

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH



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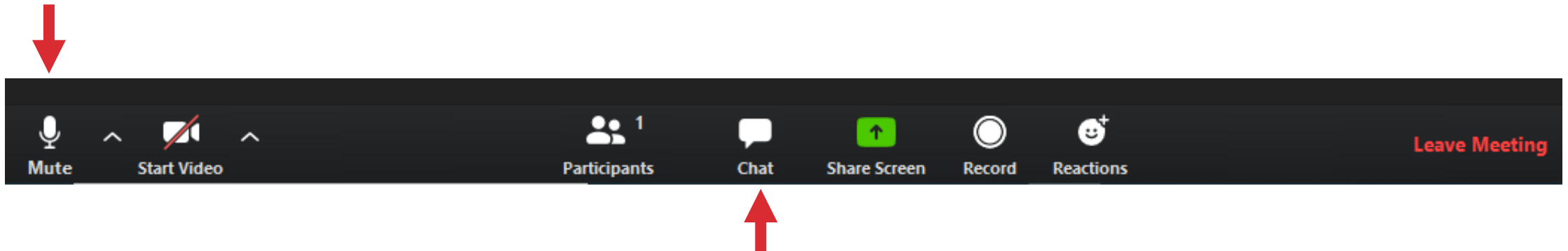
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Part I: Social Determinants of Health Standardized Assessment Tools Overview

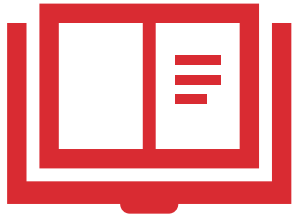
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Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Social Determinants of Health - Terminology Review
- III. Overview of 5 Social Risk Screening Tools
- IV. Questions & Answers
- V. Closing Remarks



Learning Objectives



To provide a comprehensive review of the most popular social needs screening tools among NY Community Health Centers



To discuss the benefits of integrating social and clinical care and standardized documentation



To share implementation resources, and action steps to begin or expand Social Determinants of Health work



The Path to Achieving Health Equity

What social and economic factors must be addressed on the continued path to achieving Health Equity?



Health Equity aims to ensure that all people have full and equal access to opportunities that enable them to lead healthy lives.

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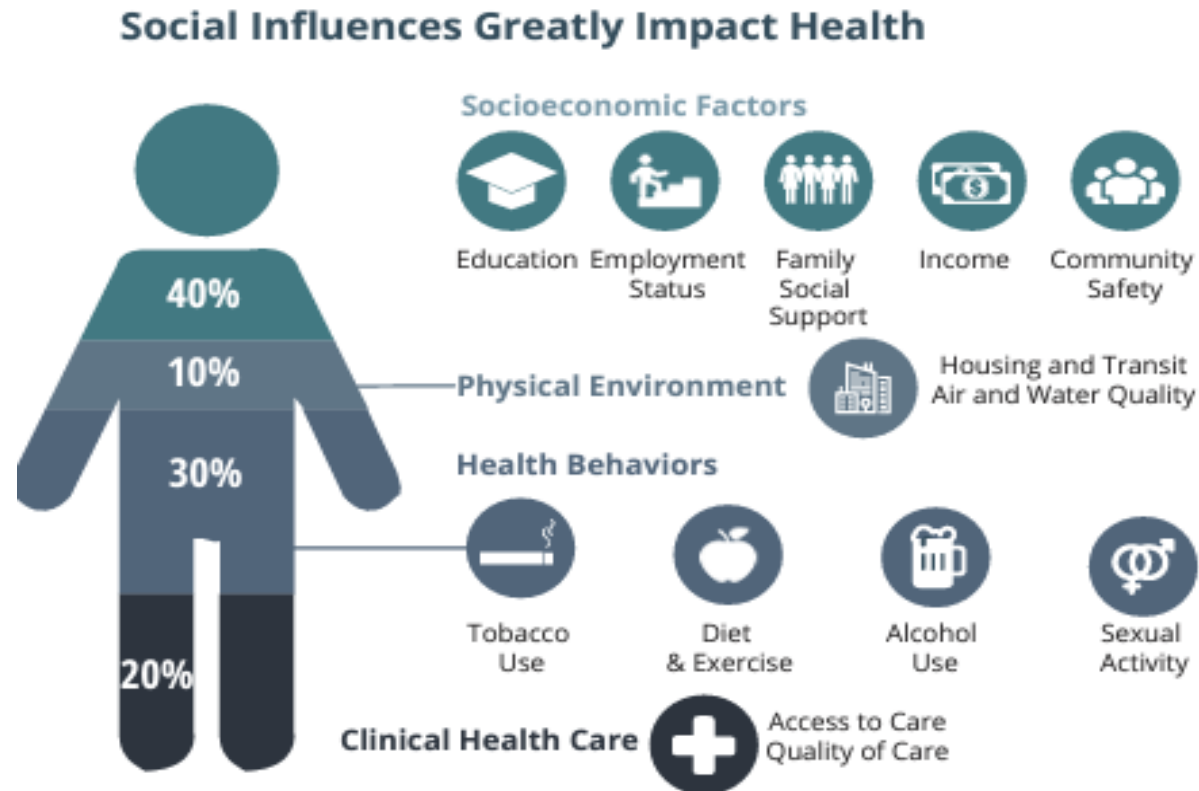


