Community Health Systems Lab
Fact Sheet

Assessing the Impact of Health-Related Social Needs

- Unmet health-related social needs (HRSNs) are associated with chronic diseases such as diabetes, asthma, and HIV

- Unmet HRSNs are associated with missed primary care appointments and higher healthcare costs

Optimizing Screening and Referral Interventions

- Implementing HRSN screening and referral interventions is scalable and feasible within large health systems

- Clinician engagement in screening and referring influences the reach and adoption of the interventions

- Using Implementation Science methods and a Learning Health Systems approach is valuable in evaluating interventions and executing quality improvement initiatives

Integrating Community Health Workers (CHWs)

- Highly functional CHW programs require robust training, supportive supervision structures, community involvement, and data feedback loops

- Standardized workflows, CHW accompaniment, clinician champions, administrative liaisons, & quality improvement initiatives support health system CHW integration

- Integration of CHWs is highly effective in connecting patients with social services

Implementing Global Health Models to Advance Health Equity

- Global learning approaches are effective but not well-defined, not frequently used, and lack implementation strategies and evaluation measures

- Global CHW models can be applied to address HRSNs and community-level disparities

- Global learning experiences are heterogeneous but, when applied to HRSNs, community engagement is a universal theme

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