Investing in People and Place:

Creating Health Equity in Alameda County

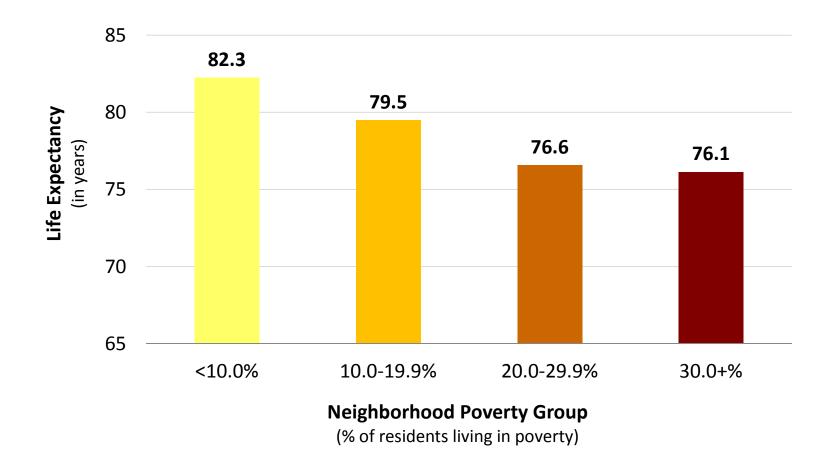


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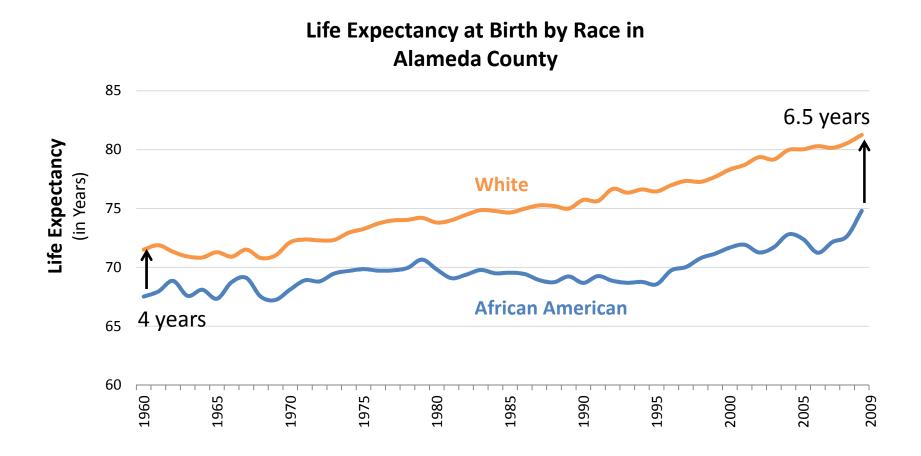
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Income Matters: Neighborhood Poverty and Life Expectancy

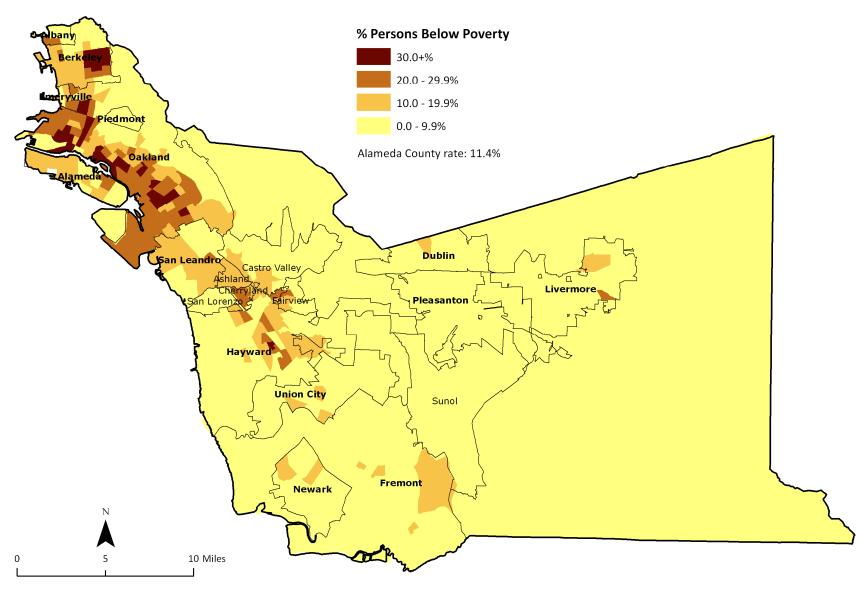
Life Expectancy at Birth by Neighborhood Poverty in Alameda County



