

Syndemics and the Syndemic Framework to Substance Misuse Prevention

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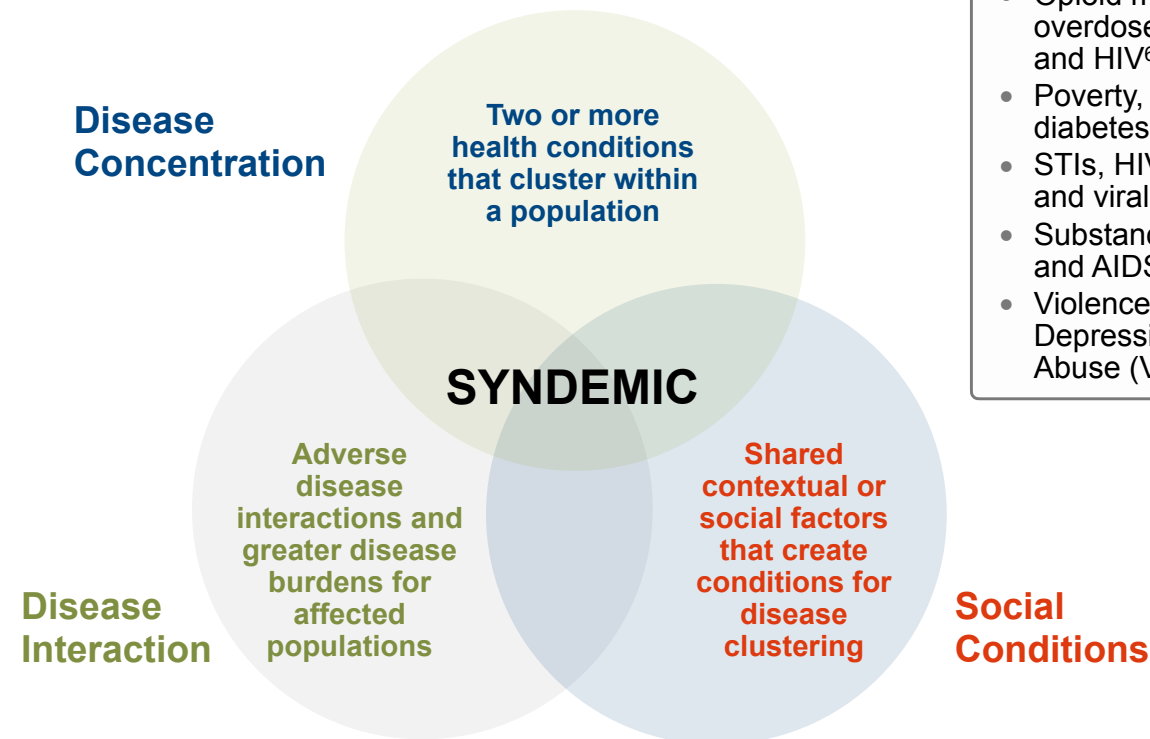
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WHAT ARE SYNDEMICS?

A “syndemic” refers to two or more co-occurring epidemics that have shared causes and compounding negative effects. For example, opioid misuse, HIV, and Hepatitis collectively form a syndemic.¹ Although “syndemic” terminology may be new, prevention professionals are acutely aware of comorbid conditions and already place special emphasis on better serving those individuals.

THE THREE CRITERIA FOR SYNDEMICS²



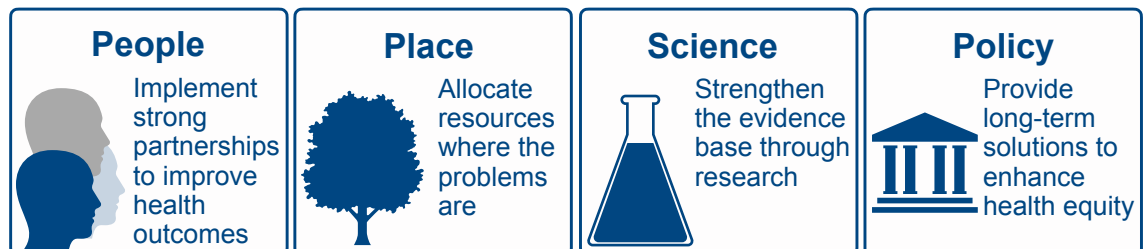
COMMON SYNDEMICS

- COVID-19 and substance use disorders³
- Methamphetamine use, HIV, and mental health issues⁴
- Obesity, undernutrition, and climate change⁵
- Opioid misuse and overdoses, viral hepatitis, and HIV⁶
- Poverty, depression, and diabetes⁷
- STIs, HIV, substance use, and viral hepatitis⁸
- Substance Abuse, Violence, and AIDS (SAVA)⁹
- Violence, Immigration, Depression, Diabetes, and Abuse (VIDDA)¹⁰