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“Improving population health requires partnership and breaking down silos among health care, public health and social services.”

[Meeting Individual Social Needs Falls Short Of Addressing Social Determinants Of Health](#), January 2019.



Hood, CM, Gennuso, KP, Swain, GR, & Catlin, BB. (2015). County health rankings: Relationships between determinant factors and health outcomes. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.



Terminology Overview



Training Resource



What are Social Needs?

Social needs are individual needs. Social needs are the patient's role in identifying and prioritizing social interventions.

Examples:

- food/water/utilities
- shelter/stable housing
- safety
- employment/job
- transportation, etc.
- access to care/medications
- access to mass media and emerging technologies (e.g., cell phones, the Internet, and social media)



What are Social Risk Factors?

Social risk factors are defined as the adverse social conditions associated with poor health. These make up the underlying factors in the arena of Social Determinants Of Health (SDOH).

SDOH: Economic Stability

- Employment
- Food Insecurity
- Housing Instability
- Poverty

SDOH: Education Access and Quality

- Early Childhood Education and Development
- Enrollment in Higher Education
- High School Graduation
- Language and Literacy

SDOH: Health Care and Quality

- Access to Health Care
- Access to Primary Care
- Health Literacy

SDOH: Social and Community Context

- Civic Participation
- Discrimination
- Incarceration
- Social Cohesion
- Social Integration

SDOH: Neighborhood and Built Environment

- Access to Foods that Support Healthy Eating Patterns
- Crime and Violence
- Environmental Conditions
- Quality of Housing



Social Determinants of Health Domains

Social Determinants of Health



Social Determinants of Health
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- *Economic Stability* refers to any measure of a person's finances and the ability or inability of an individual or family to afford basic life necessities.
- *Education* refers to the degree to which an individual has completed various levels of schooling or formal education. This could include public, private, or technical school or an extracurricular course or apprenticeship.
- *Health Care Access* refers to health and wellbeing of individuals and whether they have access to quality clinical care.
- *Social & Community Context* refers to the immediate social setting in which people live or in which something happens or develops. It includes the culture that an individual was educated or lives in, and the institutions with whom they interact.
- *Neighborhood & Physical Environment* refers to the land, air, water, plants, animals, buildings, other infrastructure, and all-natural resources that provide our basic needs and opportunities for social and economic development.





Overview of 5 Standardized Social Risk Screening Tools

Sources:

1. [Social Needs Screening Tool Comparison Table](#) | SIREN
2. [Systematic Review of Social Risk Screening Tools](#) | Kaiser Permanente



Poll Question #1

What tool, if any, are you currently using at your health centers?

Please select all that apply

- Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patient Assets, Risks, and Experiences (PRAPARE)
- Health Leads
- Accountable Health Communities Health-Related Social Needs (AHC-HRSN)
- WeCare
- Montefiore Social Determinants of Health Screen
- My organization is not screening at this time
- Other



1. PRAPARE Tool

The Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks, and Experiences

A national **standardized** patient risk assessment **protocol built into the EHR** designed to **engage patients** in assessing and addressing social determinants of health.



www.nachc.org/prapare



PRAPARE Overview

It is a 13-36-item questionnaire that addresses needs across 5 SDOH domains: economic stability, education, social & community context, health and clinical care, and neighborhood & physical environment.