Race Matters: Differences in Health by Race

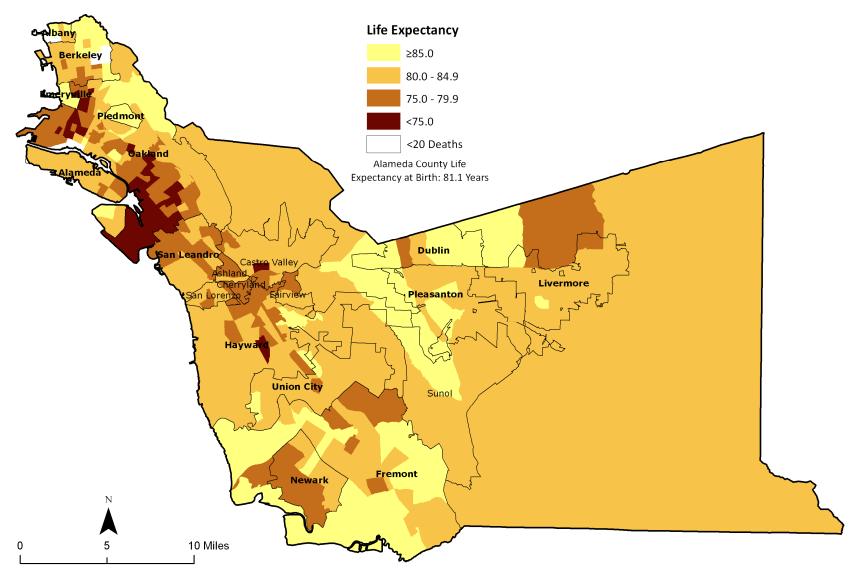


Place Matters: Neighborhood Poverty ...



Source: ACPHD CAPE Unit, with data from American Community Survey, 2006-2010

Health Inequities in Alameda County



Source: ACPHD CAPE Unit, with data from Alameda County vital statistics files, 2007-2009

Race, Income, and Place Impact Health



Compared to a White child in the affluent Oakland Hills, an African American born in high-poverty West Oakland is...



1.5 times more likely to be born premature or low birth weight	2.5 times more likely to be behind in vaccinations	5 times more likely to be hospitalized for diabetes
7 times more likely to be born into poverty	4 times less likely to read at grade level	2 times more likely to die of heart disease
INFANT	CHILD	ADULT
Cumulative impact: 15 year difference in life expectancy		

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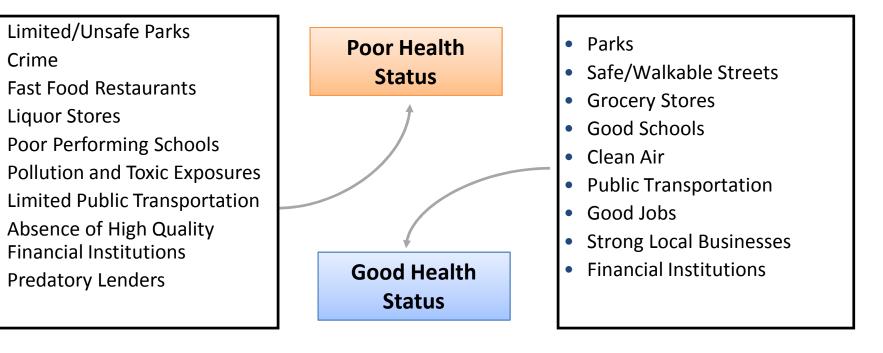
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Disinvested Communities

