Health Impact Assessment to Engage Communities and Prioritize Action

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SOPHIA Provides

Tools and resources at
www.hiasociety.org

HIA training

Peer support and mentoring

Review and evaluation of HIAs

Minimum Elements and
Practice Standards

Workshop
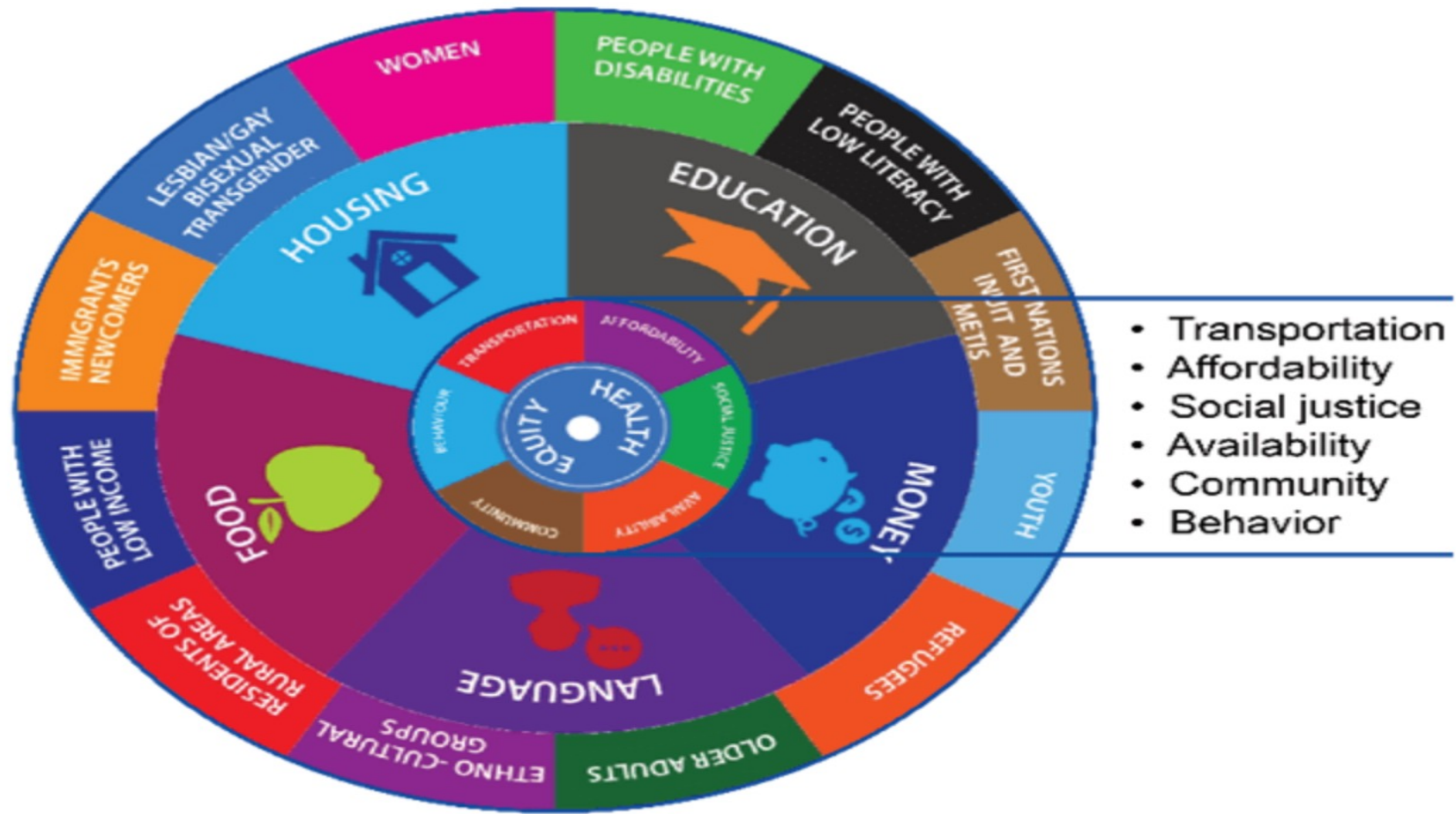
PRACTITIONER WORKSHOP 2021

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Please join us for the virtual 2021 SOPHIA Practitioner Workshop!

Dates: December 1-2, 2021
Time: 11 am – 1 pm ET each day
Location: Online (links will be sent starting two weeks before the workshop)

We look forward to seeing you online to explore the evolution of health impact assessment practice over SOPHIA's 10 year history, and explore the future of HIA, HiAP, and implications for SOPHIA.