- Year Created: 2016
- Reading Level: 8th grade
- Reported Completion Time: 11 minutes
- Patient or Clinic Population: **Community Health Centers/FQHCs**
- Languages: **English plus 25 other languages** (PDF)
- Electronic Health Record Availability: **Yes & Comprehensive Reporting**
- **Reporting Capabilities:** most EMRs, eBO PRAPARE for eCW users, Cognos, Azara DRVS (CPCI) & more
- Website & Implementation Toolkit: <https://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/prapare/toolkit/>



Demonstrated Impacts



- ✓ Strengthen patient-care team member relationships
- ✓ Respond to identified needs through shared decision-making and priority setting
- ✓ Immediate care improvements

- ✓ Provide equitable care through targeted interventions and effective use of enabling services
- ✓ Improve integration of cross-sector partnerships
- ✓ Improve risk stratification
- ✓ Support organizational efforts to drive care transformation and quality improvement

- ✓ Highlight systemic inequality and racism at the local, state and national level
- ✓ Enhance community collaboration and planning
- ✓ Empower health organizations to advocate for policies supporting equity and social justice in their communities
- ✓ Inform care delivery redesign and payment reform



2. Health Leads Tool

It is a 7-item questionnaire assessing needs across 4 SDOH domains: economic stability, education, social & community context, and neighborhood & physical environment.

- Year Created: 2016
- Reading Level: 6th grade
- Reported Completion Time: Not Reported
- Patient or Clinic Population: Primary Care
- Languages: English & Spanish
- Electronic Health Record Availability: Yes
- Reporting Capabilities: w/ EMRs, Azara DRVS (CPCI)
- Website & Implementation Toolkit: <https://healthleadsusa.org/resources/the-health-leads-screening-toolkit/>



Health Leads Overview

SOCIAL NEED DOMAINS	EXAMPLES
Food Insecurity	Limited or uncertain access to adequate food
Housing Instability	Homelessness, unsafe or unhealthy housing conditions, inability to pay mortgage/rent, frequent housing disruptions, eviction
Utility Needs	Difficulty paying utility bills, shut off notices, access to phone
Financial Resource Strain ²	Inability to afford essential needs, financial literacy, medication under-use due to cost, benefits denial
Transportation Challenges	Difficulty accessing or affording transportation (medical or public)
Exposure To Violence ³	Intimate partner violence, elder abuse, community violence
Socio-Demographic Information	Race and ethnicity, educational attainment, family income level, languages spoken

² Questions about financial resource strain often produce a high false positive rate; review these questions carefully

³ These categories will likely require a more highly skilled workforce than other types of social needs



3. Accountable Health Communities Health-Related Social Needs (AHC-HRSN)

It is a 10-item screening tool, with 16 supplemental questions, to identify patient needs that can be addressed through community services in 3-5 SDOH domains: economic stability, education, social & community context, health and clinical care, and neighborhood & physical environment.

- Year Created: 2017
- Reading Level: 8th grade
- Reported Completion Time: Not Reported
- Patient or Clinic Population: Primary Care/Medicare & Medicaid
- Languages: English
- Electronic Health Record Availability: Yes
- Reporting Capabilities: w/ EMRs, Azara DRVS (CPCI)
- Website & Implementation Toolkit: <https://innovation.cms.gov/files/worksheets/ahcm-screeningtool.pdf>



AHC-HRSN Overview



The Accountable Health Communities Health-Related Social Needs Screening Tool

What's the Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool?

We at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) made the Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool to use in the AHC Model.¹ We're testing to see if systematically finding and dealing with the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries has any effect on their total health care costs and makes their health outcomes better.

Why is the AHC HRSN Screening Tool important?

Growing evidence shows that if we deal with unmet HRSNs like homelessness, hunger, and exposure to violence, we can help undo their harm to health. Just like with clinical assessment tools, providers can use the results from the HRSN Screening Tool to inform patients' treatment plans and make referrals to community services.



4. WeCare Tool

Well Child Care, Evaluation, Community Resources, Advocacy, Referral, Education (WE CARE) is a clinic-based screening and referral system developed for pediatric settings. The 12-question WE CARE screening tool assesses needs, including parental educational attainment, employment, child-care, risk of homelessness, food security, and household heat and electricity.

- Year Created: 2007
- Reading Level: 9th grade
- Reported Completion Time: 5 minutes
- Patient or Clinic Population: Pediatrics & Primary Care
- Languages: English
- Electronic Health Record Availability: Not Reported
- Reporting Capabilities: Not Reported
- Website & Implementation Toolkit: <https://sirenetwork.ucsf.edu/tools-resources/mmi/we-care>



WE CARE Overview

WE CARE Survey

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Place patient sticker here, or write in:

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Visit date: _____

We want to make sure that you know about the community resources that are available to you and your family. Many of these resources are free of charge. Please answer each question and hand it to your child's doctor at the beginning of the visit. Thank you!