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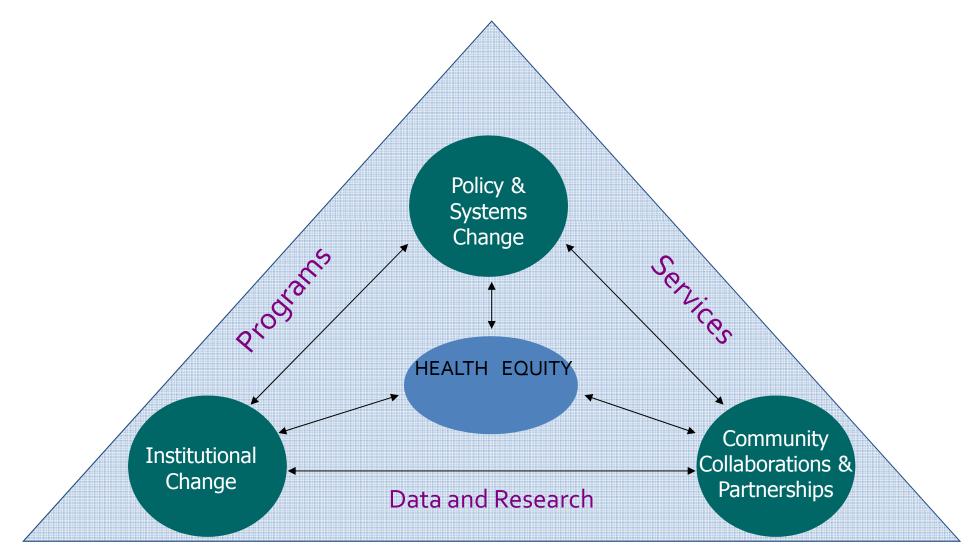
Communities of Opportunity

Health Equity



Everyone in Alameda County, no matter where you live, how much money you make, or the color of your skin, should have opportunities to lead a healthy, fulfilling and productive life.

Alameda County Public Health Department: Our Approach to Achieving Health Equity



Problem: Lack of Healthy Financial Services



*ACPHD estimate based on data from FDIC, Pew Charitable Trusts, Center for Responsible Lending

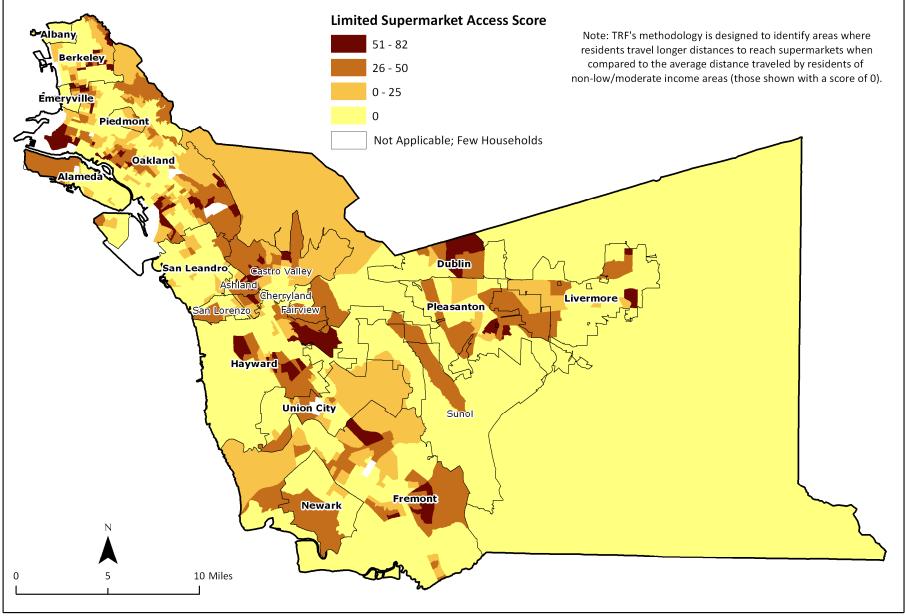
Alameda County Prosperity Project

Financial awareness and education

Policies that expand access to non predatory financial products



Problem: Lack of Healthy Food Stores



Source: CAPE, with data from The Reinvestment Fund 2011.

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Food to Families

Provide "prescriptions" for fresh food to families receiving health services Families fill prescriptions at local food businesses where local youth are employed



Community Capacity Building: Community Identified Priorities

Sobrante Park

- Improve Tyrone Carney Park/streetscape
- Reduce drug dealing and violence
- Create more positive activities for youth activities
- Prepare the neighborhood for disasters

West Oakland

- Renovate Durant Park
- Reduce blight
- Create a continuum of improved and connected youth services & employment









Community-Driven Local Policy Agenda

Key Areas:

- Economics
- Education
- Criminal Justice
- Housing
- Land Use and Transportation







THANK YOU

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