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## The Other Half of Health: An Introduction to Social Determinants of Health Part I: Family and Social Support *Resource List*

### Research and Programs from Today's Briefing

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**The Institute for Research on Poverty.** The Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison advances understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and inequality. It collects and analyzes information from state and national data and special-purpose studies on the evolving condition of low-income individuals and families as well as policies and programs to improve their well-being.

- [www.irp.wisc.edu](http://www.irp.wisc.edu)
- [www.irp.wisc.edu/research/childfamily.htm](http://www.irp.wisc.edu/research/childfamily.htm)

**Wisconsin Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF).** LIHF is a multi-year, community-driven initiative, supported by the Wisconsin Partnership Program, to develop and implement strategies to reduce disparities in birth outcomes for African Americans in Wisconsin.

- [www.lihf.wisc.edu/](http://www.lihf.wisc.edu/)
- [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23595565](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23595565)

Collaboratives in Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine lead the community-based activities of LIHF, by engaging diverse stakeholder groups, including community residents and leadership from non-profit, healthcare, business, public sector, and faith-based organizations, to develop and implement multi-level solutions.

- *Milwaukee Collaborative:* [www.unitedwaygmwc.org/Milwaukee-Lifecourse](http://www.unitedwaygmwc.org/Milwaukee-Lifecourse)
- *Kenosha Collaborative:* [www.healthybabieskenosha.org/](http://www.healthybabieskenosha.org/)
- *Racine Collaborative:* [www.healthybabiesracine.org/](http://www.healthybabiesracine.org/)

**Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute (WAI).** Established in 1998, the WAI conducts a range of service, research, outreach, and education activities to benefit individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease and dementia. These activities include the Wisconsin Registry for Alzheimer's Prevention, support for a network of memory clinics across Wisconsin, and a regional Milwaukee office focused on providing culturally-competent services for communities of color.

- [www.wai.wisc.edu/](http://www.wai.wisc.edu/)
- [www.wai.wisc.edu/milwaukee/overview.html](http://www.wai.wisc.edu/milwaukee/overview.html)

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## Additional Resources and Studies

**County Health Rankings and What Works for Health.** The County Health Rankings and Roadmaps project, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, utilizes the UW–Madison Population Health Institute’s model for understanding what drives population health. This includes social and environmental factors.

- *UWPHI Population Health Model:* [www.countyhealthrankings.org/our-approach](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/our-approach)

As part of this initiative, *What Works for Health* assigns an evidence rating to over 400 health policies or interventions, including best practices related to improving health outcomes related to determinants of health. Several examples of scientifically supported approaches for family and social support are shown below.

- *What Works for Health:* [www.countyhealthrankings.org/roadmaps/what-works-for-health](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/roadmaps/what-works-for-health)
- *Activity Programs for Older Adults*  
[www.countyhealthrankings.org/policies/activity-programs-older-adults](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/policies/activity-programs-older-adults)
- *Early Childhood Visiting Programs*  
[www.countyhealthrankings.org/policies/early-childhood-home-visiting-programs](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/policies/early-childhood-home-visiting-programs)
- *Group-Based Parenting Programs*  
[www.countyhealthrankings.org/policies/group-based-parenting-programs](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/policies/group-based-parenting-programs)

**Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS).** The state’s Office of Minority Health at DHS provides resources and background on the social determinants of health, including how those determinants are built into *Healthiest Wisconsin 2020*, the state’s current health plan.

[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/minority-health/sdoh/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/minority-health/sdoh/index.htm)

**Wisconsin Office of Rural Health (WI-ORH).** WI-ORH works to improve access and quality of rural healthcare, and develops recommendations to improve the health in rural communities.

[worh.org/library/social-determinants-health](http://worh.org/library/social-determinants-health)

**Healthy People 2020.** Established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Healthy People 2020 plan strives to identify national health improvement priorities and increase public awareness and understanding of the determinants of health.

[www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/social-determinants-of-health](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/social-determinants-of-health)

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).** Provides data, tools for action, programs, and policy related to social determinants of health.

[www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/](http://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/)

**World Health Organization (WHO).** Provides evidence-based information on health determinants.

[http://www.who.int/topics/social\\_determinants/en/](http://www.who.int/topics/social_determinants/en/)  
[www.who.int/hia/evidence/doh/en/](http://www.who.int/hia/evidence/doh/en/)