	Do you need childcare for your child? YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If YES, would you like help finding it?  NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Later <input type="checkbox"/>
	Do you have a full-time job? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If NO, would you like help finding employment? 	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Later <input type="checkbox"/>
	Do you think you are at risk of becoming homeless? YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If YES, would you like help with this?  NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Later <input type="checkbox"/>
	Do you always have enough food for your family? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If NO, would you like help with this? 	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Later <input type="checkbox"/>
	Do you have a high school degree? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If NO, would you like help to get a GED? 	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Later <input type="checkbox"/>
	Do you have trouble paying your heating/cooling, water or electricity bill? YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If YES, would you like help with this?  NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Later <input type="checkbox"/>

*****FOR PROVIDER/STAFF USE ONLY*****

If a parent has needs and wants help, please give the appropriate WE CARE information sheet(s) from your practice's **Family Resource Book**: 1 screener per family. Store copy in patient EMR or chart.

Please check off below if you provided WE CARE information sheet(s) and/or referral(s) for the following needs:

<input type="checkbox"/> Childcare	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Food	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities

Referral provided by: ☐ Provider ☒ MA ☐ Nurse ☐ Other

Developed by Arvin Gang, MD, MPH













5. Montefiore Social Determinants of Health Screen Tool

It is a 7-item questionnaire assessing needs across 5 SDOH domains: economic stability, education, social & community context, health and clinical care, and neighborhood & physical environment.

- Year Created: 2018
- Reading Level: 6th grade
- Reported Completion Time: Not Reported
- Patient or Clinic Population: Adults
- Languages: English & Spanish
- Electronic Health Record Availability: Yes
- Reporting Capabilities: w/ EMRs, Azara DRVS (CPCI)
- Website & Implementation Toolkit:
https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/sdh/docs/montefiore_sna.pdf



Montefiore SDOH Screen Tool Overview

		YES / NO
	Are you worried that in the next 2 months, you may not have a safe or stable place to live? (risk of eviction, being kicked out, homelessness)	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Are you worried that the place you are living now is making you sick? (has mold, bugs/rodents, water leaks, not enough heat)	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	In the past 12 months, has the electric, gas, oil or water company threatened to shut off services to your home?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	In the last 12 months, did you worry that your food could run out before you got money to buy more?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	In the last 12 months, has lack of transportation kept you from medical appointments or getting your medications?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	In the last 12 months, did you have to skip buying medications or going to doctor's appointments to save money?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Do you need help getting child care or care for an elderly or sick adult?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Do you need legal help? (child/family services, immigration, housing discrimination, domestic issues, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Are you finding it hard to get along with a partner, spouse, or family members?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Does anyone in your life hurt you, threaten you, frighten you or make you feel unsafe?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

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Phone Number:

Best time to Call:

Montefiore Social Determinants of Health Screen
As of: March 9, 2018

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Poll Question #2



What additional information and resources does your health center need to more effectively use the PRAPARE/other SDOH tool?

Please select all that apply

- Training or resources on effective processes for data collection
- Resources to help patients address identified needs
- Assistance with reporting, using, and/or acting on the data
- EMR Vendor support (e.g., EMR, ICD-10 Z coding)
- Technology to support data capture (e.g., iPads, patient kiosks)
- Training or resources on getting support/buy-in from organizational leadership, governing board, patients, and/or clinical staff
- Other



PRAPARE & ICD-10 Z Codes Crosswalk Tool

Community Health Care Association of New York State
Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) - Technical Assistance (TA)



This tool is a crosswalk between the PRAPARE tool and its corresponding ICD-10 Z codes in the electronic medical record system (EMR). In addition to social risk factor data, it is important to code for social complexities using [ICD-10 Z codes](#) and dummy CPT codes to track, monitor, and close the loop on the services provided to patients with identified social needs. CPT codes, or procedural codes, describe what kind of “procedure” a patient has received while ICD codes, or diagnostic codes, describe any diseases, illnesses, or conditions a patient may have. [PRAPARE/SDOH data & Social Intervention](#) documentation is needed to demonstrate value to payers/stewards and seek adequate financing to ensure interventions are sustainable while creating an integrated, value-driven delivery system to reduce total cost of care. PRAPARE Assessment Tool available at <https://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/prapare/about-the-prapare-assessment-tool/>



