



# **New Mexico Health Equity Partnership**

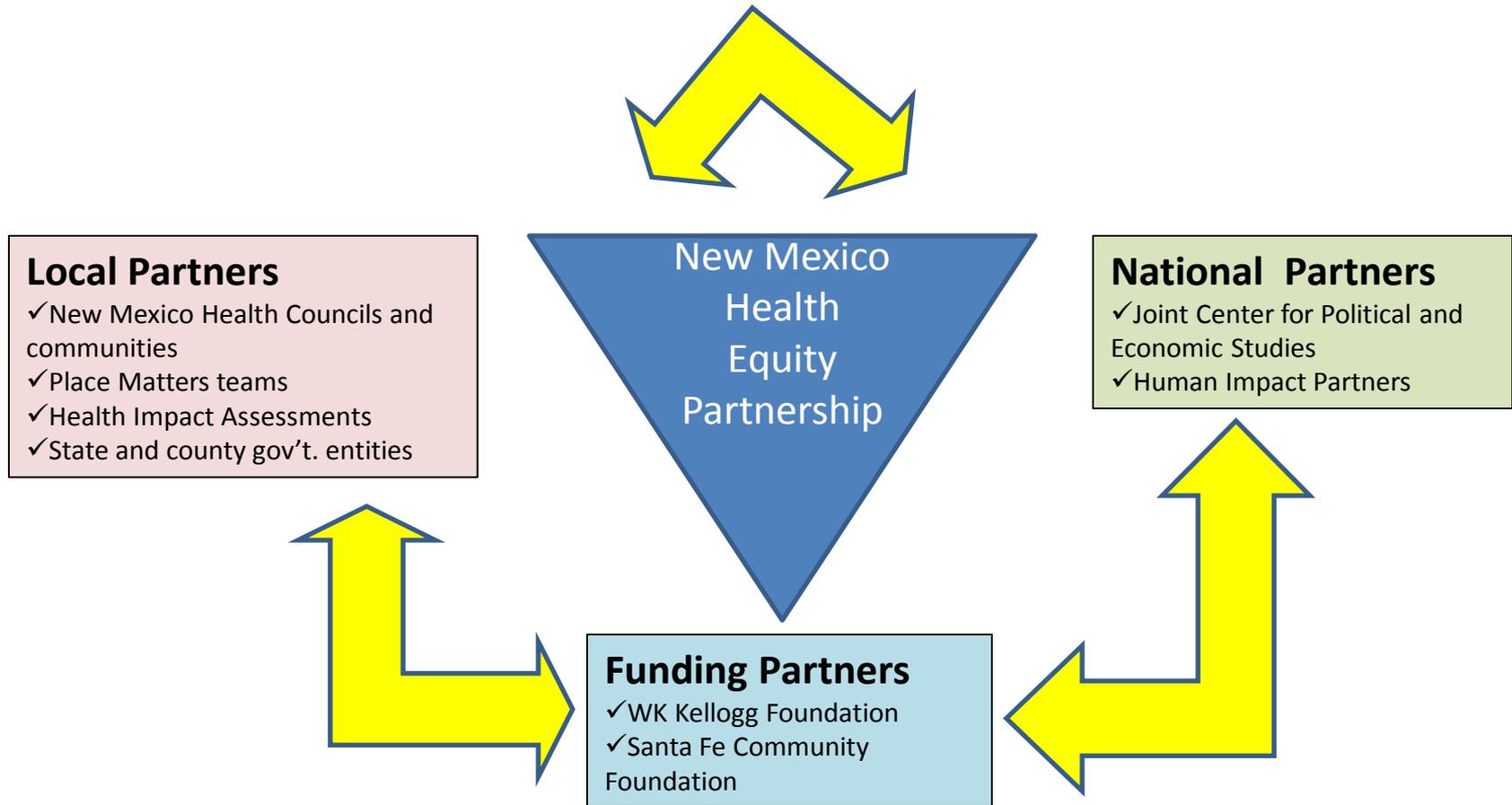
Overview of a collective impact strategy to address the root causes of poor health for low-income and minority children and families in New Mexico

