A PUBLIC HEALTH FRAMEWORK FOR REDUCING HEALTH INEQUITIES
BAY AREA REGIONAL HEALTH INEQUITIES INITIATIVE

UPSTREAM → DOWNSTREAM

SOCIAL INEQUITIES
Class
Race/Ethnicity
Immigration Status
Gender
Sexual Orientation

INSTITUTIONAL INEQUITIES
Corporations & Businesses
Government Agencies
Schools
Laws & Regulations
Not-for-Profit Organizations

LIVING CONDITIONS

Physical Environment
Land Use
Transportation
Housing
Residential Segregation
Exposure to Toxins

Economic & Work Environment
Employment

Social Environment
Experience of Class, Racism, Gender, Immigration
Culture - Ads - Media
Violence

Service Environment
Health Care
Education

RISK BEHAVIORS
Smoking
Poor Nutrition
Low Physical Activity
Violence
Alcohol & Other Drugs
Sexual Behavior

DISEASE & INJURY
Communicable Disease
Chronic Disease
Injury (Intentional & Unintentional)

MORTALITY
Infant Mortality
Life Expectancy

Institutional, System & Social Issues

- Poverty

- Lack of community engagement in developing and implementing programs & services

- Uncoordinated workforce development and training

Living Condition Issues

Physical Environment

- Barriers to transportation

- Homelessness

- Lack of affordable housing

- Unsafe neighborhoods

Social Environment

- Human Trafficking

- Child abuse & trauma

Economic & Work Environment

- Unemployment

Service Environment

- Inequitable K-12 education & barriers to educational attainment

- Barriers to and lack of services for mental health population

- Lack of services for aging population

Individual Health Issues

Risk Behaviors

- Alcohol & Drug Abuse

- Lack of Exercise