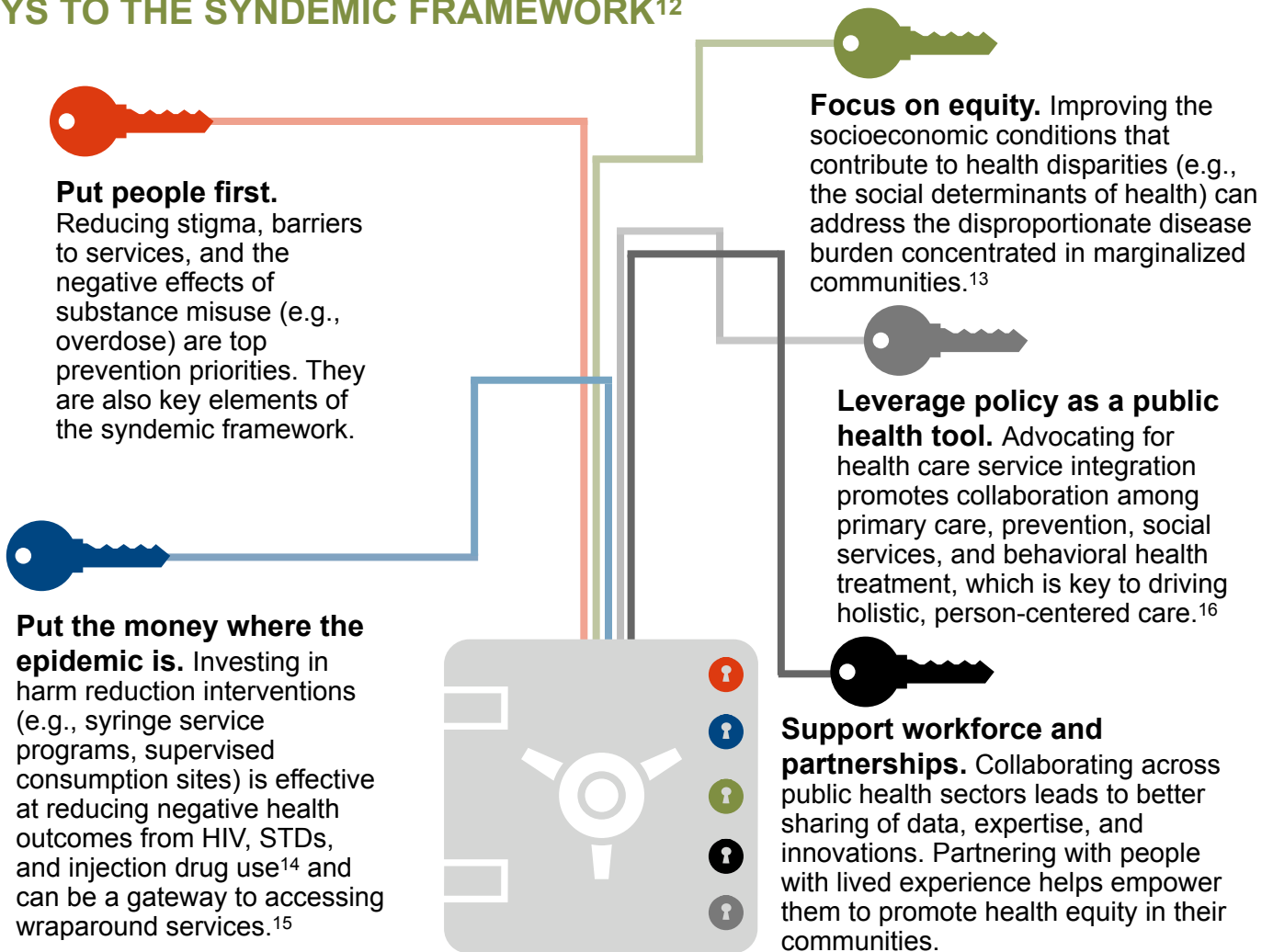
WHAT IS THE SYNDEMIC FRAMEWORK?

The syndemic framework is a public health service delivery construct that aims to better address the shared risk factors of epidemics. It can help organize resources, promote collaboration, and enact strategies. The syndemic framework offers a fresh perspective on the significance of person-centered, cross-sector service coordination and delivery.

The Framework Emphasizes...¹¹



KEYS TO THE SYNDEMIC FRAMEWORK¹²



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