

Hep B United Summit

Applying a Health Equity Lens to Eliminating Hepatitis B

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A stone bust of Martin Luther King Jr. is the central focus, set against a clear blue sky. The bust is carved from a light-colored stone and shows King from the chest up, looking slightly to the right. In the background, there are branches of a tree with small white blossoms, possibly cherry blossoms, which are slightly out of focus. The overall scene is bright and clear.

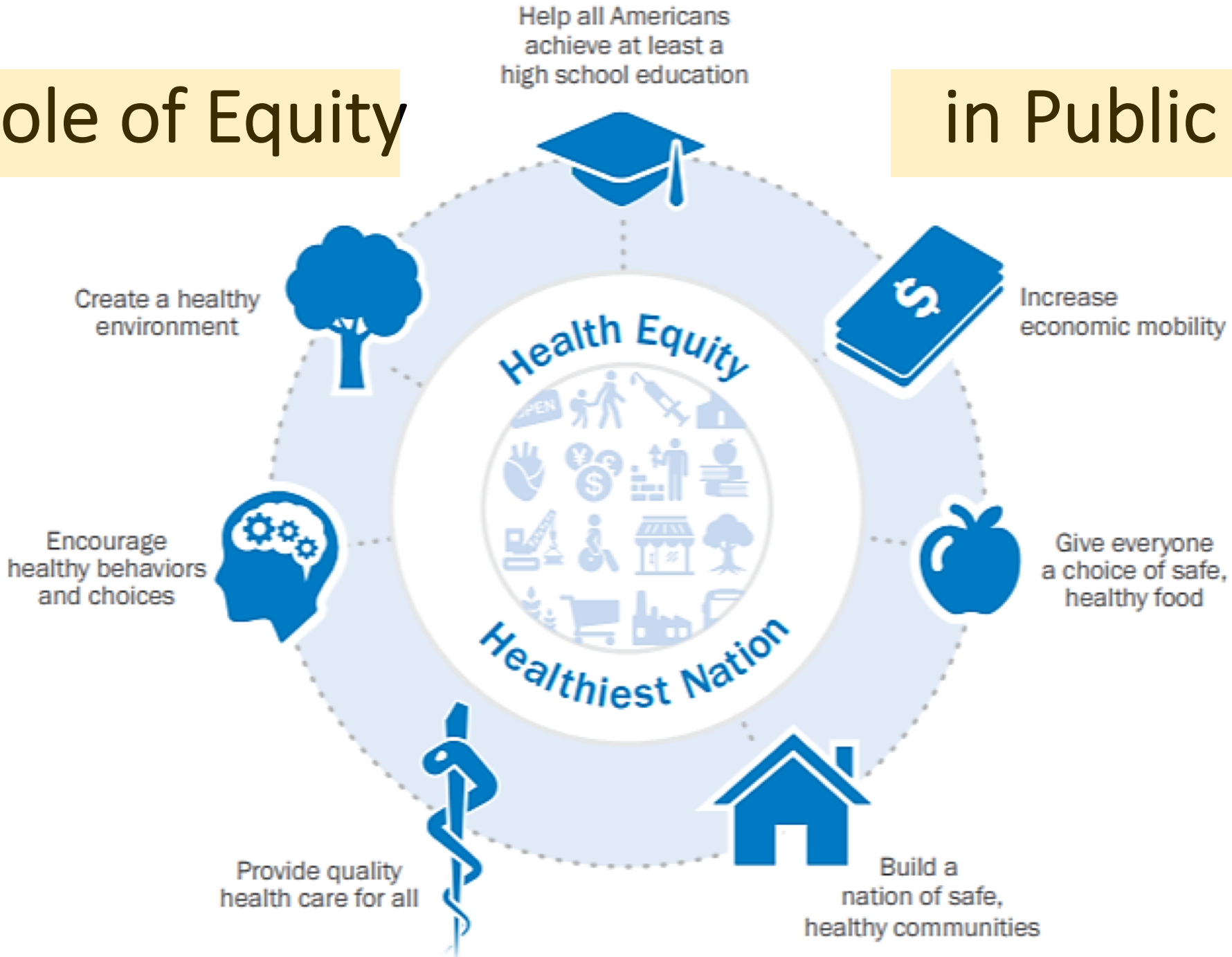
*“Of all the forms of inequality,
injustice in health is the most
shocking and inhumane.”*

–Martin Luther King Jr

1966

The Role of Equity

in Public Health



EQUITY v/s EQUALITY

Equity and equality, the difference between equity and equality is quite clear, but those who are not aware of the nuances of English language often confuse between these two words.

EQUITY

- ▶ It is based upon justness and fairness.
- ▶ Attention is paid to individual needs and requirements.

EQUALITY

- ▶ It demands everyone be treated at the same level.
- ▶ Individual needs and requirements are ignored.

Solutions?

Get tested | Get vaccinated | Get treated

How can I protect my child and family?

How can my community participate in reducing Hep B transmission?

How do we combat health-related disparities?

How can we work/collaborate with academia and pharmaceutical companies to create change?



Principles of CBPR

Community-based participatory research is a...

"collaborative approach to research that equitably involves all partners in the research process and recognizes the unique strengths that each brings.

CBPR begins with a research topic of importance to the community, has the aim of combining knowledge with action and achieving social change to improve health outcomes and eliminate health disparities."

–WK Kellogg Foundation Community Health Scholars Program



Closing ...

“THE SECRET OF
CHANGE IS TO FOCUS
ALL OF YOUR ENERGY,
NOT ON FIGHTING THE
OLD, BUT ON BUILDING
THE NEW.”

— *SOCRATES*