

Title: Utilizing Community Partnerships to Address Social Determinants of Health: How the Social Isolation, Loneliness, and Connection Collaborative is Impacting the Loneliness Epidemic

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Aims: Utilizing the Action Guide by Healthy Places by Design to foster community partnerships in addressing social isolation and loneliness as well as other SDOH to improve population health and reduce health disparities.

This study explores the role of community partnerships developed from the Social Isolation, Loneliness, and Connection Collaborative (SILCC) in addressing SDOH, with a specific focus on social isolation and loneliness. The SILCC initiative brings together diverse stakeholders, including healthcare providers, community organizations, and policymakers, to combat social isolation and loneliness, which are significant Social Determinants of Health impacting mental and physical health.

Background: The Social Isolation, Loneliness, and Connection Collaborative was established to create a dedicated space for community leaders to convene, share insights, and develop strategic partnerships aimed at mitigating the pervasive issues of social isolation and loneliness. This initiative recognizes the profound impact these conditions have on individual well-being and community health. By fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders, the Collaborative seeks to implement innovative solutions that enhance social connections and support networks. This poster will outline the Collaborative's objectives, key activities, and initial outcomes, highlighting the importance of a united effort in addressing social isolation and loneliness. Through this initiative, we aim to build resilient communities where every individual feels connected and supported.

Method: Program-Examines the effectiveness of community partnerships and collaboration in fostering social connections.

Content-Key factors include strong leadership, use of the Action Guide, shared goals, resource sharing, and community involvement.

Participants-Over 40 community leaders/ organizations

Results: Community Partnerships and Collaborations address SDOH such as social isolation and loneliness by leveraging collective resources and expertise. SILCC has resulted in the successful development of multiple collaborative programs to include an intergenerational program supporting aging adults and elementary students, as well as a program that supports veterans.

Conclusion: The findings suggest that community partnerships, exemplified by SILCC, can effectively address SDOH by leveraging collective resources and expertise in health and social systems.