Advancing Health Equity in NYC: A Place-Based Approach

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## **TODAY'S OBJECTIVES**

- The Case for Investing in Key Neighborhoods
- Take Care New York 2020
- Working with the Health Care Delivery System
- Operationalizing the Place-Based Approach



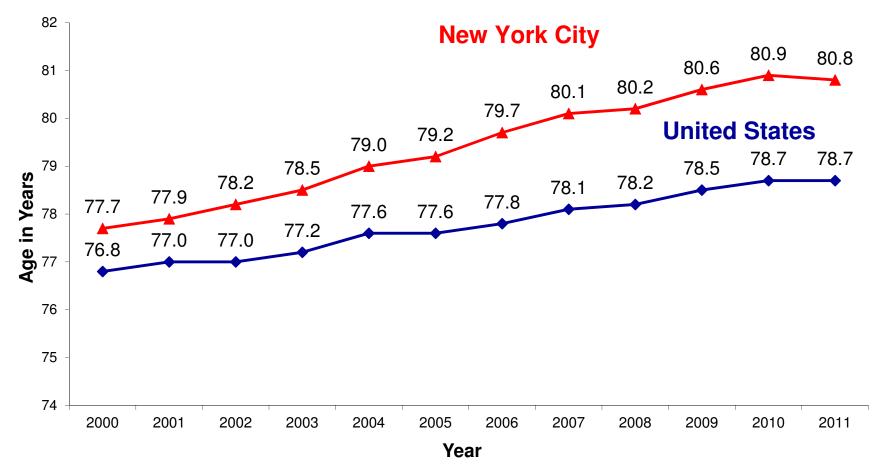


#### HEALTH STATUS OF NYC



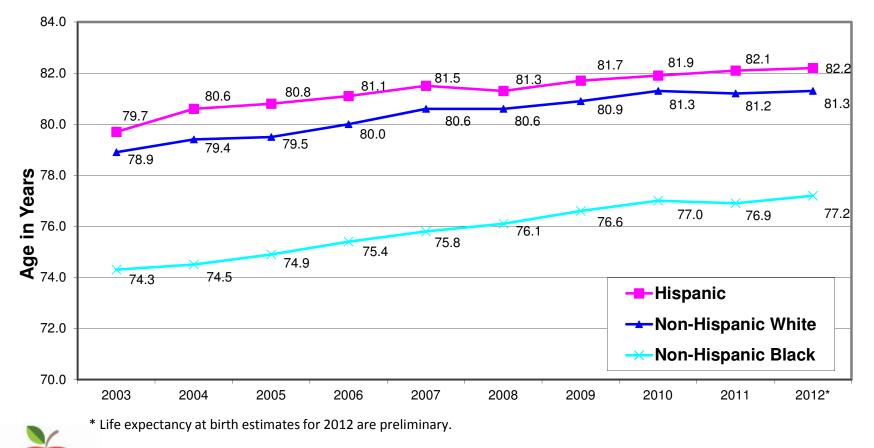


## Trends in Life Expectancy at Birth, NYC and US, 2000-2011



Note: NCHS re-estimated 2001-2009 life table data using new 2001-2009 intercensal population estimates and data may differ from those previously published. New York City data for 2001-2008 have been revised by using interpolated population estimates based on 2010 census counts and may differ from previously published. 2011 data are preliminary.

