

# Potholes in the Way of Progress: Opportunities for Improving the Health of the Public

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# Potholes



Community  
Outreach

Criminal Justice

Healthcare System  
& Insurance

Data

Racial & Gender  
Discrimination

Leadership

# Social Determinants

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- Education
- Housing
- Income
- Race
- Environment

# POTHOLE



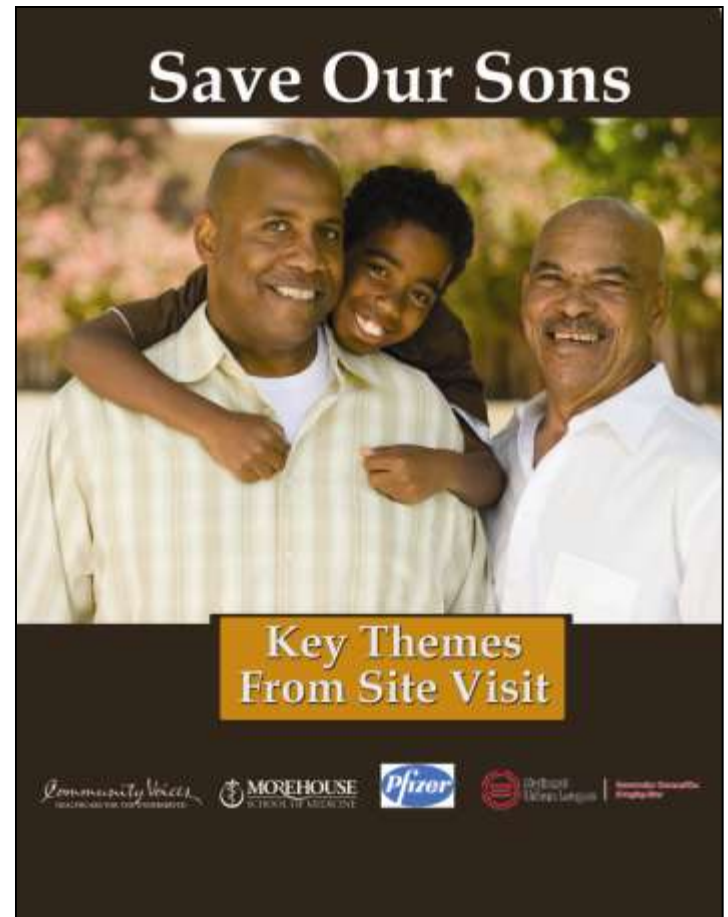
- ISOLATION of Public Health Systems

# Community Partnerships



- National Urban League
- Community Voices Sites
- Georgia Justice Project
- Forever Family

# Community Voices and The National Urban League



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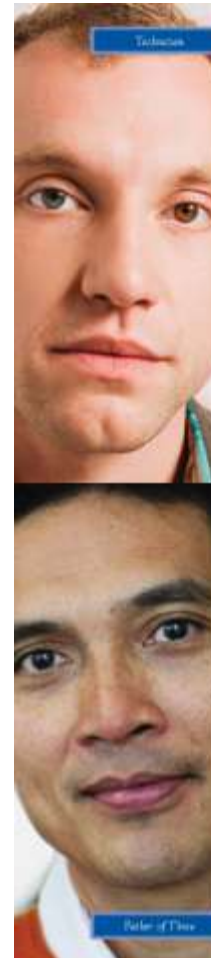


