

CENTERING HEALTH IN TRANSPORTATION

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Multiple Sectors Influence Health



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Health Equity

“Health for everyone, *everywhere*”

-National Academy of Medicine



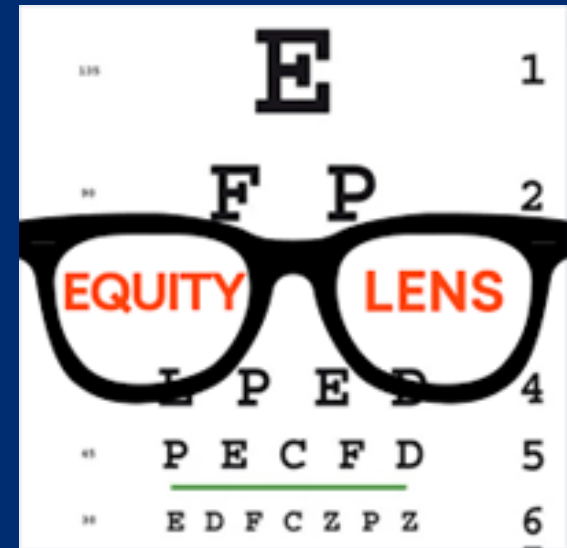
Transportation & Health Equity

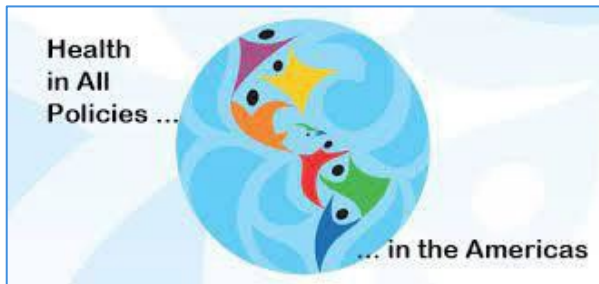
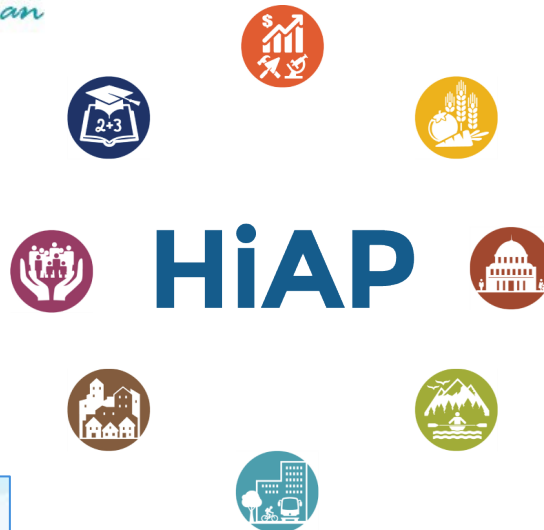
- Underresourced communities have less opportunity for physical activity, increased traffic crashes and fatalities, increased air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Neighborhoods have limited transportation options
 - Redlining
 - Highways to nowhere
 - Disparities in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities
 - Inability to consistently and reliably access healthcare, jobs, schools, etc.



How to Achieve Health Equity?

- Working “upstream” as opposed to “downstream”
- Addressing structural drivers or social determinants of health, and “root causes”
- Centering community
- Promoting civic engagement
- Changing dominant narratives
- Changing policies and systems





Key Elements of HiAP

- Promote health, equity, sustainability considerations
- Support interagency & intersectoral collaborations
- Create co-benefits for multiple partners
- Engage a broad array of stakeholders, including community
- Create structural or process changes
- Uses various types of data; data-driven



Tools to Achieve HiAP

- There is no one single way to “do” health in all policies
- Creating cross-sector government structures
- Integrating health into planning processes including zoning updates and General Plans
- Integrating health language into Request for Funding proposals
- Developing health-related grant scoring criteria
- Using Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and related tools



