

# National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy



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Social Cohesion/Social Capital as Crosscutting  
Determinant of Health: The Need for Intersectoral Policy  
Initiatives

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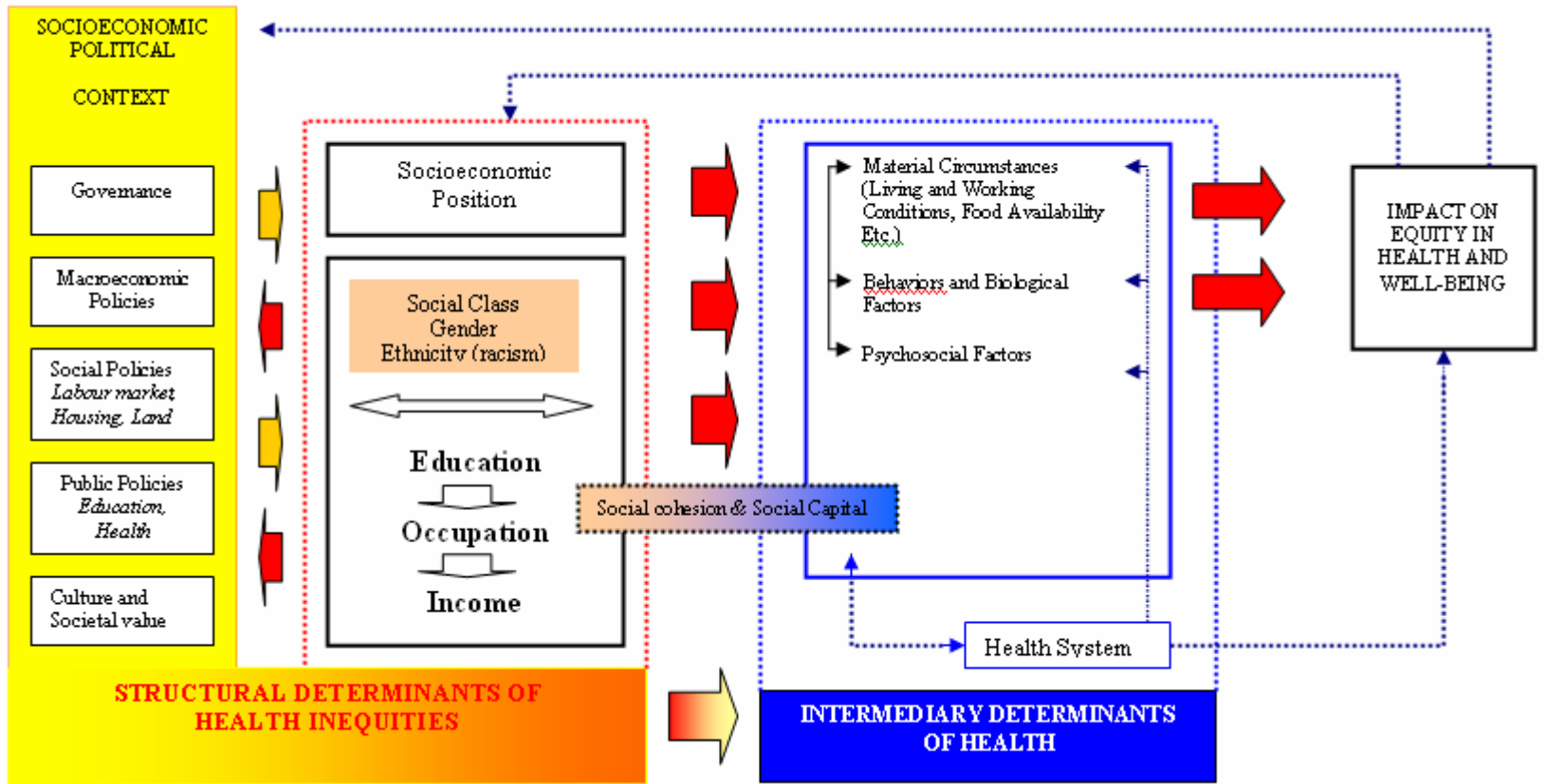
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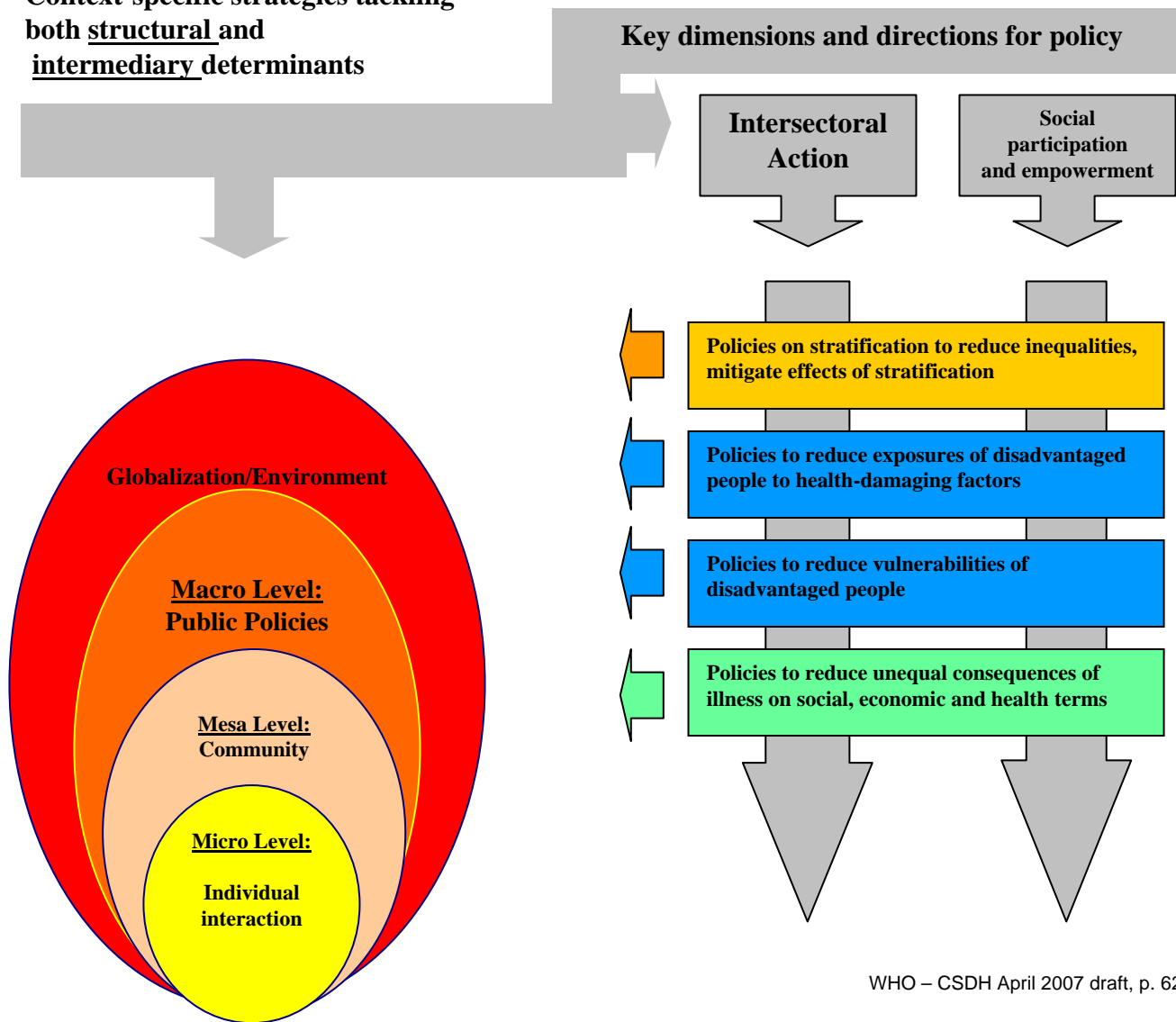
## Social Capital & Social Cohesion

