



Hamilton

Item 7.2



Board of Health Orientation

Session 3: Determinants of Health

April 1, 2015

Agenda

- The Determinants of our Health
- Hamilton Facts
- Public Health Services Action
- Shared Prosperity

What Determines our Health?

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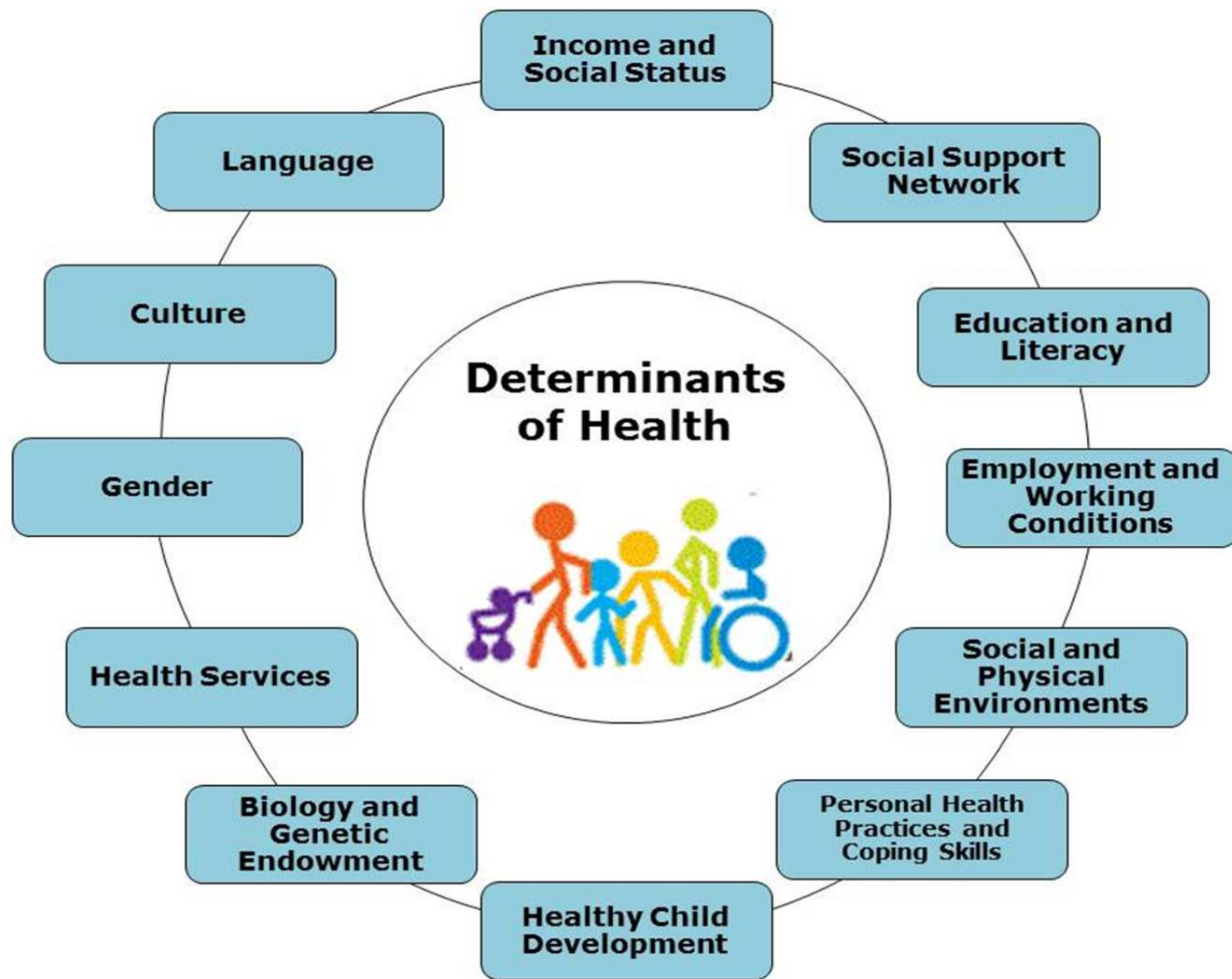
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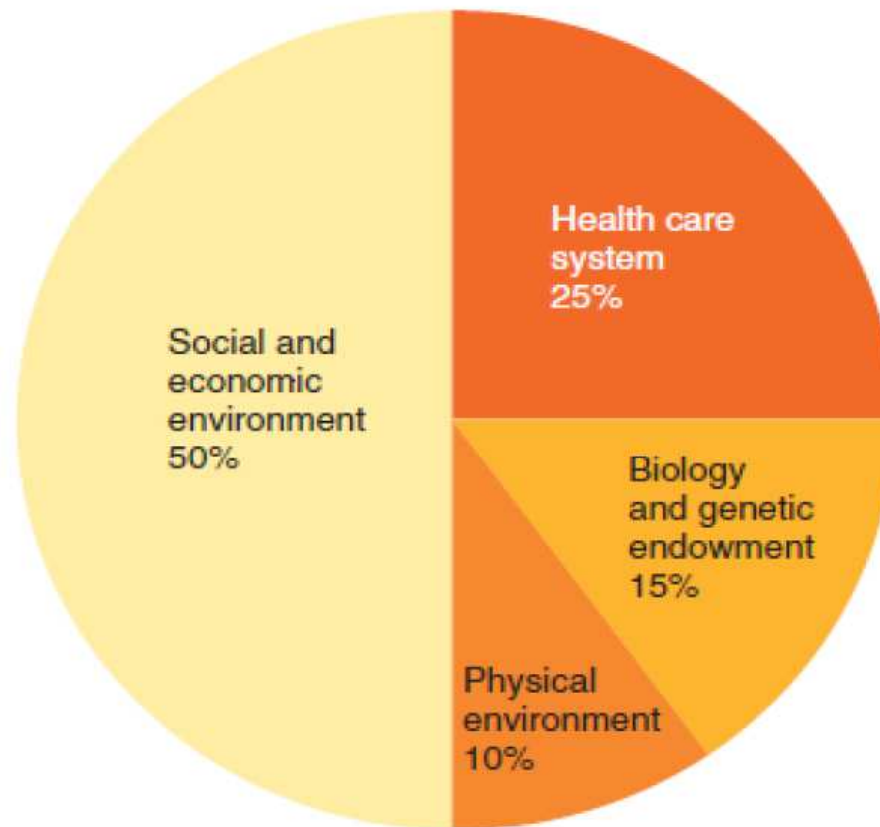
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Impact on Health



(Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, 2002)

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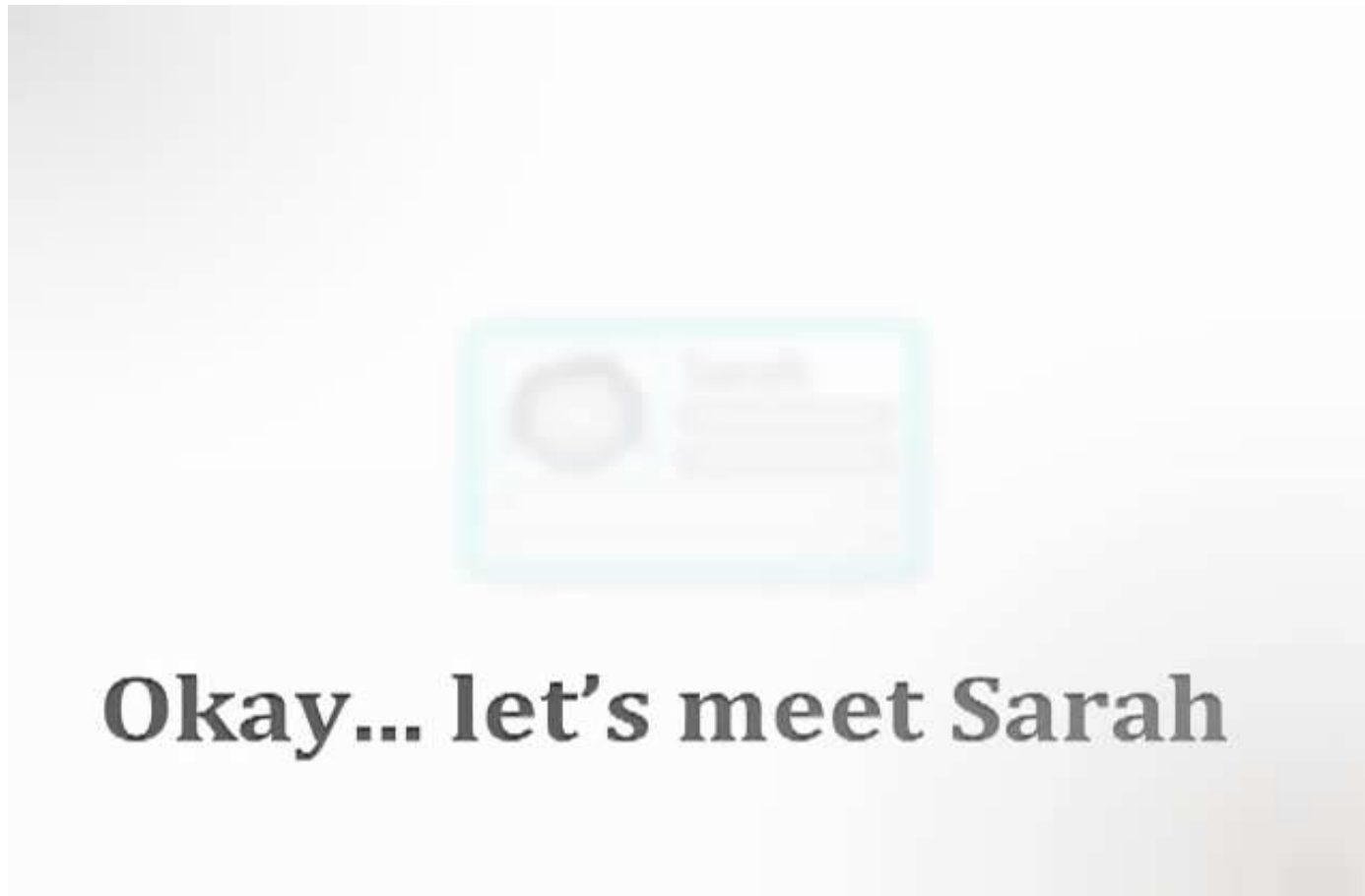
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Sarah's Story



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Hamilton Facts

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Hamilton Facts

- Poverty exists in every postal code of the city, ranging from a low of 5% to a high of 46%

(Social Planning and Research Council (SPRC), 2013)

- 78,000 people (or 16%) in the City of Hamilton are low-income, slightly more than is seen at the provincial (15%) or national (15%) level.