Source: Moving Health Equity Forward Committee, an action group of the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force, https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Environment/Healthy-Communities/Health-Equity

Public health only has the power to address issues within its authority

Communities' most pressing problems stem from a variety of area and require a systematic approach and tools to address them
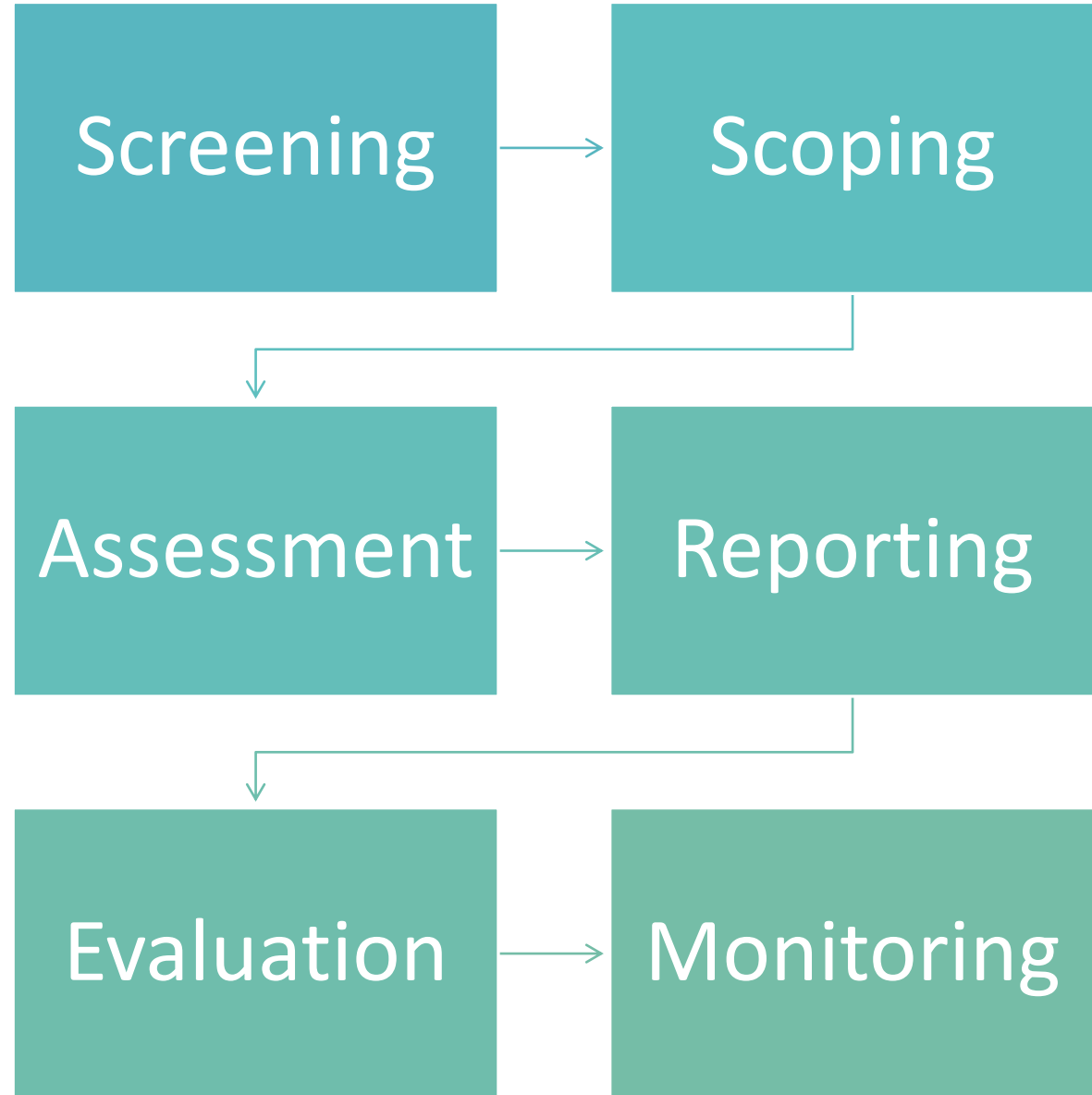
HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

What is an HIA?

The National Research Council defines HIA as "a *systematic process* that uses an array of *data sources and analytic methods*, and considers input from *stakeholders* to determine the *potential effects* of a proposed policy, plan, program, or project on the health of a population and the *distribution of those effects* within the population. HIA provides recommendations on monitoring and managing those effects"

National Research Council, *Improving Health in the United States, 2011*

What Values Underpin HIA?

Democracy

Equity

Increased awareness of health issues

Scientific and robust practice

01 Identify harms and benefits **before** a decision is made

02 Identify **evidence-based strategies** to reduce harm and enhance benefits

03 Support inclusive and **democratic** decision-making and increase transparency

04 Support **community engagement** and empowerment

05 Advance health equity

Value of HIA

HIA Provides a Framework to Solve Real Problems

Climate Justice

Legacy of Redlining

Cumulative Environmental Injustices

Vacant Lots
Economic Opportunity
Quality Education

Challenges in Using HIA

Defining health issues are not considered during the processes outside of public health

Current indicators fail to consider the full range of benefits from improving health

No external reporting requirements to address equity or report out on changes

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Resources for HIA Practice

NEHA: https://www.neha.org/eh-topics/healthy-homes-0/health-impact-assessments

NACCHO: http://naccho.org/programs/community-health/chronic-disease/healthy-community-design/health-impact-assessment

Society of Practitioners of HIA: http://hiasociety.org/

Health Impact Project (Pew): http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/health-impact-project/health-impact-assessment

Human Impact Partners: http://www.humanimpact.org/capacity-building/hia-tools-and-resources/

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