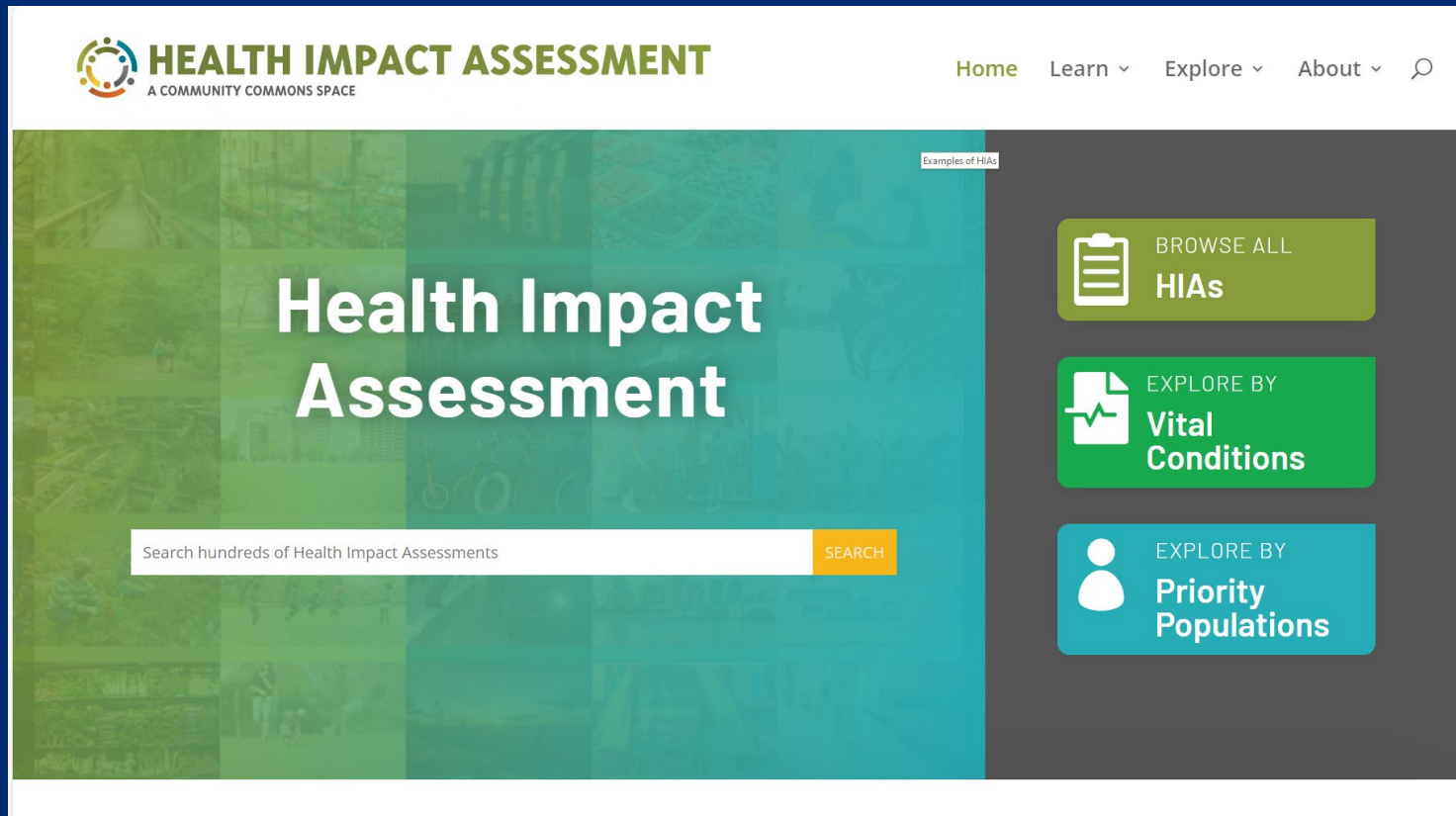


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Learn More About HIAs:

