Health equity is achieved when all people in a community have access to affordable, inclusive and quality infrastructure and services that, despite historical and contemporary injustices, allows them to reach their full health potential.

The SHIP identifies three priority factors and three priority health outcomes that affect the overall health and wellbeing of children, families and adults of all ages.

What shapes our health and wellbeing?
Many factors, including these SHIP priority factors:

- Community conditions:
  - Housing affordability and quality
  - Poverty
  - K-12 student success
  - Adverse childhood experiences

- Health behaviors:
  - Tobacco/nicotine use
  - Nutrition
  - Physical activity

- Access to care:
  - Health insurance coverage
  - Local access to healthcare providers
  - Unmet need for mental health care

How will we know if health is improving in Ohio?
The SHIP is designed to track and improve these priority health outcomes:

- Mental health and addiction:
  - Depression
  - Suicide
  - Youth drug use
  - Drug overdose deaths

- Chronic disease:
  - Heart disease
  - Diabetes
  - Childhood conditions (asthma, lead)

- Maternal and infant health:
  - Preterm births
  - Infant mortality
  - Maternal morbidity

All Ohioans achieve their full health potential:
- Improved health status
- Reduced premature death

Vision
Ohio is a model of health, wellbeing and economic vitality

Strategies
The SHIP provides state and local partners with a menu of effective policies and programs to improve Ohio’s performance on these priorities.

* These factors are sometimes referred to as the social determinants of health or the social drivers of health