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Exploring Policy Solutions
Let’s continue on SDOH and prevention

- Health care reform is clearly important:
  - Quality measurement
  - Peer support services
  - Alternative payment models
  - Quality improvement
  - Pop health analytics

- BUT so many opportunities to stop it from getting that far!
Screening and referral not enough for SDOH

• CommunityRx is the most sophisticated, large-scale pilot of addressing SDOH through health care

• At 3 months:
  • Confidence in finding resources doubled
  • About half even shared resources with others
  • No change in mental or physical HR-QoL

• Likely need higher intensity intervention, with attention to making sure the resources meet needs

How can federal legislation help?

• Mainstream mental health and suicide prevention into policies that govern SDOH risk factors, and promote linkages with health

• Four case studies:
  • School
  • Workplace
  • Financial services/economic development
  • Family and relationship supports
School

• Several relevant risk factors:
  • Peer exclusion and bullying
  • Academic challenges
  • Trauma interactions

• Three major federal laws:
  • Elementary and Secondary Education Act
  • Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
  • Higher Education Act
Workplace

• Several relevant risk factors:
  • Peer exclusion and bullying
  • Career attainment challenges
  • Financial insecurity

• Several major federal laws:
  • Labor Standards
  • Occupational Safety and Health
  • Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

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Financial Services/Economic Development

• Couple relevant risk factors:
  • Financial insecurity
  • Social isolation

• Collection of federal laws:
  • Housing and Community Development Act
  • Community Renewal Tax Relief Act
  • Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection
Family and Relationship Supports

• Couple relevant risk factors:
  • Interpersonal conflict
  • Social isolation
  • Trauma

• Collection of random federal laws:
  • Deficit Reduction Act/Claims Resolution Act
  • Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
  • Preventive Health Amendments
Conclusion

• We can and should address SDOH to prevent suicide in federal legislation
• Takes creativity to get from federal law to on-the-ground impact in such a diverse area