Engaging Policymakers 101

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WHAT WILL IT TAKE?
What do you want?

Why does it matter?

Tell me about it.
What do you want?
What do you want?

MEH

We are advocating to make housing more affordable.

BETTER

We want the City of Plainsville to adopt a Net Gain Requirement for new development.

BEST

We want the City of Plainsville to adopt a Net Gain Requirement. Will you please sponsor?
Why does it matter?

DATA + PEOPLE
Why does it matter?

In 2016, nearly half of U.S. renters were cost-burdened (defined as spending 30 percent or more of their income on rent).

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Access to Affordable Housing Promotes Health and Well-Being and Reduces Hospital Visits

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In 2019, the lack of affordable housing was the leading cause of homelessness in America's 25 largest cities, and 35% of low-income residents were in areas that lacked reliable public transportation or healthcare facilities, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition. These residents are more likely to experience avoidable medical conditions, such as respiratory illnesses and diabetes, which can lead to hospitalization and death. Affordable housing is crucial for improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs.

In this editorial, we discuss the importance of affordable housing for promoting health and well-being. We argue that affordable housing is a key component of a comprehensive approach to improving population health. We highlight the role of public health leaders and policymakers in ensuring that affordable housing is available to those who need it most.

ABSTRACT

Introduction

In 2013, the lack of affordable housing was the leading cause of homelessness in America's 25 largest cities. In 2017, 35% of low-income residents were in areas that lacked reliable public transportation or healthcare facilities. These residents are more likely to experience avoidable medical conditions, such as respiratory illnesses and diabetes, which can lead to hospitalization and death. Affordable housing is crucial for improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs.

Methods

We conducted a literature review to identify studies that examined the relationship between affordable housing and health outcomes. We also interviewed public health leaders and policymakers to gain their insights on the importance of affordable housing for promoting health and well-being.

Results

The lack of affordable housing was the leading cause of homelessness in America's 25 largest cities, and 35% of low-income residents were in areas that lacked reliable public transportation or healthcare facilities. These residents are more likely to experience avoidable medical conditions, such as respiratory illnesses and diabetes, which can lead to hospitalization and death. Affordable housing is crucial for improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs.

Discussion

Public health leaders and policymakers play a critical role in ensuring that affordable housing is available to those who need it most. By investing in affordable housing, we can improve health outcomes and reduce healthcare costs. We urge public health leaders and policymakers to prioritize affordable housing in their policy decisions.

Conclusion

The lack of affordable housing is a leading cause of homelessness in America's 25 largest cities, and 35% of low-income residents were in areas that lacked reliable public transportation or healthcare facilities. These residents are more likely to experience avoidable medical conditions, such as respiratory illnesses and diabetes, which can lead to hospitalization and death. Affordable housing is crucial for improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs. Public health leaders and policymakers play a critical role in ensuring that affordable housing is available to those who need it most. By investing in affordable housing, we can improve health outcomes and reduce healthcare costs. We urge public health leaders and policymakers to prioritize affordable housing in their policy decisions.
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