States of Despair: Understanding Declining Life Expectancy in the United States

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WHAT’S CAUSING REDUCED U.S. LIFE EXPECTANCY?

• “Deaths of Despair”
  – Drugs
    • Opioid Use Disorder
  – Alcohol
  – Suicide
• Obesity
• Leveling off in decreased mortality from heart disease & cancer

*When it comes to health, the United States is far from being united.*

FEDERAL AGENCY OPPORTUNITIES

- Discretionary Spending (examples)
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- Mandatory Spending
  - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
    - Payment policy
    - Delivery models
    - Quality metrics
    - Quality improvement organizations

NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTIONS

- Gubernatorial Elections in 36 states and 3 territories

- Opportunity to focus new state leaders on prevention, public health, and primary care

- Promote bidirectional flow of information between federal government and states as evidenced-based policies, programs, and activities are implemented