FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW

Technology as the 6th Social Determinant

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A proprietary framework that places technology access, literacy and readiness alongside the five traditional social determinants of health.

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132

Assessment variables across 6 domains.

THE PROBLEM

Healthy People 2030 names five domains. None is technology.

Healthy People 2030 names the first five domains. The second line on each card is my view of how each one now depends on a connection.

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Economic Stability

Jobs, income and benefits. Applications, payroll and benefit enrollment now run through a connection.

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Education Access and Quality

Schooling and literacy. Coursework, tutoring and financial aid now assume a connection at home.

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Health Care Access and Quality

Coverage and care. Telehealth, patient portals and scheduling now assume a connection at home.

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Neighborhood and Built Environment

Housing and transport. Listings, applications and transit information have moved online.

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Social and Community Context

Support and civic life. Organizing, public meetings and staying in contact increasingly happen online.

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Technology Access and AI Readiness

Not in the federal framework. Healthcare, education, work and benefits now run through a connection, so access to that connection decides outcomes.

Why the gap matters now. 51 percent of US adults say they do not use AI chatbots (Pew, survey of February 2026), and the World Economic Forum projects that 92 million current jobs will be displaced by 2030. In my view, a determinant nobody measures is a determinant nobody funds.

U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Healthy People 2030, "Social Determinants of Health". Pew Research Center, "Americans and AI 2026: Chatbots, Smart Devices and Views on Impact", June 17, 2026 (survey of February 17 to 23, 2026). World Economic Forum, The Future of Jobs Report 2025.

THE INSTRUMENT

What the assessment actually does

01 **132 assessment variables** across the six domains, so a readiness score is built from evidence rather than impression.

02 **36 assessment questions**, the instrument an organization or community actually completes.

03 **Six core domains**, the five federal determinants plus technology, so results map onto frameworks funders already recognize.

04 **One action roadmap** per assessment, with priorities ordered by what the scoring found, not by what is easiest.

05 **Baseline metrics you can re-run**, so progress is measured against your own starting point instead of a national average.

Take the free assessment

The free mini assessment asks 6 sample questions and gives an overall readiness score. The full organizational assessment covers all 132 variables. agiaffinity.com/free-assessment

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