#### Life Expectancy at Birth by Race/ Ethnicity, NYC, 2003-2013

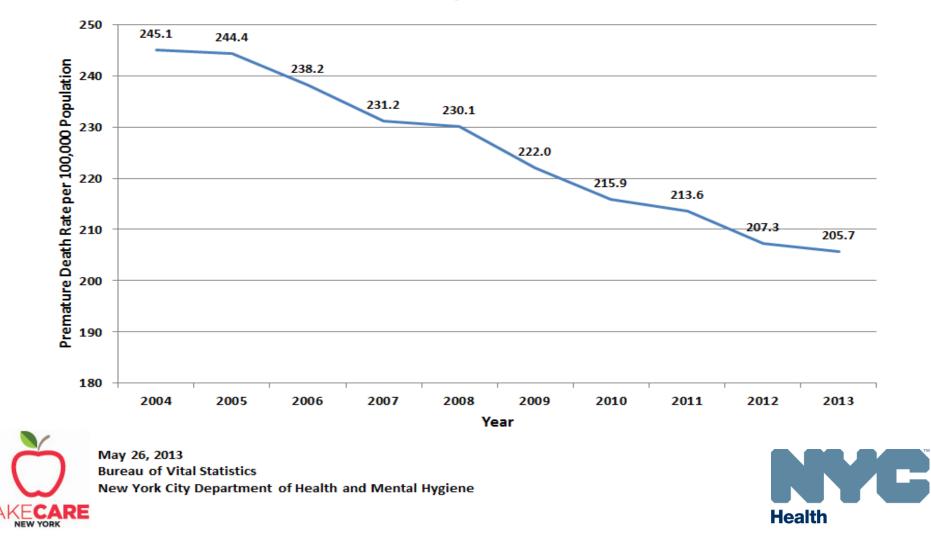




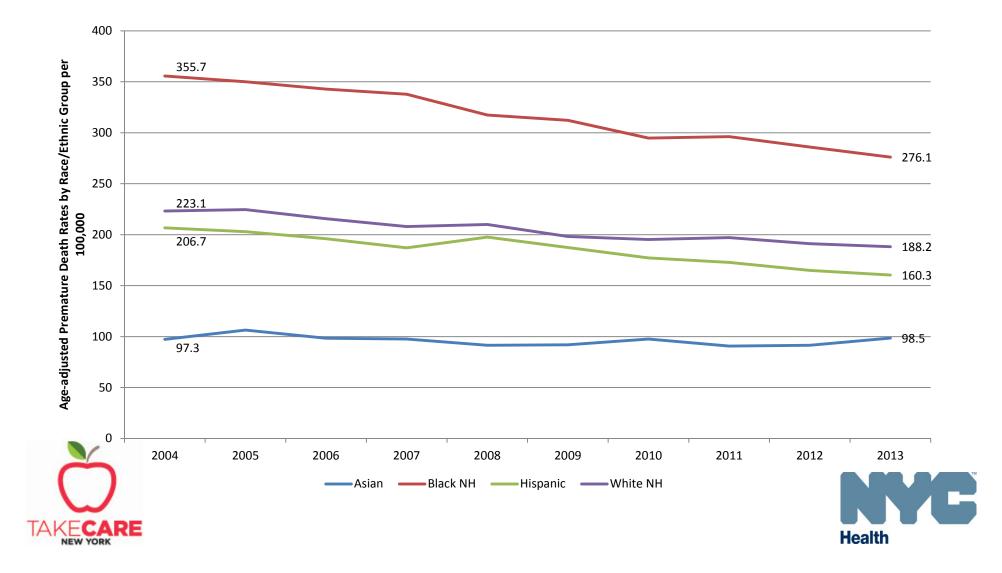
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## **Citywide Premature Mortality**

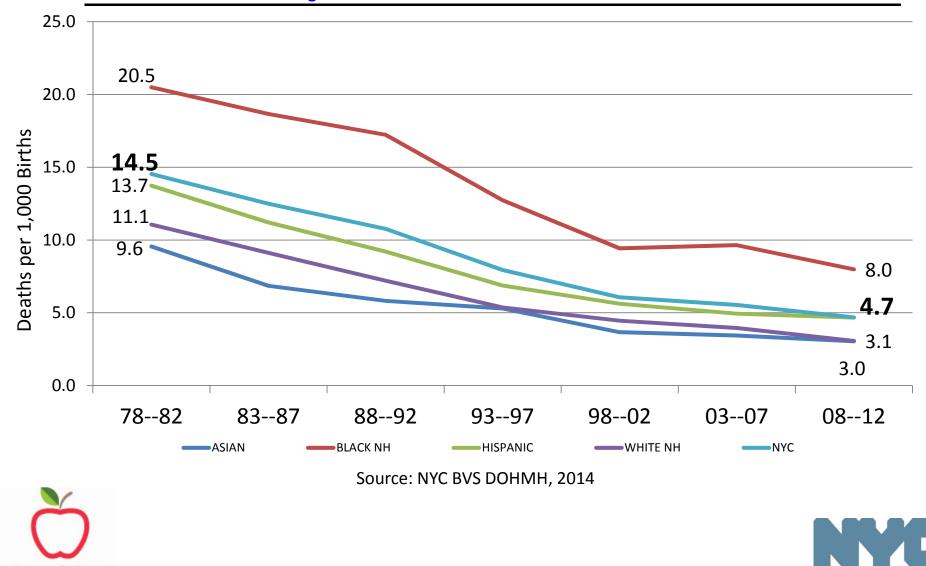
#### Premature (Age<65) Crude Death Rate per 100,000 Population New York City, 2004 – 2013



