

Economic & Racial Inequity is a Public Health Crisis

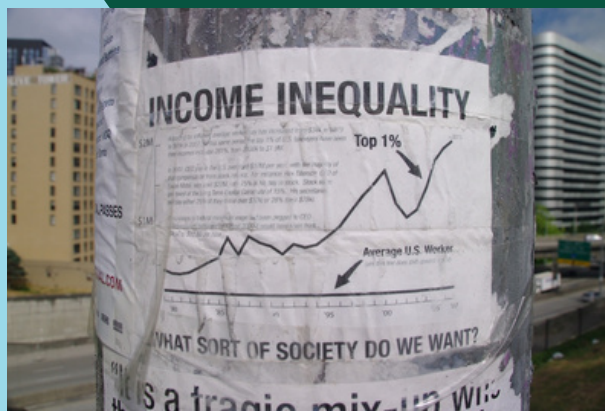
WPSR's Economic Inequity & Health program work on two upstream policy areas that have foundational impacts on community health and wellbeing: progressive taxation and preventing and ending homelessness.

Progressive Taxation

Why is tax a health issue? Taxes fund the public programs that support health. Affordable housing, healthcare, childcare, education, and social safety net services are all funded by tax dollars. Washington has the most regressive tax system in the country, meaning those with the least pay the most. Our Economic Inequity & Health program works right our upside-down tax code by advocating for policies that raise progressive revenue, redistribute concentrated wealth, and invest in the health of our communities for generations to come.

Homelessness & Health

Homelessness is a health issue: over 70% of people who are chronically homeless struggle with health conditions like mental illness, substance use disorders, and significant physical disabilities. Homelessness can cause extreme trauma, and is a risk factor for many chronic illnesses. Care for chronically homeless populations must include access to stable housing. Our program advocates for policies that get and keep people housed, including tenant protections, investments in affordable housing and rental assistance funds, and more.



WPSR's Economic Inequity Task Force

WPSR's Economic Inequity & Health Task Force uses the voices and expertise of health professionals to educate, advocate, and collaborate with community partners to address the poor and uneven health outcomes caused by racial and economic inequities.

The Task Force gathers monthly to learn about the root causes of poor and unequal health outcomes, develop advocacy plans, and take collective action on policy, especially during the WA state legislative session.

You can often find WPSR task force members writing op-eds and letters to the editor, testifying at public hearings, giving presentations, developing educational resources, and influencing decision-makers on public health policies.

If you are interested in learning more, please email us at wpsr@wpsr.org!

"WPSR health professionals are able to offer very specific examples that they have seen in their work and also to address issues from both a clinical and a moral imperative, and legislators listen. The impact is significant."

Learn more, take action, and become a member at www.wpsr.org

IT'S A FACT:

Economic inequality drives poor health, and more equal societies have lower mortality, longer lives, and better well-being.

WPSR advocates for policies that address the root causes of inequity and protect the health of individuals & communities, and society.



Our Mission

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility engages the community to create a healthy, peaceful, just and sustainable world.

Our Vision

We envision a world where all live healthy lives free from the threats of nuclear war, global climate catastrophe and injustice.

Our Practices

WPSR strives to transparency in all we do, and are proud to have a Platinum rating from Guidestar for transparency, and to be accredited by the Better Business Bureau of Washington.

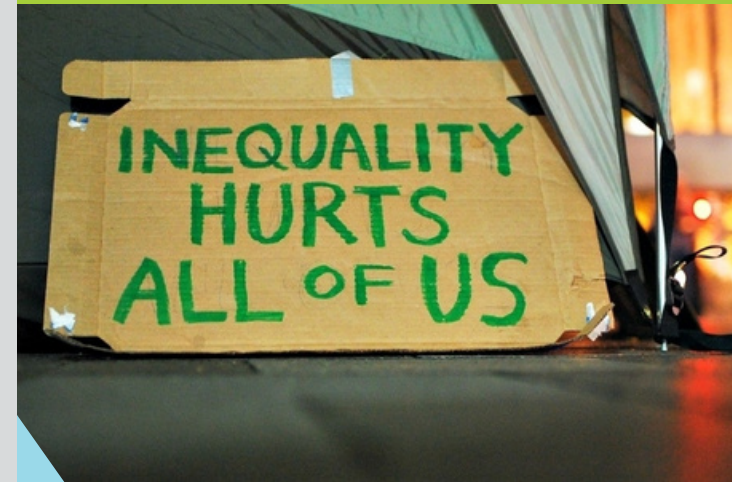
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Economic Inequity & Health



WPSR's program on Economic Inequity and Health seeks to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities through policies that create a more fair & just economy in Washington