- Save Our Sons
- Obesity Diabetes Reduction
- Remarkable Woman That's You

# First Health Community Voices North Carolina

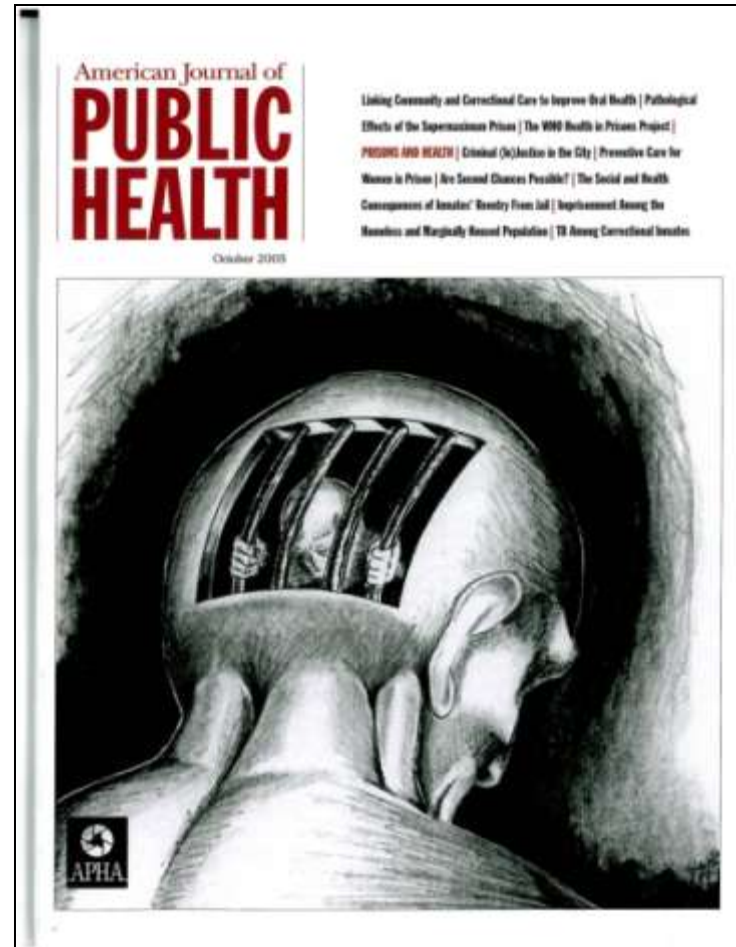
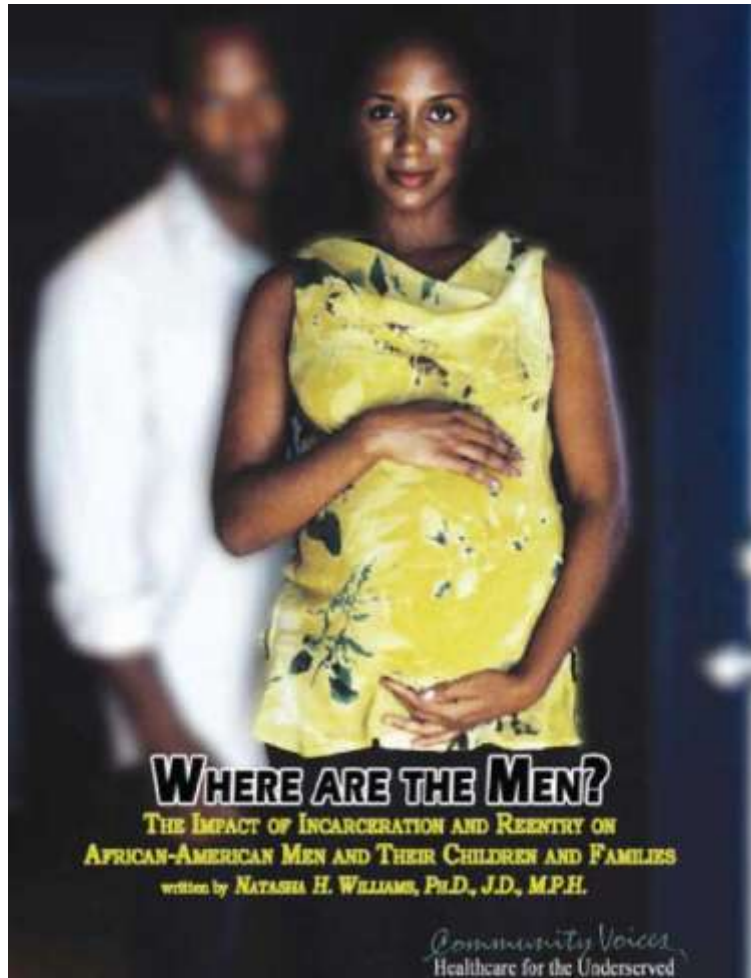
2007 North Carolina  
Men's Health Report Card