## Age-Adjusted Premature Death Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2004-2013



#### Infant Mortality Rates Citywide and by Race/Ethnicity in 5-Year Periods, 1978-2012

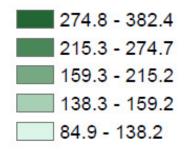


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# **Identifying Equity Gaps**

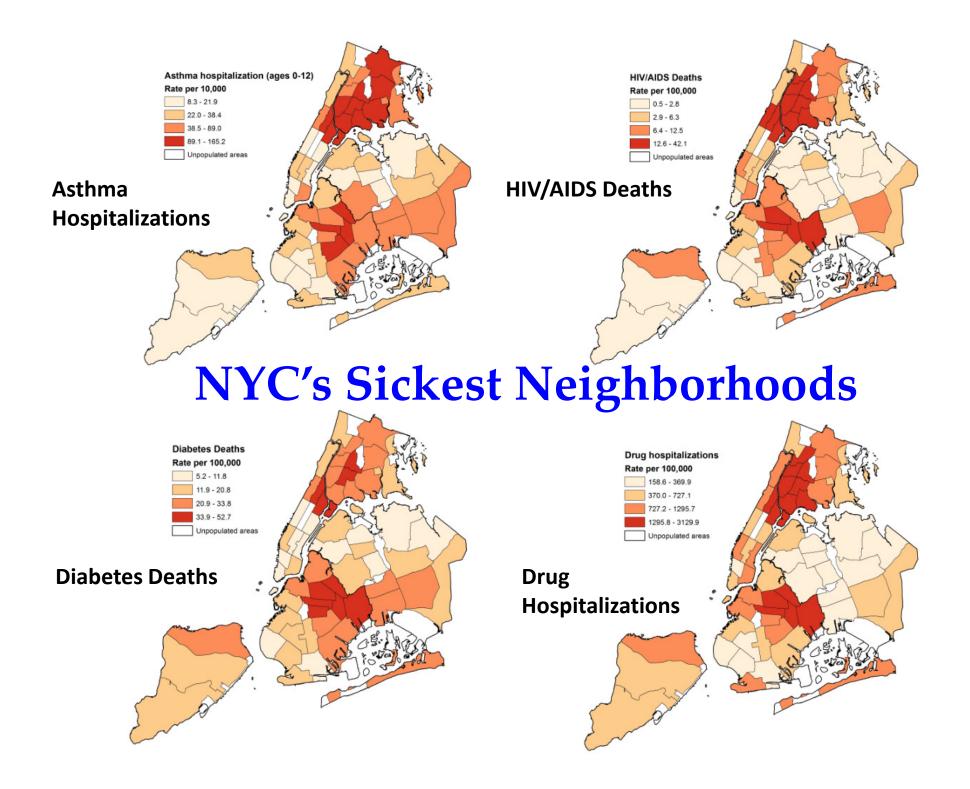
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Premature Age-Adjusted DeathRate per 100,000 Population









#### Advancing Health Equity

#### Moving from Maps to Action





#### TCNY/2020 EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD, EVERY NEW YORKER EVERY ON EVERY NEW YORKER EVERY ON EVERY NEW YORKER HEALTHCOUNTS



