



## About AAFP's Center for Diversity and Health Equity

### Funding:

In April 2017, the AAFP Foundation committed to an initial investment of \$60,000 and an additional \$100,000 annually through 2020 to support the newly created Center for Diversity and Health Equity (CDHE). This innovative center supports the AAFP Foundation's goals to improve the health of all people through both scientific and educational initiatives in a manner that provides value to family physicians and the discipline of family medicine.

### Mission:

The mission of the CDHE is to establish the AAFP as a leader in advancing diversity and achieving health equity in primary care. This is a high priority for the AAFP, as directed by its 18-member Board of Directors, who prioritized taking a leadership role in addressing diversity and the social determinants of health as they impact individuals, families, and communities across their lifespan and to strive for health equity.

### Goals:

The goal of the CDHE is to create a culture of health equity starting with AAFP members, chapters, and staff by providing education and training as well as resources and tools that promote visibility of the existence and causes of disparities and develop leaders that can provide solutions and take actions to eliminate them. The CDHE will focus its work in four core areas:

- Developing the workforce to include increasing diversity in medicine, providing education and training throughout medical education and residency, and tools for use in the clinical setting.
- Building multi-sector collaborative partnerships with key stakeholders to work towards a "collective impact" strategy at the national, state, and local level.
- Research that expands the evidence based knowledge on social determinants and health equity.
- Advocacy that follows the "Health in All Policies" framework.

# Social Determinants of Health (SDoH): Family Physicians' Role

AAFP members were invited to give input in the *2017 Social Determinants of Health Survey*\*. Results show that family physicians want to help address their patients' SDoH, but face barriers against doing so.

## IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING PATIENTS' SOCIAL NEEDS

 **83%** agree FPs should identify and help address patients' SDoH

**80%** don't have time to discuss SDoH with patients 

## ENGAGING WITH AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

 **78%** agree FPs should partner with community organizations to address community health disparities

**64%** aren't properly staffed to address risk factors with patients 

## ADVOCATING FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

**75%** agree FPs should advocate for public policies that address SDoH 

**56%** feel unable to provide solutions to patients 



## The EveryONE Project

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[www.aafp.org/everyONE](http://www.aafp.org/everyONE)

\*The 2017 Social Determinants of Health survey was mailed to 5,000 active AAFP members in July 2017. A total of 484 surveys was received, yielding an overall response rate of 9.7%. Data from this survey were weighted to assure a response set that accurately represents the demographics of the entire AAFP membership.