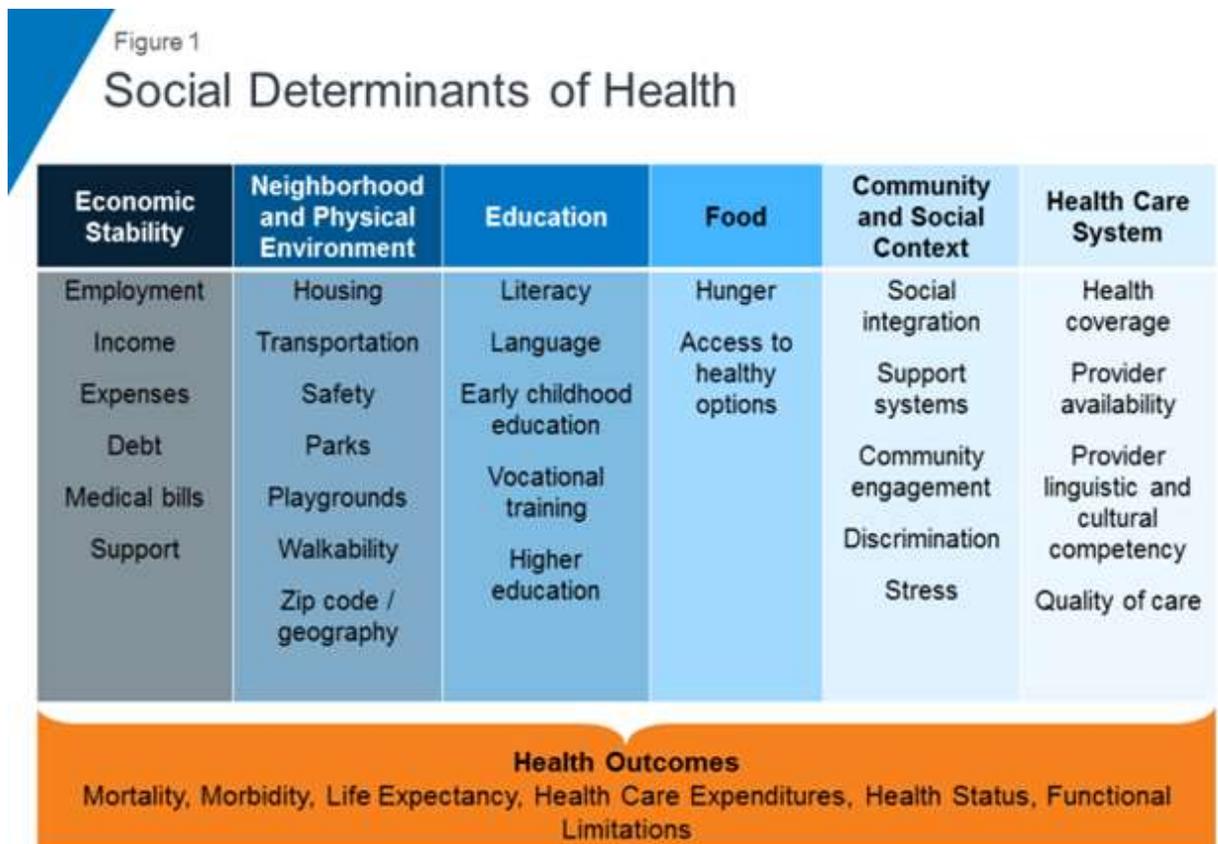


2023 Legislative & Policy Agenda

In 2023, ICHS is focusing our efforts across two broad categories of **State Budget funding and public policies** that are fact-based and result in **equitable, quality service outcomes for all Hoosiers and that address the social determinants of health** (SDOH) (see infographic below). Most of our members' work impacts and improves conditions across one or more of these domains. We will monitor filed legislation and policy implementation for the potential for realizing our goals.

- ***Economic Stability*** We believe that Indiana must enact policies that help Hoosier families move from financial vulnerability to financial well-being. Hoosiers should have access to family-sustaining jobs as well as work and family supports. We support equitable tax policy and fair lending practices.
- ***Neighborhood and Physical Environment*** We believe that Indiana policymakers have an obligation to ensure all Hoosiers have safe, affordable, accessible housing, free from discrimination; energy; utilities; internet access; and transportation which advance environmental justice and eliminate exposure to pollution. Meeting these goals will create healthier outcomes and a higher quality of life and place for all Hoosiers.
- ***Education*** We believe Hoosiers need meaningful educational opportunities that allow for lifelong learning. This includes quality, affordable Pre-K, equitable delivery of K-12 education, affordable and accessible higher education and workforce training. Achieving this will improve Indiana's ability to attract good jobs and improve the economy.
- ***Food*** We believe all Hoosiers must have reliable access to affordable, healthy food options. The state has an obligation to ensure all eligible Hoosiers can access the full scope of SNAP benefits and other public food support programs.

- **Social and Community Context** We believe every Hoosier community should be accessible, inclusive, and welcoming. Hoosiers should be able to count on community and social supports if they need them, wherever they live, work, learn and play throughout Indiana. Policies and funding should work to promote equity and eliminate disparities experienced by underrepresented and/or marginalized communities. Policies should remove barriers to participate in democracy.
- **Health Care System** We believe all Hoosiers must have access to quality, affordable health care and that comprehensive health care includes a stronger public health system, reproductive health, maternal child health, vision and dental health, and quality mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs.



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