



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Social Determinants of Health Strategy

June 2022

Food & Housing Policy Priorities



Streamlining enrollment in MDHHS programming to support housing, health, and food access



Identifying policy barriers to the expansion of food related sustainability work



Expanding access to recovery housing



Collaboration and the relationship between food and housing



Alleviating barriers to MSHDA housing voucher utilization



Moving the discussion from emergent need to sustainability

Social Determinants of Health Strategy Updates

We want your input!

Please fill out the following survey by Friday, June 24 to share feedback about the SDOH Strategy and ways we can support future engagement and implementation efforts:

[SDOH Strategy Survey](#)

Important Dates

Tuesday, August 9, 2022
1:30-3:00 PM

Bridging Food Security and Housing Stability Partner Convening: Intersecting Social Determinants

[Register to Attend](#)



Housing stability means that all people at all times have physical, social, and economic access to safe, sufficient, and secure housing that meets their needs for a healthy life, which includes access to healthy food and a place to store it. The SDOH Strategy Team is looking to expand opportunities to merge housing stability with food security, and approach supporting health and wellness for Michigan residents holistically. Housing stability is inextricably linked with food security and other SDOH, so effective strategies must be all-encompassing.

This work aims to take a systemic view, with a focus on intersections – housing stability can't happen without food security and vice versa, and it all requires a foundation of health equity. Our goal is to develop over-arching policy recommendations that better support community-driven solutions.

We will be bringing food security and housing stability stakeholders together at the next partner meeting. This meeting will include an overview and update on the SDOH strategy as well as a presentation from our partners from Nation Outside, an organization advocating for better policies and resources to support the health and wellbeing of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

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SDOH Partner Highlight: MICHAP

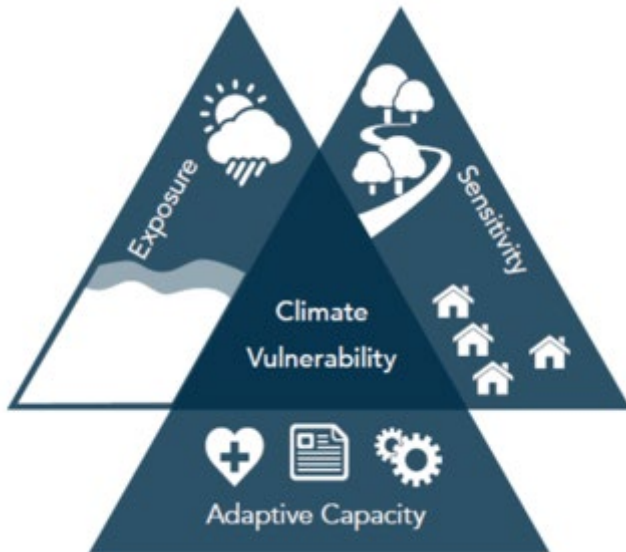
Stay Engaged with the MDHHS SDOH Strategy

For more information about the SDOH Strategy and additional resources, please visit [Michigan.gov/SDOH](https://michigan.gov/SDOH).

If you have additional feedback regarding the SDOH Strategy, or if you'd like your organization to be highlighted in future issues, please send us a message at MDHHS-SDOH-PolicyandPlanning@michigan.gov.

Downloads

- [Full SDOH Strategy](#)
- [Overview of SDOH Strategy](#)
- [PDF of May 2022 Food Security Convening Slides](#)



This month's SDOH partner highlight is **MDHHS Division of Environmental Health [Michigan Climate and Health Adaptation Program \(MICHAP\)](#)**. MICHAP supports a climate resilient public health system by investigating climate-driven health risks, identifying information for decision-making across sectors, and collaboratively implementing climate adaptation strategies.

There are many health impacts due to climate change, which disproportionately impact vulnerable populations. Climate vulnerability is the combination of exposure (the physical environment), sensitivity (the innate characteristics of the population), and adaptive Capacity (the ability of individuals or communities to cope). Every element of vulnerability is influenced by a population's socioeconomic characteristics.

As the SDOH Strategy continues to evolve, it is important to consider how social and environmental factors compound the effects of housing instability and food insecurity. **MICHAP partners discussed the intersectionality of climate and other social determinants of health during our June partner meeting.**

[Click here to watch the webinar](#)

Focus Area Updates

Three focus areas establish the foundation for the 2022 Overarching Social Determinates of Health Strategy; health equity, housing stability, and food security. Below lists a high level overview describing some of the initiatives going on in each focus area.



Health Equity

Health Equity and SDOH Data Strategy meetings will be scheduled soon. We will announce meeting dates and registration through this newsletter and on the website.



Housing Stability

Intersecting Social Determinants of Health Partner Convening was held on June 8, 2022. More than 85 people representing organizations that lead and support housing stability and food security efforts contributed to the meeting. Participants were provided an overview of the overarching SDOH strategy and an overview of the intersection of housing stability and food security as social determinants.

During the convening, our partners from the Michigan Climate & Health Adaptation Program (MiCHAP) presented on climate as a risk multiplier. Participants were asked to join a breakout session most relevant to their work to discuss opportunities to identify existing efforts, barriers, and opportunities related to climate.

[Click here to watch the webinar](#)

[Feedback from each breakout session was captured and compiled.](#)

Input will be synthesized and incorporated into the overarching Strategy.



Food Security

On Wednesday May 11th, 2022 the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Policy and Planning team hosted a Food Security Partner Convening. More than 70 people representing organizations that lead and

support food security efforts contributed to the meeting.

Participants that attended the Food Security Convening provided input on strategies for three domains including; moving the discussion of food security forward from an area surrounding emergent need, to a focus on sustainability and how we get there, identifying policy barriers to the expansion of food related sustainability work, collaboration between internal and external partners, and the relationship between food and housing.

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