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New Bottles for Old Wine
Lifecourse Framework in Historical Perspective

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Pretest: Which Best Describes Your Program?

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Objectives

- To explain the lifecourse framework and how it is related to people with developmental disabilities
- To describe how epidemiological and historical trends affect the system of care for children with developmental disabilities
- To identify at least one way to integrate the lifecourse framework into training professionals in the field of developmental disabilities
Outline

I. “Where we are”—lifecourse; social determinants
   - Health disparities despite advances in medical care
   - Some “new” science, but we already do this . . .

II. “Where we’re coming from”—this won’t be easy
   - Medical model is deeply embedded in our approach to health
   - Social determinants can be difficult to address
   - We (LENDs and UCEDDs) well-positioned, but . . .
Part 1 “Where We Are”

- Define “social determinants of health”
- Define “lifecourse”
- “Old wine” to those of us in child development
- Why has this emerged recently?
  - Health disparities not getting better
  - Some new research
- MCHB strategic planning
Social Determinants

- The social determinants of health are those factors which are outside of the individual; they are beyond genetic endowment and beyond individual behaviors. They are the context in which individual behaviors arise and in which individual behaviors convey risk. The social determinants of health include individual resources, neighborhood (place-based) or community (group-based) resources, hazards and toxic exposures, and opportunity structures.

Camara Jones, CDC, 2010
Health Disparities in the US

Approach to Health Disparities (IMR)

- For the last 150 years, infant mortality rate (IMR) has been one of the key health outcome measures
  - Deaths in the first year of life/1000 live births
  - Measure of health of a population, health care, public health
  - Better/more accessible prenatal care
  - Better/more accessible neonatal care
- Governmental and private actions improve prenatal care rates and decrease disparities in health care
IMR – Black/White Disparity

Life Course Perspective
(Birth Outcomes)

- “You can’t cure a lifetime of ills in nine months of a pregnancy” (M. Kotelchuck)
- “or in 3 months in a NICU . . .” (we might add)
“Cumulative Impact” (School Readiness)

- Lack of health services
- Poverty
- Reading to child
- Parent education
- Emotional literacy
- Appr. Discipline
- Family Discord
- Pre-school

Lower trajectory: With diminished function

Social-emotional, Physical Cognitive, Language function

Age: 6 mo, 12 mo, 18 mo, 24 mo, 3 yrs, 5 yrs
“Early Programming” (Synapse Formation)

Sensing Pathways (vision, hearing)

Language

Higher Cognitive Function

One Experimental Example of Lifecourse Maternal Stress Causes LBW

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Holzman C 2001
Barker Hypothesis
Birth Weight and Coronary Heart Disease

Age Adjusted Relative Risk
Rich-Edwards 1997
Adverse childhood events and adult ischemic heart disease

Dong et al, 2004

Adverse Events

Odds Ratio
Timeline – “Today’s experiences and exposures influence tomorrow’s health.”

Timing – “Health trajectories are particularly affected during critical or sensitive periods.”

Environment -- “The broader community environment – biologic, physical, and social – strongly affects the capacity to be healthy.”

Equity -- “While genetic make-up offers both protective and risk factors for disease conditions, inequality in health reflects more than genetics and personal choice.”
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Part 2. “Where we’re coming from”

- Some history of modern medicine
  - Medical model
  - Address deeper social issues (e.g. poverty)

- We’re well-positioned at LENDs and UCEDDs to teach and describe social determinants in a lifecourse perspective, but implementation . . .
Doctor’s Office, late 1800s
Hospital Operating Suite, c. 1910
Royal Victoria Hospital
History of Medical Care in US

1850s
- General practice
- Varied training
- Rural/local/isolated
- Low income/prestige
- +/- State license
- Pre-germ theory
- Eclectic therapies

1930s
- Specialization
- Standardized training
- Urban/connected
- Reasonable income/prestige
- License required
- Germ theory
- Health and Education Professionals
Social Determinants of Health

- Two thousand years (up to 1850s)
  - Health as “balance” in a person’s body & beyond
  - Physician investigated patient’s environment & habits
  - No clear distinction between public & personal health

- By 1930s
  - Illness as disruption of the body by invading organism
  - Clinicians treat individual patients with med/surgery
  - Public health professionals: epidemics, environment
Infant Mortality (US Bureau of Statistics)
Faith in Science: Polio Vaccine

- NY Times, July 11, 1957
  - “MASS VACCINATION CUTS POLIO'S TOLL”
    “Mass vaccination with Salk vaccine has sharply reduced the number of paralytic polio cases in the city and state this year, health officials reported yesterday.”

- Time Magazine, Aug. 12, 1957
  - “POLIO DECLINE”
    “Polio is declining sharply in most of the U.S. for the second year, with abundant evidence that much of the improvement is due to the Salk vaccine.”
“Inward Vision; Outward Glance”

- The best way to improve health is to provide technologically sophisticated interventions to patients in the office, in the operating suite, or at the bedside of a modern hospital.