### Take Care New York 2020 Priorities





Support Healthy Living



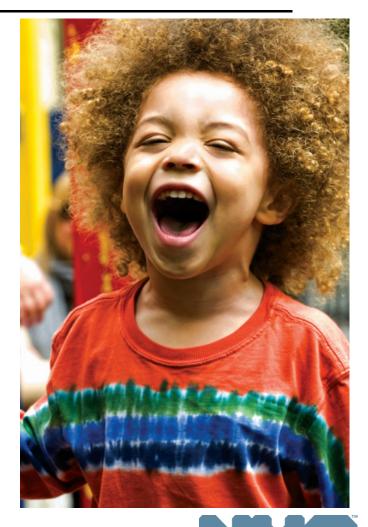
Promote Healthy Childhoods



### Take Care New York (TCNY) 2020

#### **A Change in Perspective**

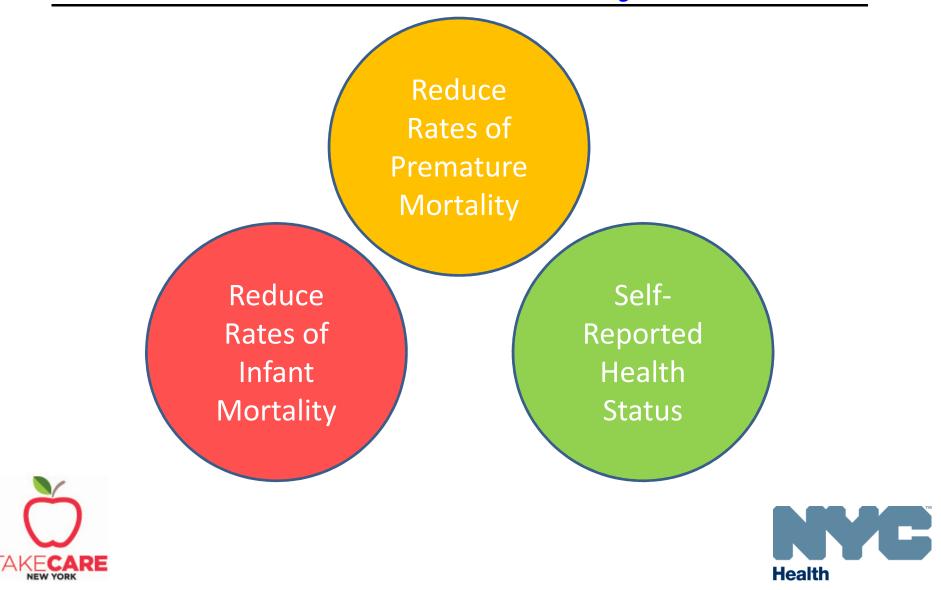
- Acknowledge the roots of health inequities, including lack of access to education and medical care, substandard housing, and poor air quality
- Engage the community in addressing social determinants of health and the conditions that create/perpetuate health inequities
- Align with and build on citywide efforts (OneNYC, Age-friendly NYC, Universal Pre-K)
- Align with and integrate NYS reforms (DSRIP, Prevention Agenda, SHIP)



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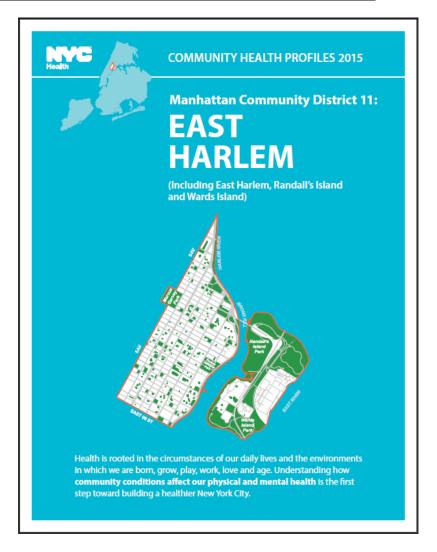
## Framework for a Healthy New York City



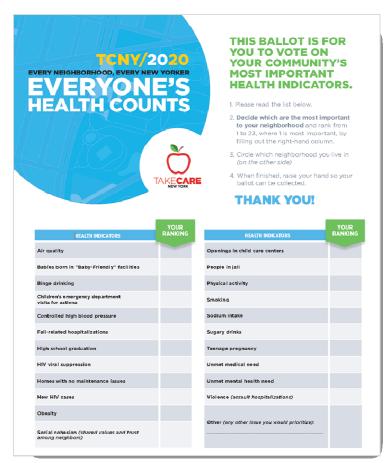
#### New York City Community Health Profiles 2015

Making injustice visible by:

- Reporting by Community District
- Including new neighborhood-level measures on social determinants of health (air quality, school absenteeism, etc)



# Stakeholder Engagement in TCNY 2020 Agenda Development











# **Population Health Improvement Program**

- Promotes the Triple Aim in NYC through stakeholder collaboration, data-driven prioritization, and development of local strategies to improve health equity
- Collaborative Model– DOHMH, Fund for Public Health in New York, UHF, and NYAM
- Multi- disciplinary Steering Committee facilitating multi-sector action planning
- Workgroups
  - DASH-NYC
  - Advanced Primary Care

