

ABSTRACT

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Title: A STUDY EXAMINING THE SCREENING PRACTICES AND RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE CENTERS OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

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While disparities in the American health care system are continuing to receive increased recognition, less attention is given to the specific social determinants impacting women's health worldwide. Through a review of the existing literature, the following student study addresses the many social determinants of health (SDOH) that affect women, specifically women in poverty impacted communities. Additionally, this study examines some of the local SDOH screening practices amongst women centered health care agencies within New Haven, CT. Lastly, this study provides health care providers and patients with community-based resources addressing some common SDOH. An analysis of five health agencies that include women's services in New Haven found that all of the surveyed agencies do indeed screen for many SDOH as well as provide community-based resources for said SDOH. However, given the small sample size of this study, conclusive findings could not be reached. The student recommends increased research focusing on SDOH screening and referral processes, as well as increased social work interventions.