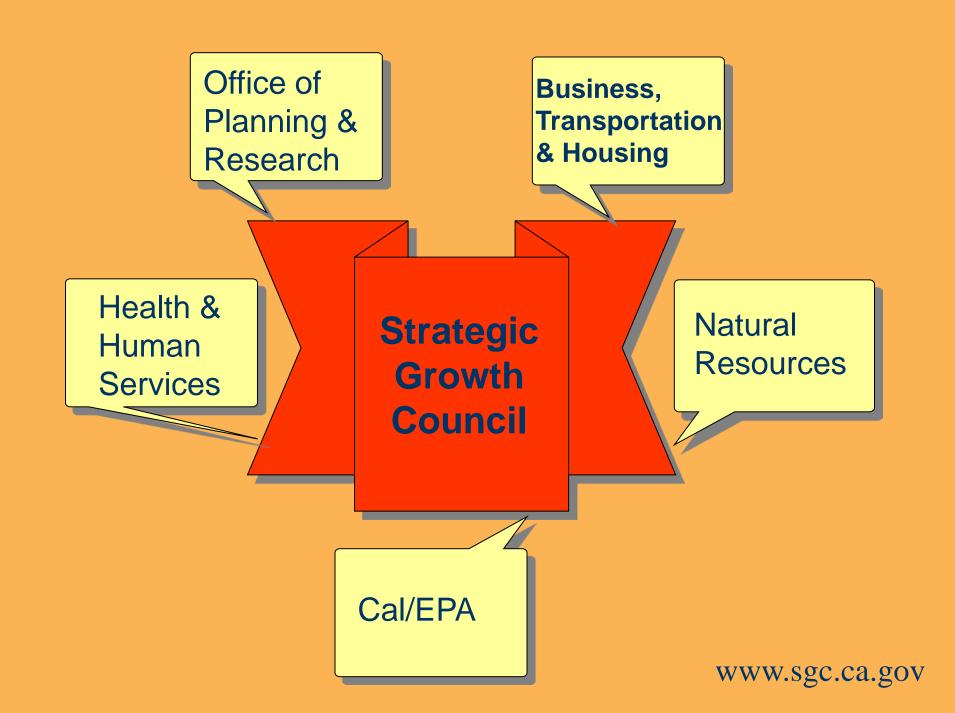
Food Environment and Communities of Color



Landscape of Opportunity: Cultivating Health Equity, CPEHN, 2012

ACA and Prevention

- Medicare and private insurers required to offer free preventive care
- Increase federal medical assistance percentage for states that offer Medicaid coverage of and remove cost-sharing for preventive services
- Establish National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council
- Prevention and Public Health Fund
 - Community Transformation Grants \$15 billion
- Wellness programs
- Menu labeling





State Legislation

- AB 441 (Monning): summarize best practice policies by MPOs that promote health and equity in the state's Regional Transportation Plan
- AB 1560 (Fuentes): change income requirements for CalFresh to improve access
- AB 1915 (Alejo): allow 10% of Safe Route to School funds to be used to improve infrastructure

Let's Get Healthy California Task Force

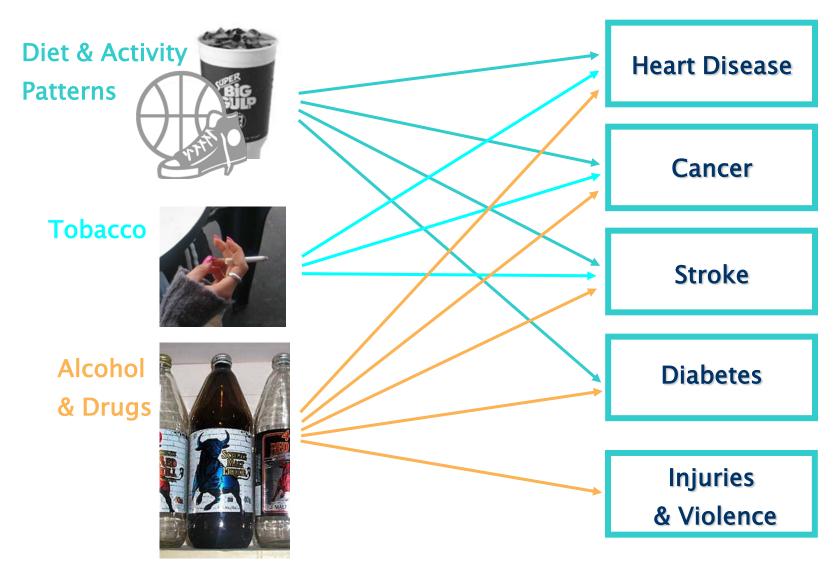
- Develop 10 year plan
 - Improve health of Californians
 - Promote personal responsibility
 - Advance health equity
 - No additional government spending
- Four areas
 - Prevention and Population Health
 - Quality Improvement
 - Access and Coverage
 - Affordability and Cost

www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/HealthCalTaskforce.aspx

What's your role?

- Advocate for policies and resources that advance primary prevention
- Create opportunities to work across sectors
- Educate and mobilize your clients to fight for changes in their neighborhoods
- Identify promising practices

Making Links to Exposures & Behaviors



Prevention