<https://bit.ly/3tAvK0r>

PRAPARE Questions – SDOH Domains/Constructs	PRAPARE Responses – Social Risk Factors	ICD-10 Z Codes	Z Code Description	Social Intervention (SI)/Referral for identified social need (dummy CPT codes optional):
Current Housing Situation	I have no housing	Z59.0	Homelessness	SI-HS Housing Support Services
Worried About Losing Housing	Yes	Z59.9	Problem related to housing and economic circumstances, unspecified	SI-FC Financial Counseling/Eligibility Assistance
Education	Less than high school	Z55.0	Illiteracy and low-level literacy	SI-ED Education Support Services
Employment	Unemployed but seeking work	Z56.0	Unemployment, unspecified	SI-EM Employment Supportive Services
Other Needs/Financial Needs	Food, Clothing, Phone, Utilities, Childcare, Medicine or any health care, Other	Z59.4	Lack of adequate food and safe drinking water	SI-FD Food Supportive Services
		Z59.6	Low income	SI-CL Clothing Supportive Services
		Z59.5	Extreme poverty	SI-PH Phone Supportive Services
		Z63.6	Dependent relative needing care at home	SI-UT Utilities Supportive Services
Transportation	Yes, Medical &	Z75.3	Unavailability and inaccessibility of health-care facilities	SI-CC Child Care Supportive Services
	Yes, Non-Medical	Z75.4	Unavailability and inaccessibility of other helping agencies	SI-MH Medicine or Health Care Supportive Services
Social Support	1-2 times per week and less than once	Z60.8	Other problems related to social environment	SI-OM Other Materials Supportive Services
Stress	Quite a bit and very much	Z73.3	Stress, not elsewhere classified	SI-MT Medical Transportation Services
Incarceration	Yes	Z65.2	Problems related to release from prison	SI-NMT Non-Medical Transportation Services
Safety	No	N/A	If the patient’s response is a NO, that is a flag.	SI-SI Social Integration Supportive Services
Domestic Violence	Yes	Z63.0	Problems in relationship with spouse or partner	SI-ST Mental Health Supportive Services
Refugee Status	Yes	Z65.3	Problems related to other legal circumstances	SI-IN Incarceration Supportive Services
Country of Origin	Other than USA	N/A	PRAPARE smart form in eClinicalWorks	SI-ST Safety Supportive Services
				SI-DV Domestic Violence Support Services
				SI-RF Refugee Supportive Services
				PRAPARE eBO report for “free text” answers



Key Factors for Success

Understand the WHY

- Health Equity lens

Standardized SDOH Screening

- Have patient-centered screening principles for all screenings such as empathy, respect, trust, autonomy – tool agnostic

Team-based Care Approach

- Deploy a social need screening and intervention workflow and co-design the workflow with leadership and care team members

Document and Monitor Performance

- Screening tool & ICD-10 Z codes in the EMR

Social Intervention & Close the Loop

- Have a process for positive screens/social interventions

Develop a Data Strategy

- Analyze and develop a robust SDOH data strategy

Act

- Use SDOH data to drive transformation and community partnerships





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPVwgnp3dAc>



Announcement



PRAPARE Smart Form Subsidy for eClinicalWorks Users:

CHCANYS has a limited-time opportunity expiring in *June 2021* to support health centers' systematic collection and response to patients' social needs by subsidizing the PRAPARE smart form in eClinicalWorks for a limited number of health centers.

If your health center is interested, please contact Gabriela Gonzalez at [**ggonzalez@chcanys.org**](mailto:ggonzalez@chcanys.org).



Webinar Evaluation- Part I

Link: <https://bit.ly/3erZZmh>



Closing Remarks



- April 16: Part II - Leading with Empathy: Organizational Strategies for Effective Leadership and Patient Care
 - Presenters: Ariel Singer, the lead designer of Empathic Inquiry & Laurie Francis, Executive Director at Partnership Health Center
- May 21: Part III - Promising Practices to Address SDOH for Patients with Chronic Diseases
 - Presenter: Laurie Levasseur MSN/MHA, Practice Administrator at Hometown Health Centers



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Link:

<https://bit.ly/2OKEMJn>



Social Determinants of Health Resources

- CHCANYS' Social Determinants of Health [Webpage](#)
- NACHC [Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks, and Experiences \(PRAPARE\)](#)
- Healthy People 2030, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. <https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/social-determinants-health>
- HITEQ Resource | [Federal Activities and Approaches to Advance Social Determinants of Health Data Use and Interoperability in Support of Community Health Centers](#)
- San Francisco State University| [Health Equity Institute Resources](#)
- Research on Integrating Social & Medical Care | SIREN <https://sirennetwork.ucsf.edu/>
- Kaiser Permanente [Washington Health Research Institute](#)
- The Gravity Project | A consensus-driven standards on Social Determinants of Health <https://confluence.hl7.org/display/GRAV/The+Gravity+Project>
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services | State Health Official (SHO) letter: [Opportunities in Medicaid and CHIP to Address Social Determinants of Health](#)



