

SSDH EXPLAINER

PURPOSE

To help users understand FBA conditions through structure, not behavior. Structures are the environments and systems that shape FBA life outcomes.

SSDH = Social & Structural Determinants of Health

THE SIX SSDH DOMAINS

1. Economic Stability

Employment access, wage conditions, wealth accumulation, asset protection, and exposure to exploitation.

2. Education Access & Quality

School funding, curriculum exclusion, discriminatory discipline, district boundaries, and educational opportunity loss.

3. Healthcare Access & Quality

Availability of care, treatment bias, insurance barriers, mortality patterns, and medical exploitation.

4. Neighborhood & Built Environment

Housing stability, environmental hazards, transit access, safety conditions, zoning decisions, and land loss.

5. Social & Community Belonging

Trust networks, community ties, intergenerational stability, and the impact of surveillance and displacement.

6. Governance & Policy

Laws, policies, administrative practices, and institutional frameworks that historically targeted or excluded FBAs.

WHAT SSDH IS NOT

- ✗ behavior
- ✗ culture
- ✗ personal choice
- ✗ morality

WHY SSDH MUST BE LINEAGE-SPECIFIC

- Different historical exposures
- Different policy harms
- Different structural conditions
- Different public health patterns

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