In a report designed to increase consensus around the meaning of health equity, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) provides the following definition:

“Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be healthier. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care.”
Vision Statement

“We envision a healthy and whole community empowered with knowledge, access, and the resources, to thrive in their environment and impact the community around them.”

Our community deserves the very best. Through strategic programming and plans focused on supporting the whole person/family, we will guide community members to access what they need, considering their circumstances and conditions.
What is the need?
The circumstances that the vision impacts.

“Our community deserves the very best.”

We believe that when people/families are able to actualize their whole self, they are able to better the community around them. However, to support the development of a healthy and whole community, we need to be able to provide holistic knowledge, access and resources for community members and families to be the launchpad of them achieving their whole selves.

Participants in our classes and at our events are already imploring us for help and information about

- Housing
- Economics (Personal & Community)
- Health (Mental, Physical, Environmental)
- Education
- Immigration
What goals do we need to achieve to realize the vision?

Knowledge
To provide curriculum based classes and knowledge share opportunities geared toward social determinants of health: housing, economics, health (mental/physical/environmental), education & immigration.

Access
To strategically integrate access to community partners and/or other community opportunities in a way that deepens the knowledge share but also develops long term concentrated support. I.e. invite the environmental organizations to be a part of the community knowledge shares to develop a relationship so community members understand how to use those orgs as a resource.

Resources
To ensure the community owns and can reproduce the resources necessary to thrive in their environment and impact the community around them.
Empowerment Through Education

- Housing
- Economics (Personal & Community)
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Health (Mental, Physical, Environmental)
- Education
- Immigration

Creating Thriving Communities

Whole Communities
What do we need to realize the vision?

- Reimagine the programming by starting where people are not where we want them to be. That means we have to double down on what’s working well, but not be afraid to throw away what’s not.
- Go beyond representation and develop ways for inclusion in the creative process from the beginning.
- Work with and appropriately fund community organizations to support the work of impacting the hearts, minds and lives of the people we are creating these programs for.
- Create a dedicated marketing and communications strategy focused on our this part of the work.
Thanks, bye