- “Technological imperative in medicine”
  - Machines, vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, new drugs
  - The “Medical Model”

Charles Rosenberg
US Measles Mortality

![Graph showing the trend of US Measles Mortality from 1850 to 1990. The mortality rate decreases significantly after the introduction of the measles vaccine in the 1960s.]
What Year was the Measles Vaccine Widely Available?
Decline in child mortality precedes
- Antibiotics (1940s and 50s)
- Vaccines (1950s and 60s)
Medical Model: Preventing Intellectual Disability
Prevalence ID per 1 million births  Brosco, Arch. Peds., 2006

Graph showing the prevalence of various conditions over time, with the y-axis representing prevalence ID per 1 million births and the x-axis representing years from 1950 to 2000. The conditions include CS, Rh, Measles, H.flu, CH, PKU, and CRS.
Improvements in Prenatal and Neonatal Care ID Associated with Low Birth Weight

% of Total MR


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“Social Determinants” of ID

- Discrimination
- Poverty
- Psychosocial deprivation
- Malnutrition
- Inferior educational opportunities
- Poor housing
- Lead exposure
- Head injury
Population Health Interventions

- IDEA (education; deinstitutionalization)
- Civil rights legislation and judicial decisions
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Head Start
- WIC (nutrition for women, infants, children)
- TANF (AFDC)
- School lunch program
- HUD/MCHB programs (lead abatement)
Flynn Effect
Impact on Prevalence of ID

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Medical model is deeply embedded

- We may understand that environment and behavior affect health, but look at our health care system
- Payment schemes, institutions, diagnoses, training all focus on providing discrete services to individuals
Hospital Operating Suite, c. 1910
Well baby clinic, ca. 1930
(Hamilton, Public Health Nursing Branch)
Even Bigger Problem

- Social justice
- If social determinants are critical, what are we going to do about poverty, discrimination, structural inequities in our society?
- US has long history of deep ambivalence about directly addressing social and economic inequities
  - Does reducing poverty really make a difference?
Non-Indian and Indian Families Below Poverty Line

Costello, E. J. et al. JAMA 2003;290:2023-2029

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# Behavioral Symptoms Before & After the Casino

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**Contrast persistently vs ex-poor***
- OR (95% CI) 1.07 (0.70-1.64) 2.21 (1.24-3.95)
- *P value* .75 .007

**Contrast persistently vs never poor***
- OR (95% CI) 1.86 (1.25-2.78) 2.19 (1.47-3.28)
- *P value* .002 <.001

**Contrast ex- vs never poor***
- OR (95% CI) 1.73 (1.03-2.91) 0.99 (0.53-1.86)
- *P value* .04 .98

**Abbreviations:** CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio.

*See Table 1 for explanation.*
Health Equity

Where systematic differences in health are judged to be avoidable by reasonable action they are, quite simply, unfair. It is this that we label health inequity.

Putting right these inequities – the huge and remediable differences in health between and within countries – is a matter of social justice.

World Health Organization
Commission on Social Determinants of Health
http://www.who.int/social_determinants/en/
1. Ensure that all children have high-quality early childhood developmental support (child care, education, etc.)

2. Fund and design nutrition programs (e.g. WIC and SNAP) to meet the needs of hungry families for nutritious food.

3. Create public–private partnerships to open and sustain full-service grocery stores in all communities.

4. Feed children only healthy foods in schools.

5. Require all schools (K–12) to include time for all children to be physically active every day.
Early Childhood Education

www.highscope.org

Figure 1
Major Findings: High/Scope Perry Preschool Study at 40

- Arrested 5+ times by 40: Program group 36%, No-program group 55%
- Earned $20K+ at 40: Program group 40%, No-program group 60%
- Graduated regular high school: Program group 65%, No-program group 45%
- Basic achievement at 14: Program group 15%, No-program group 49%
- Homework at 15: Program group 38%, No-program group 61%
- IQ 90+ at 5: Program group 28%, No-program group 67%
6. Become a smoke-free nation.
7. Create healthy community demonstrations to evaluate the effects of health-promoting policies and programs.
8. Develop a health impact rating for housing & infrastructure projects; provide incentives for projects to earn the rating.
9. Integrate safety and wellness into every aspect of community life.
10. Ensure that decision makers have evidence they need to build health into public and private policies and practices.
POST-TEST: What Do We Do?

- How should social determinants of health affect your practice?
- How should social determinants of health affect your training?
  - START TYPING ...
What Do We Do? Jeff’s 2 cents

- In many ways, we already do “life course” and “social determinants,” but need to be explicit
- Health care professionals will always have a specific role with individuals: “health care”
- Increased role in systems change (esp trainees)
  - Work harder at new community partnerships
  - Will health care reform (ACA) help?
    - Imagine you are paid not “fee for service,” but based on the health outcomes of your local community . . .