

New documentary series ***Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?***

Is available in Winston-Salem!

Unnatural Causes will, for the first time on television, sound the alarm about America's glaring socio-economic and racial inequities in health - and search for root causes. The series (for PBS broadcast and DVD release) sifts through the evidence to discover there is more to our health than bad habits, health care, or unlucky genes. The social conditions in which we are born, live and work profoundly affects our health and longevity.

The Forsyth County Healthy Community Coalition is engaging partners throughout our community to help bring this ground-breaking documentary to our neighbors throughout Summer 2008.

Will your group host a screening?

The cornerstone piece of the series is a one-hour film that identifies the social conditions that make us sick in the first place. In addition to the one-hour piece, six 30 minute segments explore specific health topics ranging from infant mortality to diabetes. Are you part of a group that could show one or more parts of the series?

How to participate:

Schedule a screening. Choose the one-hour piece or one of the shorter segments. Show the DVD as part of a Sunday school class, a home-based book club or discussion group, a staff meeting or any other venue that will reach the people you know.

Facilitate a short discussion. Use the sample discussion questions provided to generate some conversation about the issues brought up in the film. Call for assistance if you might like to set up a panel discussion to follow the film.

Encourage your members to take action. Contact the Healthy Community Coalition for ideas on how our community can address these root causes of health disparities right here at home.

To schedule a screening and arrange to check out a DVD, contact:

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