

Health Barriers to Learning



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Children in the US face multiple barriers to care

Insurance Gaps

- More than 4 million kids still do not have insurance
- 5 million more are underinsured

Severe Health Provider Shortages

- 15 million kids live in healthcare deserts

Persistent Poverty

- Over 15 million kids live in poverty

Transportation Barriers

- Approximately 3.5 million low-income children's access to health care are affected by lack of affordable transportation

Language and Cultural issues



Health Barriers to Learning:

Untreated health conditions that undermine a child's ability to succeed in school



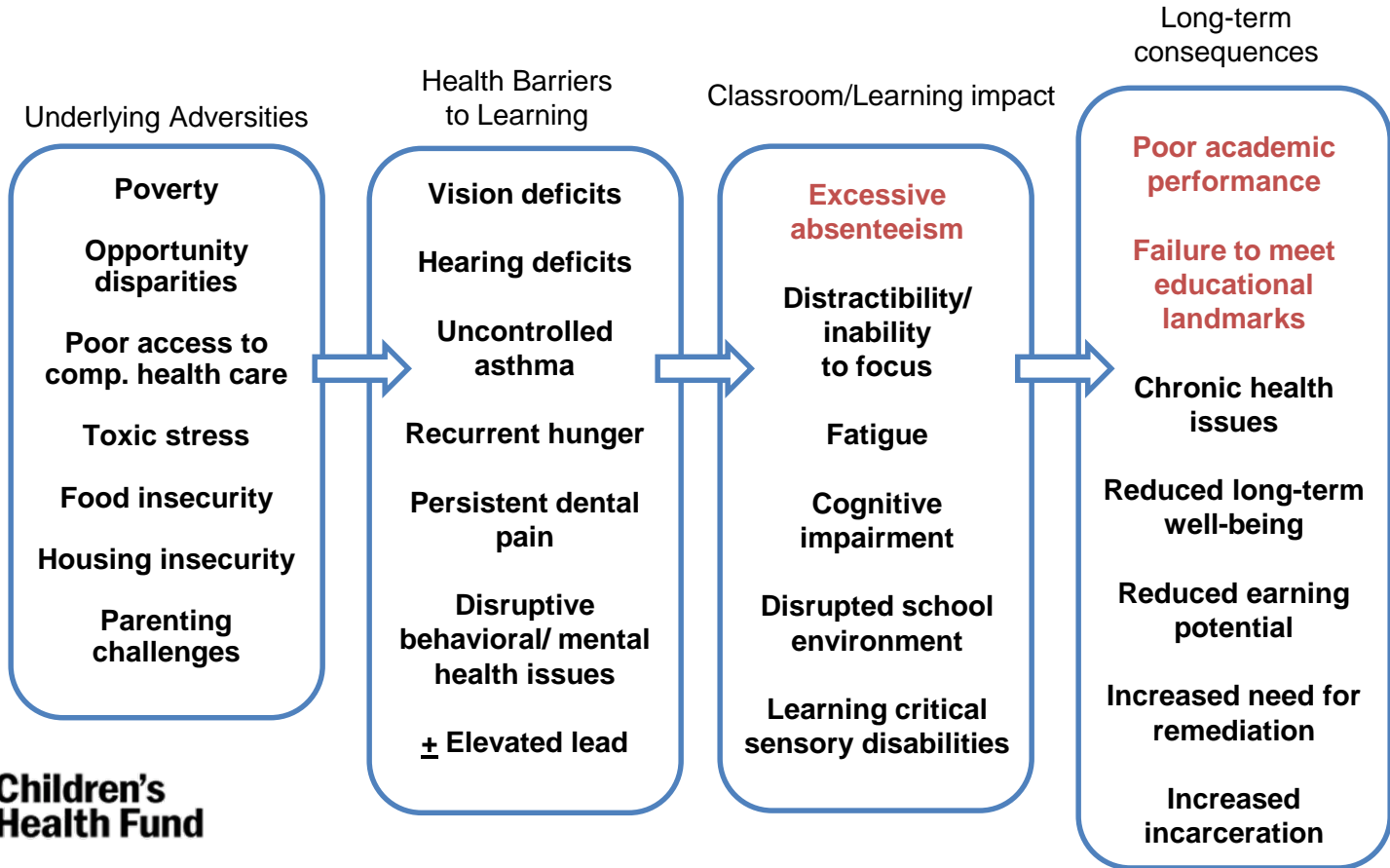
- Prevalent
- Fairly easy to identify through screening
- Treatable/manageable
- Evidence of impact on learning and educational outcomes

Health Barriers to Learning

- Uncontrolled asthma
- Uncorrected vision problems
- Uncorrected hearing problems
- Dental pain
- Persistent hunger
- Certain untreated mental health & behavioral problems
- Effects of lead exposure



Adversities, HBLs & Outcomes



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CHF Reports/Whitepapers

- Health Barriers to Learning: The Prevalence and Educational Consequences in Disadvantaged Children <https://www.childrenshealthfund.org/hbl-literature-review/>
- Unfinished Business: More Than 20 Million Children In the US Still Lack Sufficient Access to Essential Health Care <https://www.childrenshealthfund.org/unfinished-business/>
- Other CHF Advocacy publications: <https://www.childrenshealthfund.org/5405-2/>

CHF Articles

- Health barriers to learning: A survey of New York City public school leadership. Gracy, D., Grant, R., Goldsmith, G., Fabian, A., Peek, L., & Redlener, I. E. (2014). Thousand Oaks: Sage. doi:[10.1177/2158244013520613](https://doi.org/10.1177/2158244013520613).
- Health Barriers to Learning and the Education Opportunity Gap. Progress of Education Reform. Education Commission of the States. Vol 15 Issue 3 Basch, Charles E.; Gracy, Delaney; Johnson, Dennis; Fabian, Anupa. <https://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED558734>

Other Materials

- Is Your Child Healthy and Ready to Learn? Parent Education Brochure: <https://www.childrenshealthfund.org/healthy-and-ready-to-learn/>
- Health Barriers to Learning Screening Form: <https://www.childrenshealthfund.org/hrl-screening-form/>

