

# What is Health Equity & Social Justice?

## Health Equity

*That everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible*

## Social Justice

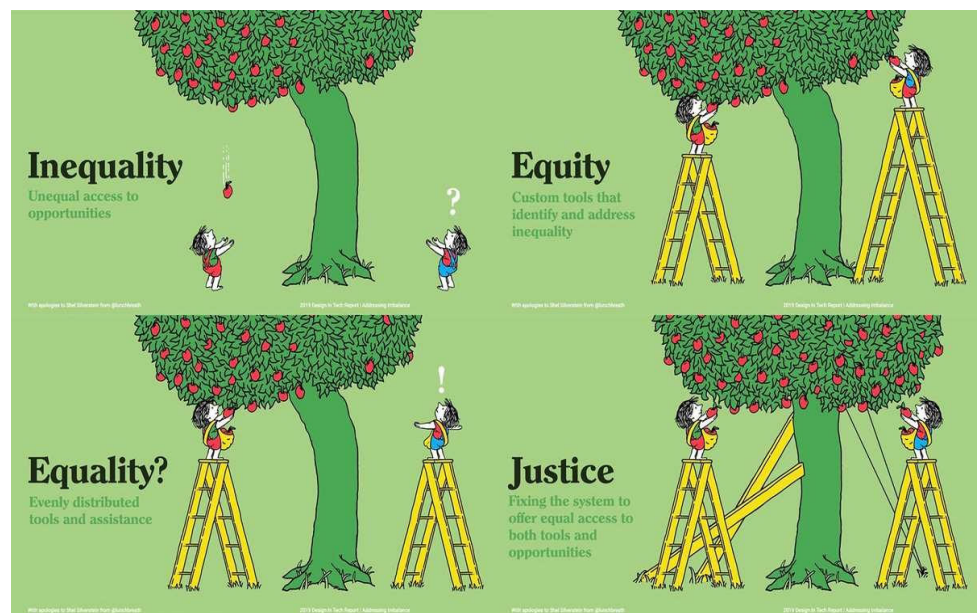
The view that everyone deserves equal rights and opportunities, including the right to good health

Health equity arises from access to the social determinants of health, specifically from wealth, power, and prestige. Achieving health equity requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality housing and education, safe environments, and health care. Social justice is long-term equity- it seeks to create equity in systems as well as individuals

### SCPHD and health equity:

SCPHD aims to integrate health equity into all department programs and policies and takes the following actions to promote equity in our community:

- Equity and cultural competencies trainings
- Include the population served when developing new programs
- Advocate for consideration of health equity in community policies



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