hia.communitycommons.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Health Impact Assessment website. The header features the logo on the left, which consists of a circular icon with colorful dots and the text "HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT" and "A COMMUNITY COMMONS SPACE". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "Home", "Learn", "Explore", and "About", each followed by a dropdown arrow, and a magnifying glass icon for search. The main content area has a large teal and green background with the text "Health Impact Assessment" in white. Below this text is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search hundreds of Health Impact Assessments" and an orange "SEARCH" button. To the right of the search bar, there is a small text label "Examples of HIAs" above a grid of images. Further to the right, there are three vertical buttons: a green button with a clipboard icon labeled "BROWSE ALL HIAs", a green button with a document and pulse line icon labeled "EXPLORE BY Vital Conditions", and a teal button with a person icon labeled "EXPLORE BY Priority Populations".

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A COMMUNITY COMMONS SPACE

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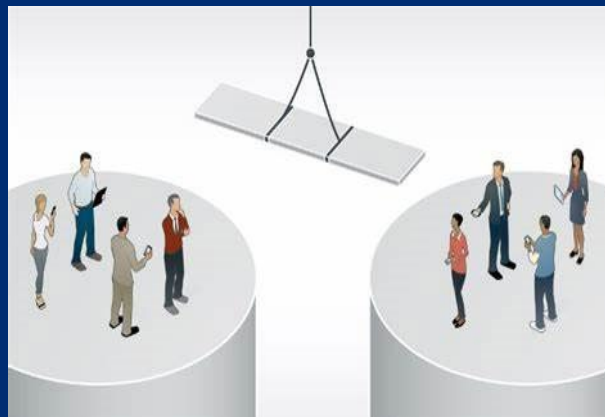
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Barriers to Implementing HiAP

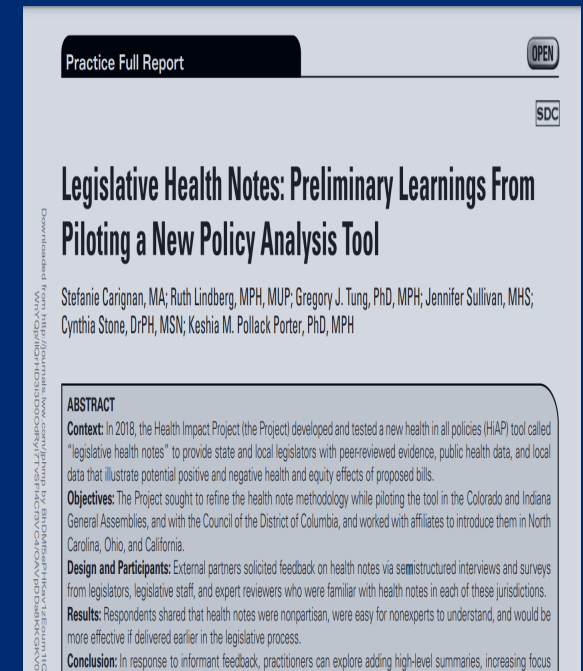


Advancing Health in All Policies: Legislative Health Note



Health Note Pilot: What Did We Learn?

- Started in 2018-2019, pilot, intentionally worked with partners in Indiana and Colorado
- Partnered with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities to work with partners in CA, NC, OH
- Convening held in December 2019 to share lessons learned
- 2020-2022 partnered with the DC City Council
- Completed 22 legislative health notes
- Evaluated our experience



Conclusions

- HiAP can make policies from non-health sectors health and equity promoting and less harmful for health
- HiAP can be a successful strategy to expand collaborations between health and non-health sectors
- Acknowledge history and context of transportation decisions to rectify them
- Community participation and responsive, authentic engagement and inclusive processes are essential
- Health equity involves working with not *on* affected communities!

