



Towards understanding the role of gambling and interactions with social determinants of health for Indigenous Peoples

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Social Determinants of Health

Social determinant of health – social factor affecting health & wellbeing

- Indicators & Influences
- Persistent health inequities
- Indigenous-specific social determinants of health
- Colonisation legacies
- Aim – to analyse several Indigenous-specific social determinants of health & Indigenous people's interactions with gambling.

1. Loss of land rights with subsequent migration and disconnection to cultural practices

- Migration
- Mobility
- Fragmentation
- Gambling:
- Transitions
- Stress
- Consequences

2. Poor health linked to poverty and economic disadvantage

- Scarcity
- Exploitation
- Negative stereotypes
- Accumulation of effects
- Gambling:
- Motivation to win
- Consequences

3. A general lack of understanding of Indigenous culture and world views

- Collective vs individualistic culture
- Relationships, responsibility, reciprocity , respect (4 R's)
- Cultural safety
- Gambling:
- Unregulated gambling
- Regulated gambling
- Attractive features
- Disadvantaged locations
- Consequences

4. Institutional and interpersonal racism

- Institutional racism, especially for those people removed from family & culture
- Contested views
- Interpersonal racism
- Impacts
- Gambling:
- Motivation to escape
- Social trauma
- Consequences

Conclusions

- Legacy of colonialism
- High levels of stress - associated with several Indigenous-specific determinants of health
- Seeking relief from disadvantage – associated with several Indigenous-specific determinants of health
- Potential value of using a combination of general social determinants and Indigenous-specific social determinants of health

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