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[In the Zone: State Strategies to Advance Health Equity by Investing in Community Health](#)

A closer look at models in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and Rhode Island

State investments in health systems transformation may fail to achieve their goals without a plan to address the persistent disparities in health status and outcomes that plague underserved communities. [A new brief and chart](#) from NASHP looks at how some states are building a number of cross-agency, multidisciplinary partnerships to reduce disparities and address the social determinants of health into larger health care delivery reforms. [This brief and chart](#) examine current and planned efforts in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and Rhode Island to address the social determinants of health by building local capacity and leveraging partnerships in targeted areas. [Read the full brief here](#).

[New Blog: Comprehensive Early Childhood Mental Health Systems to Improve Outcomes and Reduce Costs](#)

A [recent study](#) found mental health disorders to be the leading condition for U.S. health care costs. With many mental health disorders beginning by age 14, addressing mental health problems early among children, including very young children, is critical. [A new blog](#) describes examples of comprehensive state and community

strategies that recognize the importance of early childhood mental health as part of overall health and school readiness and success. The blog highlights themes from a [meeting](#) hosted by NASHP in partnership with the [Alliance for Early Success](#), including key factors identified as essential to addressing children's healthy social-emotional development.

[Registration is Now Open for NASHP's Annual State Health Policy Conference!](#)

Celebrating its 29th year, NASHP's Annual State Health Policy Conference is the premier event in the state health policy community that brings together leading public and private sector health policy professionals from across the country to address key topics, share best practices and help build connections. NASHP's Annual Conference will be held October 17-19, 2016, in Pittsburgh, PA. We are excited to announce our annual conference agenda and invite you to [register today](#)!

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