- **Canadian Policy Research Initiative:**  
“the networks of social relations that may provide individuals and groups with access to resources and supports” (2005: 6)
- “Spray-on Solution” (Bryson & Mowbray, 2005)
- Consistent with the divestment of governments /  
Sign of the decline of the welfare state  
(Muntaner et al., 2003; Coburn, 2003)
- Inconsistently used and applied (Bibeau, 2005)

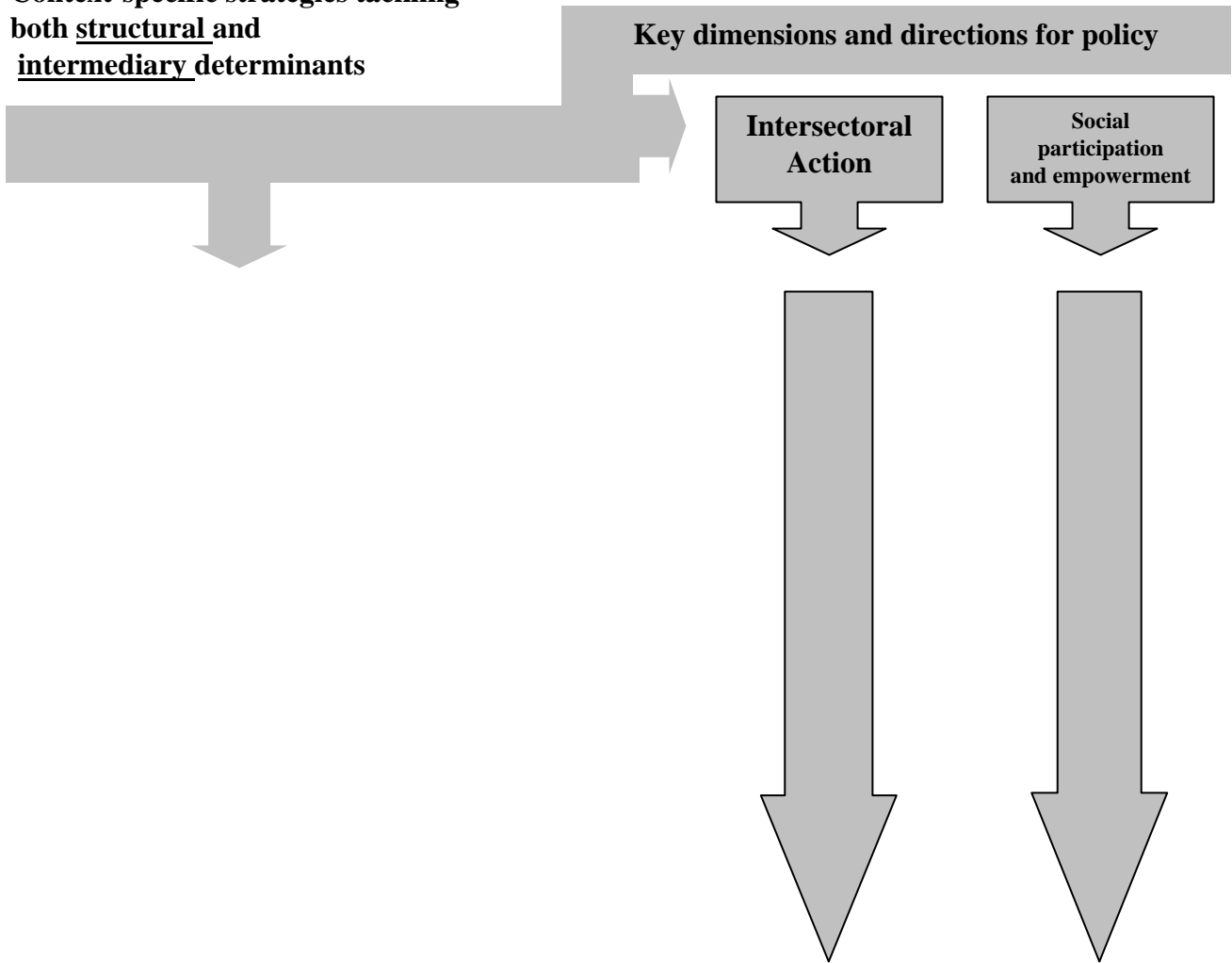


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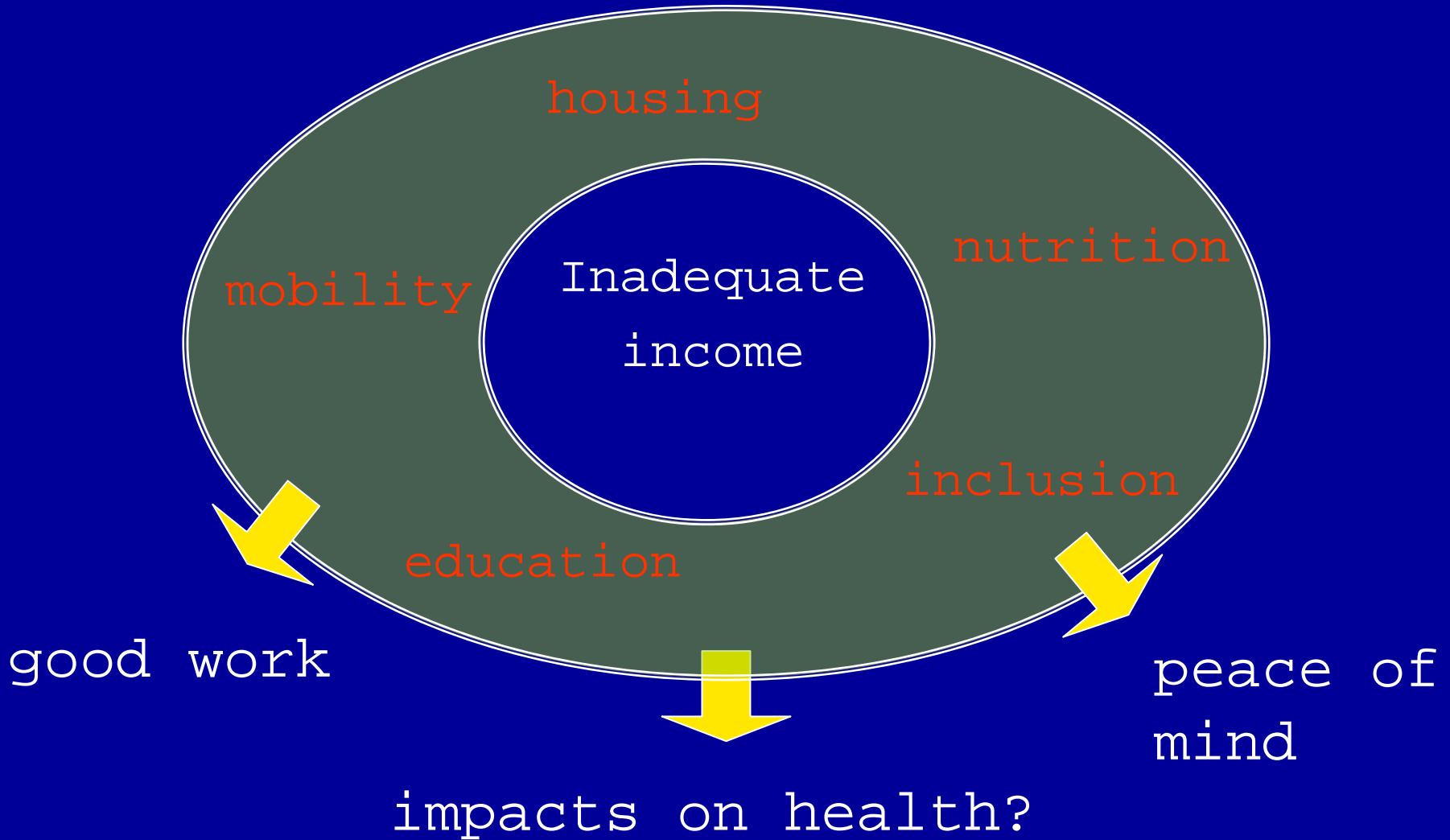
**Social participation and empowerment**

# Average Household Incomes (2001 & 2006)

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>City of Saskatoon</b>	<b>\$62,451</b>	<b>\$65,487</b>
<b>Core Neighbourhoods</b>	<b>\$32,475</b>	<b>\$33,626</b>
<b>Caswell</b>	<b>\$40,217</b>	<b>\$41,454</b>
<b>King George</b>	<b>\$33,690</b>	<b>\$36,805</b>
<b>Pleasant Hill</b>	<b>\$26,753</b>	<b>\$25,776</b>
<b>Riversdale</b>	<b>\$29,272</b>	<b>\$29,441</b>
<b>Westmount</b>	<b>\$32,444</b>	<b>\$34,654</b>

# The challenges of the poverty cycle

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