

# Template and Definitions for the Community Health Improvement Model

*A tool for addressing the social determinants  
of health through community health  
improvement planning.*

# Using the Community Health Improvement Model

**Prevention Levels:** *Prevention aims to minimize the occurrence of disease or its consequences.*

Contextual	Create environments for healthy living.
Primary:	Reduce susceptibility or exposure to health threats.
Secondary:	Detect and treat disease in early stages.
Tertiary	Alleviate the effects of disease and injury.

**Intervention Levels:** *Intervention levels are built on a socio-ecological model of health.*

Individual:	Characteristics of the individual such as knowledge, attitudes, behavior, self-concept, skills, etc. Includes the individual's developmental history.
Interpersonal:	Formal and informal social network and social support systems, including family, work group, and friendship networks.
Organizational:	Institutions with organizational characteristics, including formal (and informal) rules and regulations for operation.
Community:	Relationships among organizations, institutions, and informal networks within defined boundaries.
Public Policy:	Local, state, and national laws and policies.

# Community Health Improvement Model

Objective:

**PREVENTION LEVEL**

Contextual/  
Primary

Secondary

Tertiary


Individual

Interpersonal

Organizational

Community

Public Policy

**INTERVENTION LEVEL**

# Healthy habitats for humans

The social determinants of health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. These circumstances are shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels.

([World Health Organization](#))



## For more information

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