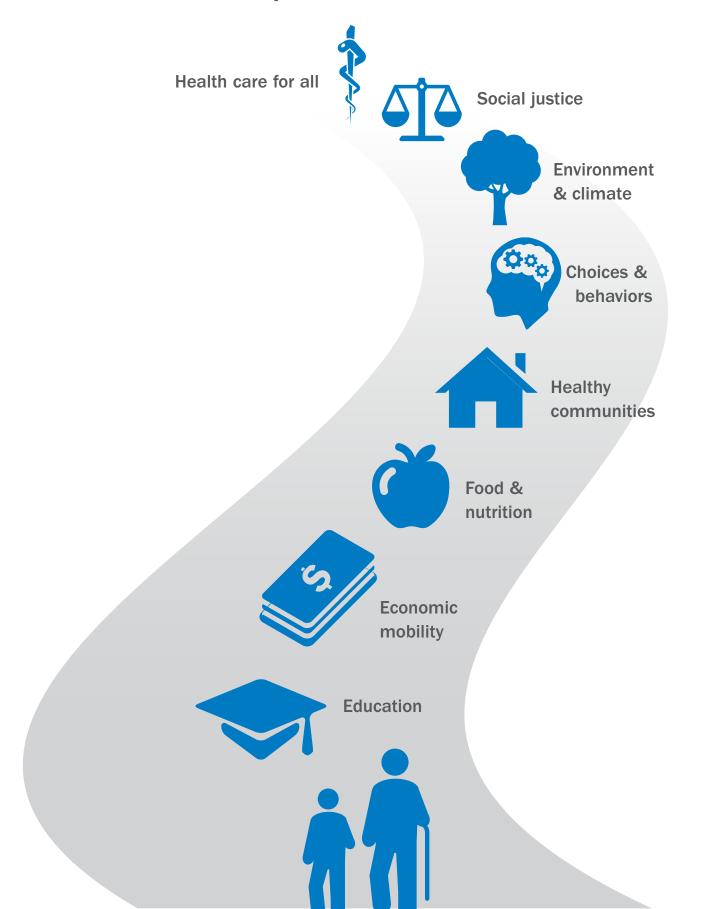
# **Building community ties to strengthen public health**

For the first time since 1993, **U.S. life expectancy** has declined, while other countries are still improving. It's up to all of us to start moving in the right direction.



Our health is affected by more than just health care. As we **move toward prevention**, we can achieve **health for all**.



**Prevention** is everyone's job. It takes the **entire community** to address the **social**, **environmental** and **behavioral factors** that **impact our health**. Here's how **we can work together**.



# **EDUCATION SYSTEM**

- Promote school-based health centers
- Support free and reduced-price meal programs



### **COMMUNITY PLANNING**

- Create safe, walkable, rollable, drivable, accessible communities
- Promote safe, affordable mixed-use housing with access to transportation and services



# **FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

- Educate and offer opportunities for healthy choices and behaviors within congregations
- Provide disaster relief, cooling stations and alternative emergency shelter services



### **BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

- Promote a living wage
- Support universal paid family leave and sick days



#### JUSTICE SYSTEM

- Encourage mental health sensitivity and support community policing strategies
- Offer violence prevention efforts and common-sense gun safety regulations

# It's time to get involved



There are so many new potential partners with a stake in the fight to **create the healthiest nation**.

Visit apha.org/HealthiestNation to join the movement.

