Health in the 21\textsuperscript{st} Century

Research has shown that to reduce the risks for disease and premature death in the 21\textsuperscript{st} century, we must focus on \textbf{health behaviors} and \textbf{socioeconomic determinants}.

Advances in sanitation and clinical care in the 20\textsuperscript{th} century reversed infectious disease and injury morbidity and mortality, replaced by a complex web of chronic diseases.
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### Education for our children

- 3rd grade reading and math scores below WA
- 1 in 2 youth report risk of academic failure
- 1 in 3 to 1 in 2 youth report low commitment to school
- High school graduation rate 87%, better than WA but lower among low-income students
- Jefferson adults with less education have:
  - Lower rates of health insurance
  - Higher rates of smoking
  - Lower rates of physical activity

"Better educated individuals live longer, healthier lives than those with less education, and their children are more likely to thrive. This is true even when factors like income are taken into account."

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# Health Behaviors

**PREVENTIVE:**
- 40% of adults get annual flu shots, 30% among lower income
- Half of kindergarten students have complete immunizations, 86% in WA
- Primary care, dental and mental health provider shortage areas

**SUBSTANCE USE:**
- Smoking: 15% of 10th graders and 26% of 12th graders; lower in WA
- 8th and 10th grade alcohol use decreasing; nearly half of 12th graders report binge alcohol drinking, 22% in WA
- Adult and youth alcohol arrests are decreasing; youth higher than WA
- Youth drug arrests higher than WA
- Drug and opiate hospitalizations increasing
- Accidental poisoning deaths increased overtime, 3 in 4 among males
- 1 in 8 deaths related to alcohol and/or drugs

**HEALTHY EATING/ACTIVE LIVING:**
- 56% participation in WIC, 48% in WA
- More than 8 in 10 adults report physical activity, lower among low-income and lower education
- 90% of students do not get daily physical education class, 70% in WA
- Property and violent crime rates are decreasing

**CHRONIC DISEASE OUTCOMES:**
- 1 in 5 adults have at least 1 chronic condition
- Chronic diseases are the top 4 causes of death, top 3 causes of hospitalizations
- Cancer top cause of premature death (before age 65)

"The environments where we live, learn, work, and play affect our access to healthy food and opportunities for physical activity which, along with genetic factors and personal choices, shape our health and our risk of being overweight and obese."

"Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. It affects not only those who choose to use tobacco, but also people who live and work around tobacco."

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<td>• Health professional shortage area for mental health</td>
<td>Poor emotional health can weaken the body's immune system increasing likelihood of illness. When feeling stressed, anxious or upset, individuals may not take care of their health as well as they should - not exercising, eating nutritious foods. Abuse of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs may also be a sign of poor emotional health.</td>
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# THE HEALTH OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, 2014 SUMMARY

## FACTORS: EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT
- More educated population: 7 in 10 have more than high school education, 64% in 2000
- High school graduation rate 87%, 79% in WA
- 1 in 2 students at risk of academic failure; 1 in 3 to 1 in 2 report low commitment to school
- 3rd grade reading and math scores below WA
- 9% unemployment, 7% in WA
- Young men not in the labor force

## FACTORS: INCOME, POVERTY, HOUSING
- Median household income $10,000 below WA – $31,000 gap between highest and lowest Jefferson Census Tract
- 1 in 7 residents lives in poverty; 1 in 5 children
- Nearly 1 in 2 students get free/reduced lunch
- 59% of births are to low-income mothers, 50% in WA
- Housing cost burden: 1 in 4 who own their house and 2 in 5 who rent spend more than 35% of income on their housing each month
- High rate of vacant homes (1 in 5, 1 in 10 in WA); 82% vacant status is seasonal/recreational/occasional use/other
- 68 homelessness experiences of public school students

## FACTORS: CLINICAL CARE
- 86% of population has health insurance
- Health insurance differs by group: age 19-25, 65%; less than high school education, 77%; unemployed, 45%; in poverty, 73%
- Half of adults have dental insurance, 62% in WA
- Health professional shortage areas for primary care, dental, mental health
- 800 School Based Health Clinic visits per year
- 77% pregnant women get 1st trimester prenatal care, 80% in WA; 73% home/ midwife births; 67% in south county

## FACTORS: WHO & WHERE
- Rural infrastructure
- Older population: median age 55; 38 in WA
- Disparities in pockets, wealth in pockets
- 1 in 3 adults report 3-8 Adverse Childhood Experiences; 1 in 4 JCPH clients report 5 or more ACEs

## DATA GAPS: mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, wait times, workforce changes during recession, quality of medical, mental health, dental, chemical dependency, etc.
THE HEALTH OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, 2014 SUMMARY

BEHAVIORS:

Preventative:
• 40% of adults get annual flu shot; 30% of those with income <$50,000
• Half of kindergarten students have complete immunizations, 86% in WA; 22% of 6th graders, 82% in WA
• Low teen pregnancy rate

BEHAVIORS:

Substance Use:
• 19% of women smoke during pregnancy, 9% in WA; 28% of low income, 15% in WA
• Adult smoking higher among males, age 18-34, lower education
• 15% of 10th and 26% of 12th graders use cigarettes; lower in WA
• 8th and 10th grade current alcohol use decreasing, closer to WA rate
• 45% of 12th graders report binge drinking; 22% in WA

BEHAVIORS:

Healthy Eating/Active Living:
• 56% WIC participation, 48% in WA
• 83% of adults get physical activity; 70% with less education; 74% less income
• No daily PE for 90% of students, 70% in WA

DATA GAPS: existing recreation infrastructure, existing school physical activity, actual BMI’s
THE HEALTH OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, 2014 SUMMARY OUTCOMES

SOCIAL OUTCOMES:
- More than 1 in 3 students were bullied in past month
- Total crime rate is decreasing, lower than WA
- Youth and adult property crime arrests are decreasing
- Youth and adult violent crime arrests are decreasing
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- Youth drug arrests higher than WA

MORBIDITY:
- 1 in 5 adults have 1+ chronic condition(s)
- Cancer incidence unchanged overtime: total, male, female and by age groups; all same as WA
- Prostate and skin cancer incidence higher than WA
- Drug and opiate related hospitalizations increasing
- 1 in 5 adults ever told they have depression
- 1000 SBHC visits to behavioral health specialists
- 1 in 4 eighth graders; 1 in 3 tenth and twelfth graders report depressive feelings
- 1 in 4 tenth graders report considering suicide
- Suicide hospitalizations decreasing; 65% are females
- Sexually Transmitted Infection rates low

MORTALITY:
- Life expectancy increasing overtime – 8 year difference between highest and lowest Census Tract
- Leading cause of death: cancers (28%), heart diseases (20%)
- Cancer death rate decreasing overtime: total, male, female, age 65+; all same as WA
- 1 in 8 deaths related to alcohol and/or drugs
- Suicide deaths unchanged overtime; same as WA
- Accidental fall deaths increased overtime; the majority in women age 85+
- Accidental poisoning deaths increased overtime; the majority are males age 25-64

DATA GAPS: actual BMI, hypertension, diabetes, asthma prevalence