

Abstract

Mapping Neighborhood Distress and Human Services in the Rural South

Track: Health and Human Services

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This presentation will examine relationships among measures of neighborhood distress and health and human services in four rural Southern counties. Indices for impoverishment, child care burden, stability, and total distress will be computed at the block group level and mapped against the physical location and geographic distribution of services for public and private health and human services providers. Service accessibility will be modeled from these data and data on family and community resources (personal vehicles, public transportation) and geographic features (e.g., road conditions, natural barriers) of the neighborhoods. Social policy implications will be discussed.

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