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# HEALTH EQUALITY VS HEALTH EQUITY

Bridging the Gap for a Healthier Future



## DID YOU KNOW?

Where you live, your income, and your race can determine how long—and how well—you live.

- **Life Expectancy:** A child born in a wealthy neighborhood may live up to 20 years longer than a child born just a few miles away in a low-income area.
- **Infant Mortality:** Black and Native American women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women in the U.S. Source: CDC
- **Chronic Disease:** People from low-income families are twice as likely to suffer from chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease.  
Source: Kaiser Family Foundation
- **Insurance Access:** Hispanic Americans are three times more likely to be uninsured than others, creating barriers to timely care and preventive services. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022)



These are not just numbers—they represent real lives, families, and communities. Health isn't just about personal choices. It's shaped by access to healthy food, safe neighborhoods, quality schools, and affordable healthcare.

But while providing the same resources to everyone (equality) sounds fair, it doesn't close these gaps. That's because every community faces unique challenges. True health for all means understanding and addressing these differences, and that's where equity comes in.



## WHY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EQUALITY AND EQUITY IS CRITICAL

Equality gives everyone the same tools, but some start further behind. Equity provides the support and resources needed for everyone to thrive—especially those who have been left behind the most.

When we focus on equity, we're not only building healthier individuals—we're creating stronger, more resilient communities.

Understanding the difference between equality and equity is the first step toward closing the health gap and giving everyone a fair chance at a healthy life.

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### REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES

Consider This:



#### COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

**Equality:** Same number of clinics in every zip code.

**Equity:** Extra clinics and extended hours in communities with high infection rates and essential workers.

#### Nutrition & Food Security

**Equality:** Every school gets the same lunch funding.

**Equity:** Schools in food deserts get increased funding and free meal programs.

**Fact:** 1 in 6 children in the U.S. faces hunger—rates are highest in Black and Latino households. Source: Feeding America, 2023

#### Mental Health Services

**Equality:** Counseling only in English, at standard locations.

**Equity:** Services in multiple languages, culturally competent care, and outreach to marginalized groups.

**Fact:** Only 1 in 3 Black Americans with mental illness receives treatment, compared to nearly half of white Americans. Source: NAMI, 2023



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### **Advocate:**

Support policies and leaders that direct resources to those who need them most.

### **Educate:**

Share facts about health disparities and the need for equity.

### **Act:**

Volunteer or donate to organizations working for health equity in your community.

## EQUALITY IS SAMENESS. EQUITY IS FAIRNESS.

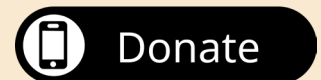
Health equity isn't just fair—it's essential. When we invest in equity, we create healthier, stronger communities for everyone.

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