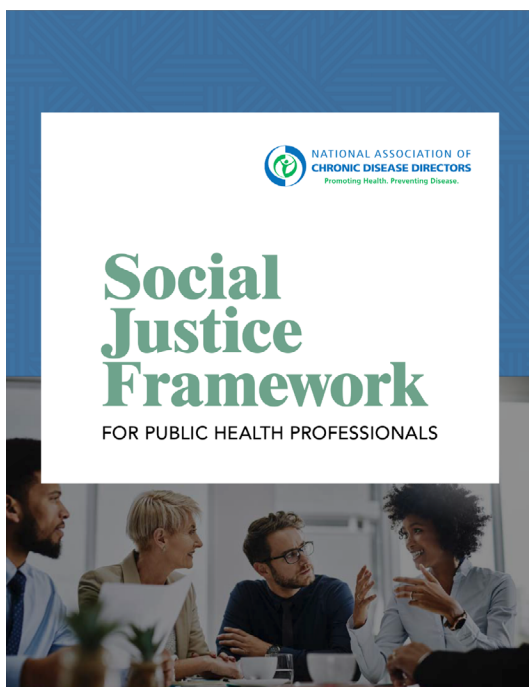


H E A L T H EQUITY Framework & Tools

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [define](#) health equity as the state in which everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Health equity suggests everyone has a fair opportunity to achieve their full health potential. [Achieving health equity](#) would mean removing “avoidable, unfair, or remediable differences among groups of people, whether those groups are defined socially, economically, demographically, or geographically or by other means of stratification.”

The Social Justice Framework

NACDD, in collaboration with partners, created the Social Justice Framework to provide public health practitioners with a blueprint for embedding social justice into the work of chronic disease programs. The Framework features five pillars that expound on longtime U.S. Congressman and Civil Rights icon John Lewis’ definition of social justice by focusing on systems that devalue humanity, considering the legacy of injustices that remain, and fostering individual and communal action.



In creating the Social Justice Framework, NACDD incorporated the social-ecological model (SEM) to illustrate and guide integration with public health practice, as well as steps to operationalize the five pillars across all levels of the SEM. The SEM is helpful when examining various, multi-faceted health topics and developing complementary solutions across all levels of society.

NACDD invites public health practitioners to read and utilize the framework to ensure all individuals have access to a just, fair, and healthy life. As an anti-racist organization, NACDD promotes social justice and well-being via resources, like the Social Justice Framework, so communities can build healthier futures.

To view NACDD’s new Social Justice Framework, please visit chronicdisease.org/cjph/framework/.

Health Equity Assessment Tools

A health equity assessment tool is used to evaluate and measure the disparities in health outcomes among different populations. It helps to identify and address the root causes of health inequities by collecting data on social, economic, and environmental factors that contribute to unequal health outcomes. These tools enable healthcare providers, policymakers, and researchers to better understand and tackle health disparities in order to promote more equitable health outcomes for all.



Advancing health equity: Key questions for assessing policy, processes, and assumptions provides a series of questions that can help an organization consider equity in specific policies, processes, and assumptions.



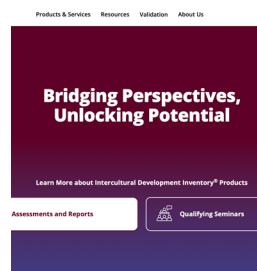
Community Engagement Assessment Tool (PDF) helps organizations improve their community engagement efforts by assessing their activities on a scale from outreach to engagement.



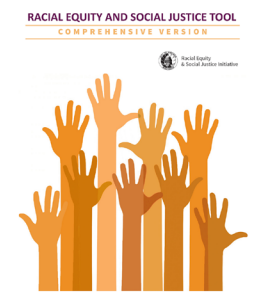
Applying social determinants of health indicator data for advancing health equity This guide describes how to collect, analyze, and share data related to the social determinants of health, and identifies a core set of fifteen indicators.



Equity and empowerment lens is the updated version of an assessment tool that helps you consider equity-related impacts of an issue, program, or policy decision, and contains new tools to support action steps for advancing equity.



Intercultural Development Inventory is an online survey to assess inter-cultural competence at both an individual and organizational level. It is an online, theory-based assessment of inter-cultural competence.



Racial Equity and Social Justice Tool facilitates conscious consideration of equity and examines how communities of color and low-income populations will be affected by a proposed action/decision of the City.

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