Community Voices  
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North Carolina Men's Health					
Chronic Disease	NC Men 1999-2006	NC Men 2000-2006	Trend	US Men 2005	Grade
<b>Heart disease deaths per 100,000*</b>					
NC	214.4	214.5	E	290.6	C
WVPA	197.1	201.2	E	242.9	C
Midwest	243.4	254.5	F	301.4	D
<b>Cardiovascular disease deaths per 100,000*</b>					
NC	14.8	15.0	E	24.5	F
WVPA	13.2	13.6	E	11.7	F
Midwest	19.2	19.9	E	19.1	F
<b>Lung cancer deaths per 100,000*</b>					
NC	98.9	96.0	C	11.7	F
WVPA	86.8	84.1	E	71.0	D
Midwest	11.3	10.0	E	75.1	F
<b>Chronic lower respiratory disease deaths per 100,000*</b>					
NC	11.1	10.9	E	11.0	D
WVPA	14.7	12.0	E	13.8	C
Midwest	14.7	11.0	C	14.1	F
<b>Diabetes deaths per 100,000*</b>					
NC	21.8	20.1	E	19.0	C
WVPA	13.3	14.9	E	17.0	C
Midwest	30.2	34.6	F	41.0	F
<b>Colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000*</b>					
NC	11.2	11.8	E	11.9	C
WVPA	11.9	11.4	E	11.4	C
Midwest	24.2	25.0	F	16.2	D
<b>Prostate cancer deaths per 100,000*</b>					
NC	11.0	11.0	E	16.9	D
WVPA	10.5	14.0	E	14.4	C
Midwest	18.4	17.0	F	11.2	F
<b>2002 2005 2005</b>					
<b>Percentage aged 18+ with diabetes*</b>					
NC	6.4%	8.5%	F	8.8%	C
WVPA	4.0%	5.2%	F	7.7%	C
Midwest	9.3%	11.0%	F	11.0%	D
<b>Percentage aged 18+ who are obese (BMI 30.0+)*</b>					
NC	23.5%	25.1%	E	14.9%	C
WVPA	21.7%	24.7%	F	14.5%	C
Midwest	25.4%	31.0%	F	25.9%	C
<b>Percentage told by a doctor that they have asthma*</b>					
NC	12.2%	13.5%	E	10.7%	D
WVPA	8.8%	9.5%	E	10.7%	D
Midwest	10.3%	10.1%	E	10.0%	C
<b>2003 2005 2005</b>					
<b>Percentage aged 18+ with high blood pressure*</b>					
NC	31.2%	31.0%	E	26.2%	C
WVPA	30.1%	29.1%	E	26.0%	C
Midwest	31.4%	30.7%	E	31.2%	D
<b>Percentage aged 18+ with high cholesterol*</b>					
NC	31.2%	31.0%	E	31.2%	C
WVPA	34.8%	34.9%	E	30.2%	C
Midwest	31.8%	34.7%	E	31.5%	D

# POTHOLE - Incarceration: The Criminal Justice System



# Incarcerated or Under Supervision: United States

- 1 out of every 100 American adults is incarcerated (Pew 2008)
  - For men aged 20-34, the figure is 1 in 30
  - For African-American men aged 20-34, the figure is 1 in 9
  
- 1 in 31 Americans is under some form of correctional supervision (prison, jail, probation, parole) (Pew 2009)

# Significance of the Demographic (Seismic) Shift

- The populations mentioned above had to have jobs with insurance to the degree that the White population had (or did, before the economic downturn).
- The health care system was designed for a different population (that largely had traditional insurance)

# POTHOLE - Data

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- “Race/ Ethnicity and Language Data: Standardization for Health Care Quality Improvement” – Report from the Institute of Medicine (2009)

# Disproportionate Burden of Disease

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- The risk factors and incidence, morbidity, and mortality rates for the top ten diseases and injuries often are greater among African Americans than among Whites.

# POTHOLE - Parallel Perilous Paths

- Juvenile Justice Facilities & Prisons have become the major health care providers for African American Men and Increasingly African- American women – a shocking indictment of the health care system as we know it today.

# Health Care Reform

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- EXPANSION OF MEDICAID – Single Adults

# Health Care Reform

## “ The Public Option ”

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### Four Basic Strategies:

- Strengthen current coverage arrangements;
- Improve the affordability of coverage;
- Improve the availability of coverage;
- Change the tax treatment and financing of health insurance.

# Leadership- POTHOLE

- “There is nothing more powerful than inspirational leadership that unleashes principled behavior for a great cause, said Dov. Seidman, the C .E.O. of LRN, which helps companies build ethical cultures, and the author of the book “How.” What makes a company or a government “sustainable,” he added, is not when it adds more coercive rules and regulations to control behaviors. “It is when its employees or citizens are propelled by values and principles to do the right things, no matter how difficult the situation,” inspire in your what your can do. Values inspire in you what you should do. It’s a leader’s job to inspire in us those values.” ... Dov Seidman in “How”

# For More Information ...



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