A good education will result in better employment. Good employment will allow for individuals to live in better homes. Affordable housing conditions will allow income to go elsewhere, like nutritious foods. A balanced diet will reduce health issues. Reduced health issues will allow individuals to attend work or school.

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

The World Health Organization, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the Center for Disease Control all recognize social determinants of health as the most influential factors in individual and population health outcomes.

Factors

**FACTOR 1**

**Health**
Healthcare should be affordable, accessible, and effective

**FACTOR 2**

**Education**
Schools should be equitable, of high-quality, and holistic

**FACTOR 3**

**Income and Housing**
Housing options should be secure, safe, and affordable
Employment should provide fair wages, benefits, and opportunities for personal growth

Conclusion:
Communities with parks, walking areas, good schools, affordable housing, and readily available fresh fruits and vegetables allow individuals to make healthy personal choices, while saving money and resources that would otherwise be spent on health issues.

System Factors

Each factor contributes to building better communities

Stronger communities provide individuals with more control over the decisions in their lives, offer local solutions to local challenges, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

By looking at connected factors, communities, policy makers, and health practitioners can make better decisions on how to improve Hawai‘i’s health conditions.

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ACT 155 (2014) HRS §226-20 Would Modernize the State Planning Act
Objectives to Reflect Current Best Practices for Health Policy

Allowing state agencies to include the social determinants of health in policy planning and discretionary use of resources modernizes health planning and ensures effective use of resources and better health outcomes.

Data

Health

- Of Native Hawaiians are more likely to discover cancer in a later stage than an earlier one in comparison to other races: 10%
- Of Native Hawaiians are obese, which can lead to high blood pressure and heart disease: 39%
- The difference between the state average family income and the average family income of Native Hawaiians

Income and Housing

- Of Native Hawaiians live below poverty level, compared to 6.7% of the state: 10.8%
- $10,000 of Native Hawaiians live below poverty level

Education

- Of Native Hawaiians earn a Bachelors degree or higher: 14.5%
- 84% of students attend public school, but only 50% of schools meet AYP standards

Implement ACT 155 (2014)

OHA partners with community organizations throughout Hawai‘i to find relevant, culturally-based solutions to address the social determinants of health for Native Hawaiians, providing over $11 million in funding in fiscal year 2013. OHA’s community partners build successful programs in the areas of economic self-sufficiency, land and water, education, health, and governance.

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OHA partners with ‘Aha Kāne to provide wellness conferences, program services, and leadership training to empower kāne to connect with culture, traditional practices, and kuleana. ‘Aha Kāne fulfill this role across the State of Hawai‘i within families and communities to eliminate psychosocial, health, and educational disparities.

Hawai‘i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) – Ka ‘Uhone o Hālawa

OHA partners with HACBED to provide training, technical assistance, education in development of stewardship and economic sustainability plans for Native Hawaiian participants. HACBED encourages an increase in investments in sustainable and community-based approaches to economic development.

Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services – Ho‘oulu ‘Āina

OHA partners with KKV who works towards healing, reconciliation and alleviating suffering in Kalihi Valley by serving communities, families and individuals through strong relationships that honor culture and foster health and harmony. Ho‘oulu ‘Āina builds pathways to healthy lifestyles in keiki, ‘ohana, and community by uplifting the connections between the health of the people and the health of the land.

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