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Helpful Resources:

http://iris.paho.org/xmlui/bitstream/handle/123456789/31313/9789275074541-eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

https://www.nurseone.ca/~/media/nurseone/page-content/pdf-en/hiap-national_action_plan_e.pdf

For more information on this resource or on health in all policies, please contact Public Health:

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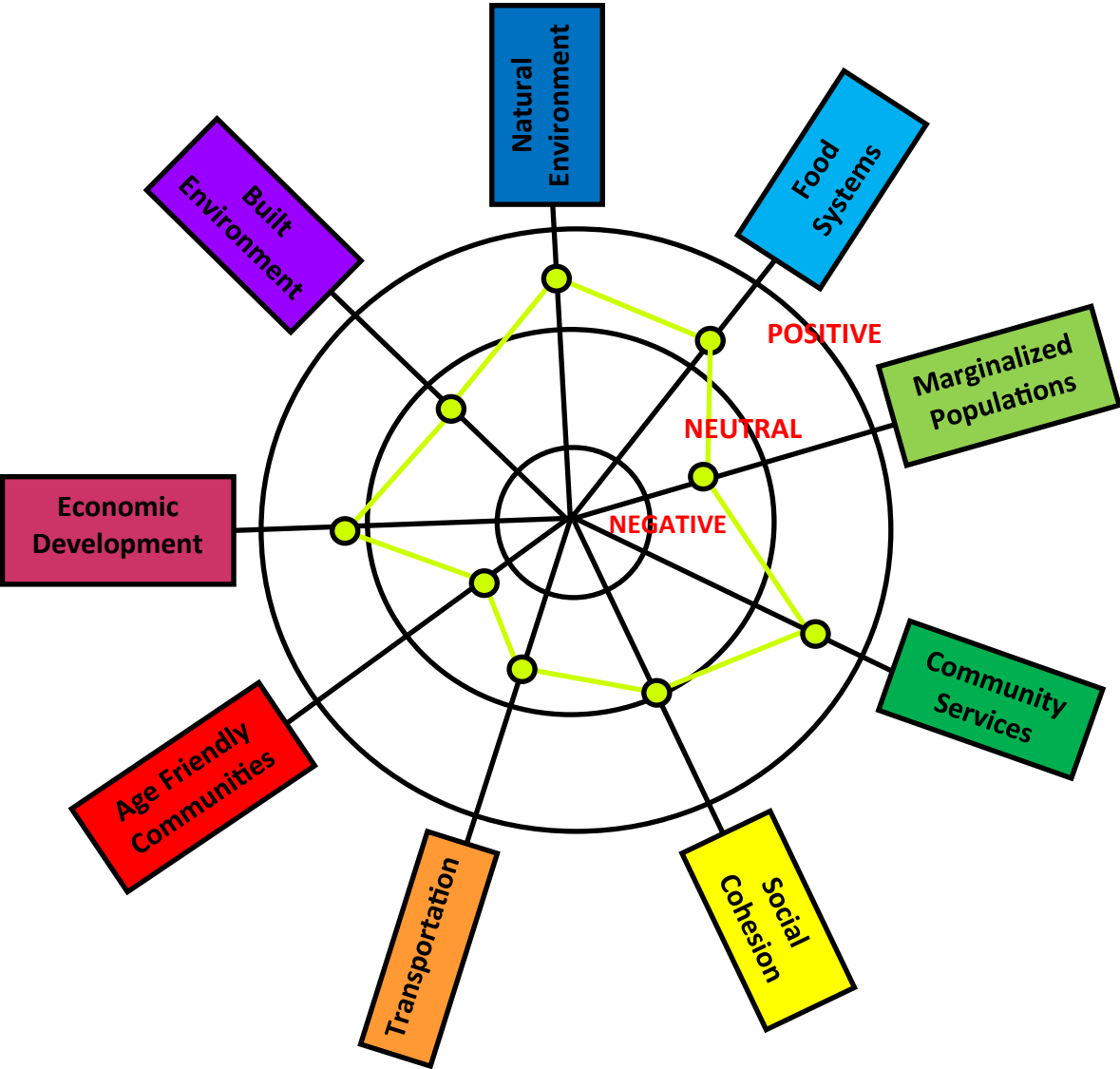
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All levels of government shape the health of a community through the design and delivery of policies . Health in all policies takes into account the health implications of decisions and seeks ways to work together across sectors to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to live a healthy life.

Health Equity

All people have a fair chance to reach their full potential and are not disadvantaged by social, economic and environmental conditions. (National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, 2014).

Using the Healthy Communities Tool

1. Title the worksheet with the program or policy that you are considering.

2. To the right are Indicators of Success and Key Considerations for each of the themes. Think about the impacts of your program or policy for each theme. Does it have a positive, neutral or negative impact?

3. Place a dot on the theme line in the negative, neutral or positive area. Join the dots on each theme line and the resulting shape should help you see an overall perspective of how the program or policy will impact your community.

4. If you have any questions about how to complete this tool, please contact public health at 1-800-263-3456 or j.weppler@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca. If you find any negative outcomes using this tool, you may need to consider a more in depth assessment such as a Health Impact Assessment.

Example of completed worksheet

Indicators of Success & Key Considerations

Does this program or policy…

Natural Environment
• Protect natural heritage systems and support biodiversity? • Reduce toxins, waste and greenhouse gases? • Protect water and air quality? • Foster an energy conscious culture?
Food Systems
• Increase accessibility to appropriate and adequate food? • Support and strengthen the local agri-food system? • Foster food hubs and other opportunities to celebrate and be involved in local food systems?
Marginalized Populations
• Create inclusive communities that are welcoming for newcomers and marginalized populations? • Invest public resources to support under-resourced families? • Work with Indigenous populations to address the root causes of health disparities?
Community Services
• Strengthen and improve access to social and health services? • Increase access to recreation programs? • Improve access to long term care and in home supports?
Social Cohesion
• Bring people with diverse backgrounds together in shared community spaces? • Provide opportunities for residents to be more engaged in their communities? • Promote community-wide cultural events and recreational activities?
Transportation
• Support an accessible, efficient and integrated transportation network? • Include pedestrian friendly streetscape elements such as shade trees, planters, gardens, and benches? • Integrate complete streets concepts that encourage various modes of transportation? • Provide supports for coordinated rural transportation systems?
Age Friendly Communities
• Provide support for early childhood development, including affordable and high-quality child care, early learning and parenting resources, and opportunities for play? • Support effective strategies to attract and retain youth? • Expand opportunities for home and community supports for older adults?
Economic Development
• Encourage fair and secure employment across all sectors? • Promote diversity in economic and educational opportunities? • Assist with the retention and expansion of local businesses?
Built Environment
• Support safe, sufficient, and affordable housing? • Preserve parks and greenspace for all community members? • Create accessible, people friendly public spaces?