**Putting It All Together** 

- The health system has a key role in creating equitable environments
- Where we do the work is just as important as how or why
- Today's public health problems have environmental and clinical solutions
  - Example Partnering to reduce youth violence and trauma-exposure

Working With the Health Care Delivery System School-Based Mental Health

- Community Schools– Mayoral initiative targeting 130 high-need public schools across the city through multi-Agency collaboration and partnerships with CBOs
- DOHMH playing lead role in the administration of expanded Mental Health services



## **DOHMH Model in Community Schools**

- Goal– Develop a public health framework and process to determine needs and implement mental health services in schools
- Assist schools and CBOs in assessing the need for mental health services on 3 levels: *MH Promotion (Universal), Prevention (Selective), Treatment interventions (Targeted).*
- Objectives— Allocate resources based on the needs and increase the adoption of evidence-based practices to
  - 1) Address the mental health needs of students and
  - 2) Improve student outcomes



# **Community Schools and DSRIP**

- 4 PPSs working jointly on DSRIP Project to Strengthen Mental Health & Substance Abuse Infrastructure across systems (MHSA project)
  - PPS's—Bronx Health Access, Bronx Partners, Community Care Brooklyn, OneCity Health
- MHSA project aims to strengthen the capacity of school-based support staff by:
  - Strengthening school staff members' skills in identifying behavioral indicators of MHSA issues and implementing preventive interventions
  - Addressing mild- to moderate-acuity MHSA needs in the school setting
  - Properly referring youth with higher acuity needs to MHSA professionals

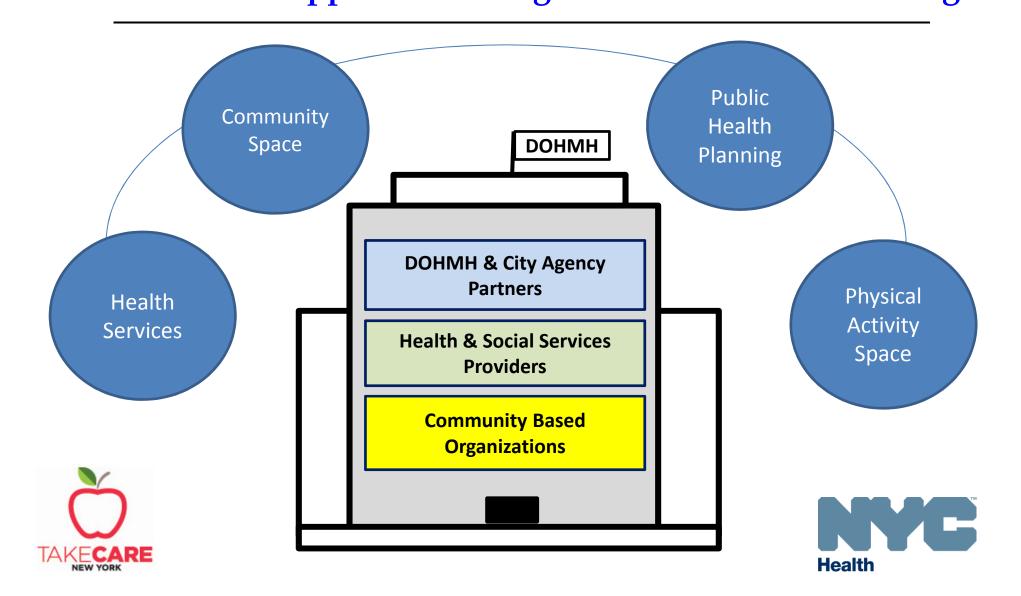
#### Advancing Health Equity

#### Invest in Key Neighborhoods





#### **Neighborhood Health Action Centers** Collaborative Approach to Neighborhood Health Planning



# East Harlem's Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative

- NYSHF-funded collaboration with NYCDOHMH, NYAM, Mt. Sinai, and the Dept. of City Planning
- Fighting chronic disease through 4 priority areas: healthy food access, built environment, community-led lifestyle interventions, and economic development

## **Building Healthy Communities**







Summary

- As a city we are only as healthy as our most challenged community
- Investing in key neighborhoods corrects injustice
- Addressing Social Determinants of Health improves health outcomes
- Planning with communities is essential for sustainable change