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What Can Public Health Learn from Parks & Recreatio n Efforts?

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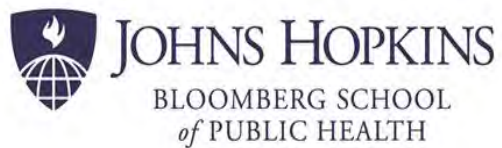


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What is Health Equity?

- ❖ Means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible
- ❖ Requires removing obstacles such as poverty, discrimination, and lack of access to jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care
- ❖ Based on human rights principles

Why are we concerned?

- ❖ Moral concern for the health of others
- ❖ 16% of the total US budget spent on health care
- ❖ Everyone deserves a fair chance to lead a healthy life
- ❖ Health disparities are growing across the nation
- ❖ Systemic barriers perpetuate health inequities

Why Parks and Recreation As a Solution?

- Provide access to parks and recreation facilities for over 80% of Americans
- Facilitate opportunities to participate in active recreation (75% within two miles)
- Provide crucial health and wellness opportunities for all populations in communities across the country
- Affordable programming can lead to a more active and healthier America

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