(Statistics Canada, 2012)



Hamilton's Children

- 24,000 children (or 22%) in the City of Hamilton are low-income, more than is seen at the provincial (20%) or national (19%) level.

(Statistics Canada, 2012)

- There are enough children relying on food banks every month to fill 270 Hamilton classrooms.

(Khanna and Cooper, 2014)

- “Children living in poverty tend to attain lower levels of education and are more likely to live in poverty as adults.”

(Conference Board of Canada, 2013)



Equality is...



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What is Public Health Doing?

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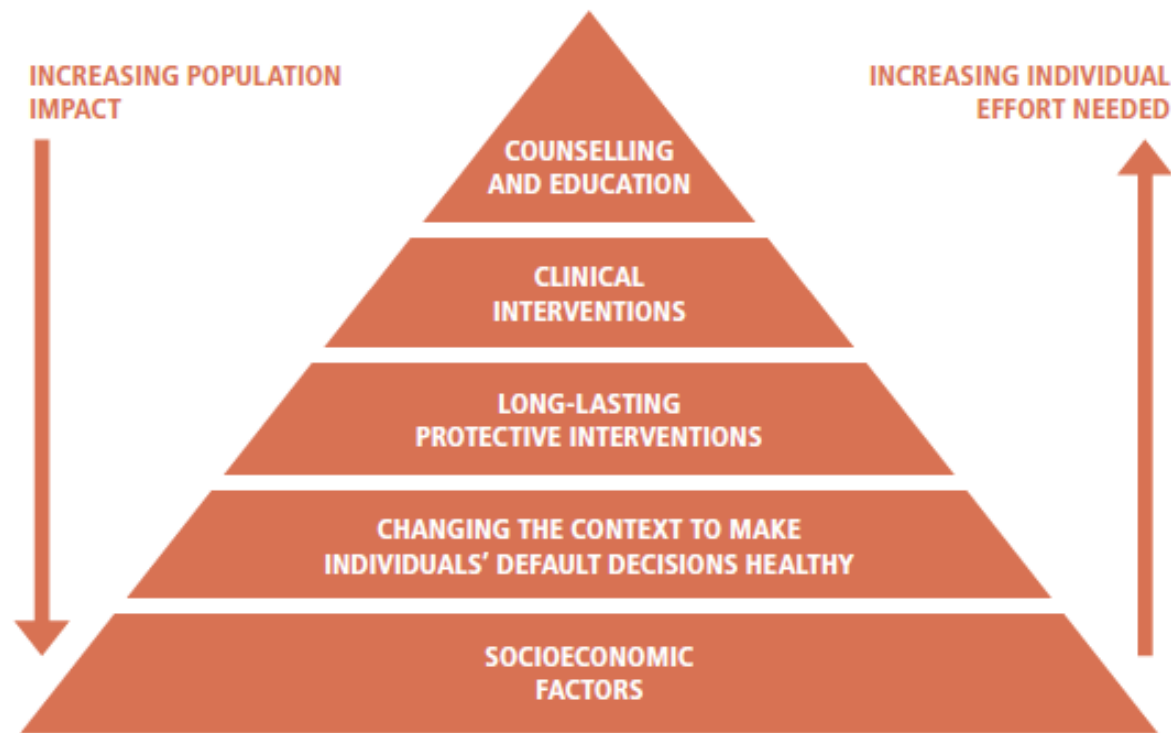
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Department Operational Work Plan Approach

The Health Impact Pyramid



Frieden TR. A framework for public health action: The health impact pyramid. Am J Public Health 2010; 100(4): 590-595.

The Healthy Smiles Ontario Program

- We talked with our clients
- Modifications were made to the Program's operation
- A targeted communication plan was created
- Goal is to reach more eligible Hamilton children



Canada Learning Bond Project “Hamilton Style”

- Federal program offers up to \$ 2000 per child for education savings
- Unique project created in Hamilton
- To date we helped 311 children from low income families to save up to \$2000 each (total maximum of \$622,000)



Shared Prosperity

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Shared Prosperity

- Health is more than just health care
- We all play a role
- Collective solutions reduce barriers effectively
- Decisions and policies affect everyone



We Can Re-Write Sarah's Story



**We can rewrite
Sarah's story**

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“Where systematic differences in health are judged to be avoidable by reasonable action they are, quite simply, unfair.”

World Health Organization, 2008

