Grand Challenges Policy

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Organizing the Grand Challenges

- The Grand Challenges reflect three **Core Policy Domains**:
  - **Health** (Development, Family Violence, Health Gap, Productive Lives)
  - **Wellbeing** (Social Isolation, Homelessness, Changing Environment, Technology)
  - **Equity** (Economic Inequality, Financial Capability, Decarceration, Equal Opportunity)
EQUITY

WELLBEING

HEALTH
Principles

- **Equity** plays a major role in one’s personal well-being.

- The key dimensions of **personal wellbeing**—physical, emotional, mental, social, spiritual—together determine one’s personal health.

- **Personal health** is not simply personal.
Approach

- Thus, addressing equity issues will have a major impact on personal wellbeing and health.
- However, addressing personal health and wellbeing will not have a similar impact upon equity.
Example - Logic

- Social and Physical Determinants of Wellbeing and Health (EQUITY) → Life Chances
- Life Chances → WELLBEING
  - Community Participation
  - Workforce Participation
- Life Chances → HEALTH
  - Health Status
  - Health Care Access
  - Health Care Outcomes
  - Length of Life
Example - Health Effects

- Factors that affect **Length of Life**:
  - Born in **poverty** - 5 years
  - Didn’t graduate high school - 4 years
  - Untreated/under-treated depression - 8 years
  - In **public mental health** system - 8 years

- **Total Years Lost** - 25 years
Policy

- Equity, wellbeing, and health must be addressed simultaneously.
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