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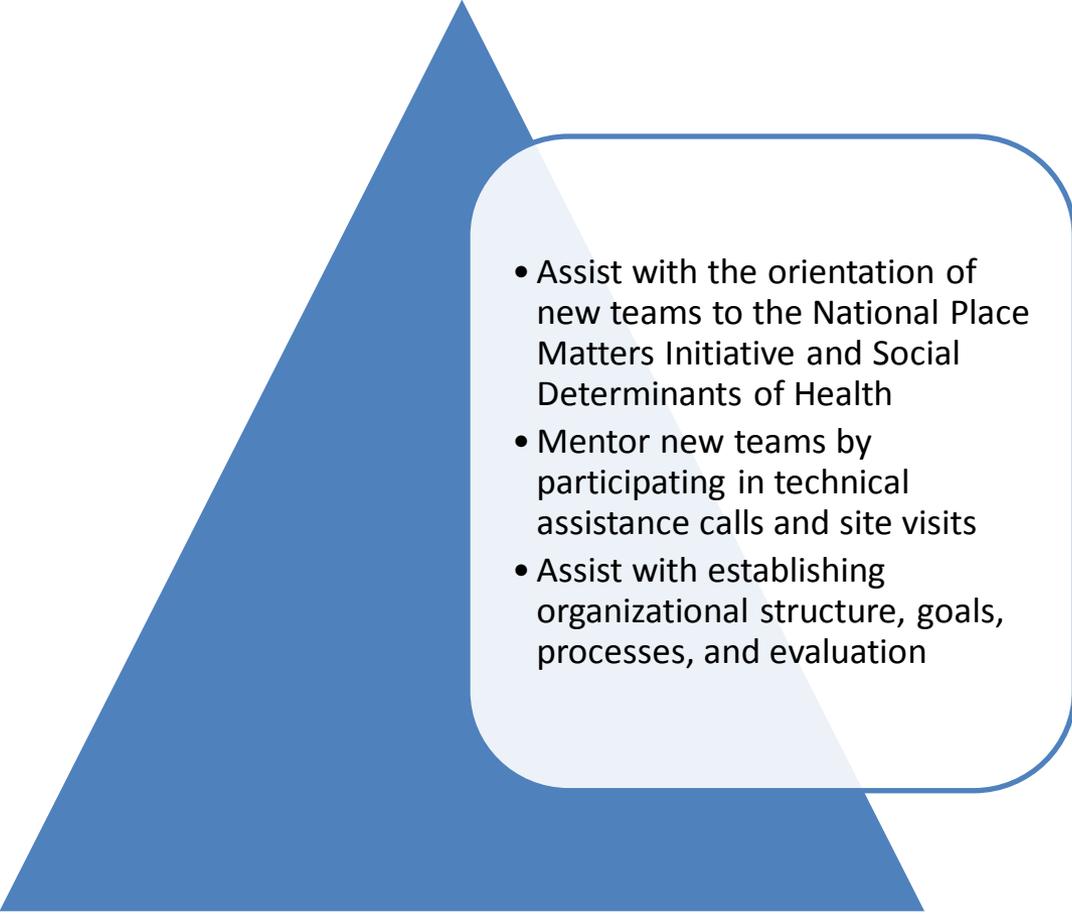


# Initial Health Equity Partners



*We expect the number of partnerships to grow over time*

## Place Matters - Key to Expansion

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- Assist with the orientation of new teams to the National Place Matters Initiative and Social Determinants of Health
  - Mentor new teams by participating in technical assistance calls and site visits
  - Assist with establishing organizational structure, goals, processes, and evaluation

# Place Matters Expansion to Doña Ana, McKinley and San Juan counties

To assemble diverse teams representing multiple stakeholders and sectors critical to the effort to advance health equity

To perform an environmental scan to identify health inequities and existing policies (or lack of)

To address health inequities through place-based interventions and policy change

# Health Impact Assessments

## Objective

- Ensure that health and health inequities are considered in decision-making using an objective and scientific approach, and engage stakeholders in the process

## Essential Tasks

- Screening
- Scoping
- Assessment
- Recommendations
- Reporting
- Monitoring

# Health Impact Assessments – Key Points continued

## HIA has many benefits. It:

- Provides a comprehensive analysis of issues and helps identify trade-offs in decision-making
- Supports community engagement and legitimizes “unheard” voices
- Helps to provide input up-front in decision-making and build support for better outcomes
- Considers historical, cumulative and disparate impacts
- Includes a focus on communities experiencing the most significant policy externalities
- Speeds project approvals

## HIAs have been conducted on:

- Land use and transportation plans and projects, including:
  - Comprehensive, general, and area plans
  - Mixed-use and residential development projects
  - Transit-oriented development plans
  - Port and freeway expansions
- Natural resource extraction projects
- Education, employment, energy, agriculture and housing policies

# Goals established for HEP: Health Councils and Community

## Goal 1: To strengthen and promote health equity within communities

- Host workshops & training sessions that address
  - Health Impact Assessments (HIA)
  - Health equity and social determinants of health
- Research and document health disparities and inequities

## Goal 2: Establish a unified voice to promote state/local policies to support health equity

- Identify shared policy priorities to advocate for health equity
- Develop community leadership to address health disparities

## Goal 3: To build capacity of all health councils

- Hold one statewide conference and four regional meetings per year
- Address health disparities by advancing health equity, mobilizing communities, and building effective coalitions
- Explore resource development and funding opportunities for health councils