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MISSATTRIBUTION OF THE POLICY PROBLEM
WHAT WE FOCUS ON

WHAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON
DISINVESTMENT AND STRUCTURAL RACISM IN POLICIES LED TO SEGREGATION
REGIONAL SOLUTIONS ARE REQUIRED

• Use multiple policy strategies in combination AND
• Attack systems of competition AND
• Reduce barriers resulting from boundaries (or students “stuck in place”) AND
• Require attentiveness to regional inequities through governance and resources
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COVID-19 CASE RATE IS 4.4X HIGHER FOR BLACKS
Compared to Whites in Monroe County 6/15/2020, age-adjusted

Source: University of Rochester Medical Center – Center for Community Health and Prevention
POVERTY CUTS LIVES SHORT

Source: American Community Survey (left); New York State Department of Health Vital Stats
MENTAL HEALTH

Residents with the lowest incomes have

3x feelings of helplessness

4x significant anger

4x self-destructive behavior

Source: My Health Story Survey 2018, Common Ground Health. Data is from the nine-county Finger Lakes region of New York.
MENTAL HEALTH DETERIORATES UNDER SOCIOECONOMIC BURDENS

% OF ADULTS WITH FAIR OR POOR MENTAL HEALTH

- 10% Adequate Income
- 24% Low Income
- 44% Unsafe Neighborhood
- 54% Transportation Barriers

Source: My Health Story survey 2018; analysis by Common Ground Health
THE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE COLLABORATIVE