



WHAT WORKS FOR HEALTH: EQUITY ANALYSIS

Identifying evidence-informed strategies to advance equity

We have the power to create communities where everyone can thrive. What Works for Health’s equity analysis identifies evidence-informed solutions to advance equity in three ways: by summarizing impacts on disparities, acknowledging historical drivers of inequity and asking questions to center equity during implementation.

The framework includes:

- 1. **Disparity rating.** A rating based on a strategy’s potential impact on disparities (or the differences in outcomes between groups) and the strength of the evidence that supports the rating.

 **Potential to Decrease Disparities**

 **Potential for Mixed Impact on Disparities**

 **Potential to Increase Disparities**

 **Inconclusive Impact on Disparities**

- 2. **Disparity rating description.** A summary of the evidence supporting the rating, including the subgroups and outcomes to which the rating applies.
- 3. **Historical context.** A brief analysis of the historical drivers of inequity that a strategy is attempting to address. Historical context offers insights on how well a strategy accounts for historical causes of inequities.
- 4. **Equity considerations.** Three to four guiding questions to consider when implementing a strategy to advance equity.
- 5. **Implementation resources.** Implementation resources from other organizations that focus on equity.

Find strategies that have been shown to make communities healthier places where everyone can thrive at countyhealthrankings.org/whatworks

