The Partners for Advancing Health Equity Collaborative hosted the 2022 Summit, *On the Front Lines of Equity & Justice*, December 4-6, 2022. The Summit brought together leaders in health equity and justice to foster collaboration across sectors, and to promote action in advancing health equity in research, practice, and policy. This report provides a synthesis of key takeaways from the session, *Health & Place: Building a Framework for Health Equity.*

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Key Takeaways

Transform vacant lots to increase safety and diminish feelings of neglect within a neighborhood.
Cleaning vacant properties reduces firearm violence significantly, among other benefits. Preliminary evidence from programs in New Orleans shows an increase in sense of community and collective efficacy among residents. The program slowed increases in substance use and intimate partner violence, and treated areas had greater reports of safety. Residents perceive that abandoned properties attract negative behavior and contribute to a feeling of disinvestment or neglect from the city within their neighborhoods. To combat this, city programs should work to repair vacant lots and buildings or repurpose them for other neighborhood purposes.

Use collective impact strategies to effectively shift development policy and promote resident stability.
Housing stability is a major contributor to health outcomes, and community connectivity is helpful in addressing the health and safety needs of residents, from maternal healthcare to mutual aid during natural disasters. Many development projects, including short-term rentals, can disrupt the neighborhood social cohesion and cause displacement. In order to shift development policies and behaviors, cities should promote collective impact initiatives and resident-led building groups.

Take a wide-ranging approach to health data collection and reporting.
Organizations can provide the most comprehensive information when their data comes from diverse sources. Rather than outlining specific data priorities, researchers must allow new data to inform solutions as it arises. Organizations can magnify their reporting impact by encouraging local leaders to share information at a neighborhood level. Getting community members engaged in the data collection process allows for hyper-local data which can notify residents of potential health hazards on a timely basis and inform local health authorities.

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