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American Cancer Society
Midwest Division

Addressing Cancer Disparities

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American Cancer Society Mission

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization **dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem** by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through **research, education, advocacy, and service.**

Nationwide Objective - Disparities

Eliminate the disparities in cancer burdens among population groups by:

- Reducing age-adjusted cancer incidence and mortality rates
- Improving quality of life of the poor and underserved.

Why prioritize Disparities?

American Cancer Society's mission is to save lives
Unequal cancer burden:

- Differences in incidence
- Differences in mortality

Social Determinants/Influencing Factors

- Race and ethnicity
- Education
- Income
- Social class
- Geographic location

Disparities Reduction

The American Cancer Society is committed to reducing cancer health disparities and ensuring equal access to cancer health resources and services.

- Build community capacity through partnership, resource allocation and mobilization.
- Educate communities on the importance of prevention and early detection.
- Partner with systems to increase screening rates for breast, cervical and colorectal cancers.
- Advocate on behalf of medically underserved population groups

If you seek...

Information
Support & Resources
Education
Partnership

American Cancer Society is here!

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Health Equity

- Screening and early detection can save lives.
- Equal access to high quality health care resources regardless of income, education, race, geographic location is critical.

**American Cancer Society
is committed to the fight to
save lives!**

Thank you!

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