

ADDRESSING REPRODUCTIVE AND MATERNAL HEALTH DISPARITIES:

TURNING DATA INTO ACTION

Framing, Collaborating, Leading

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A Few Terms

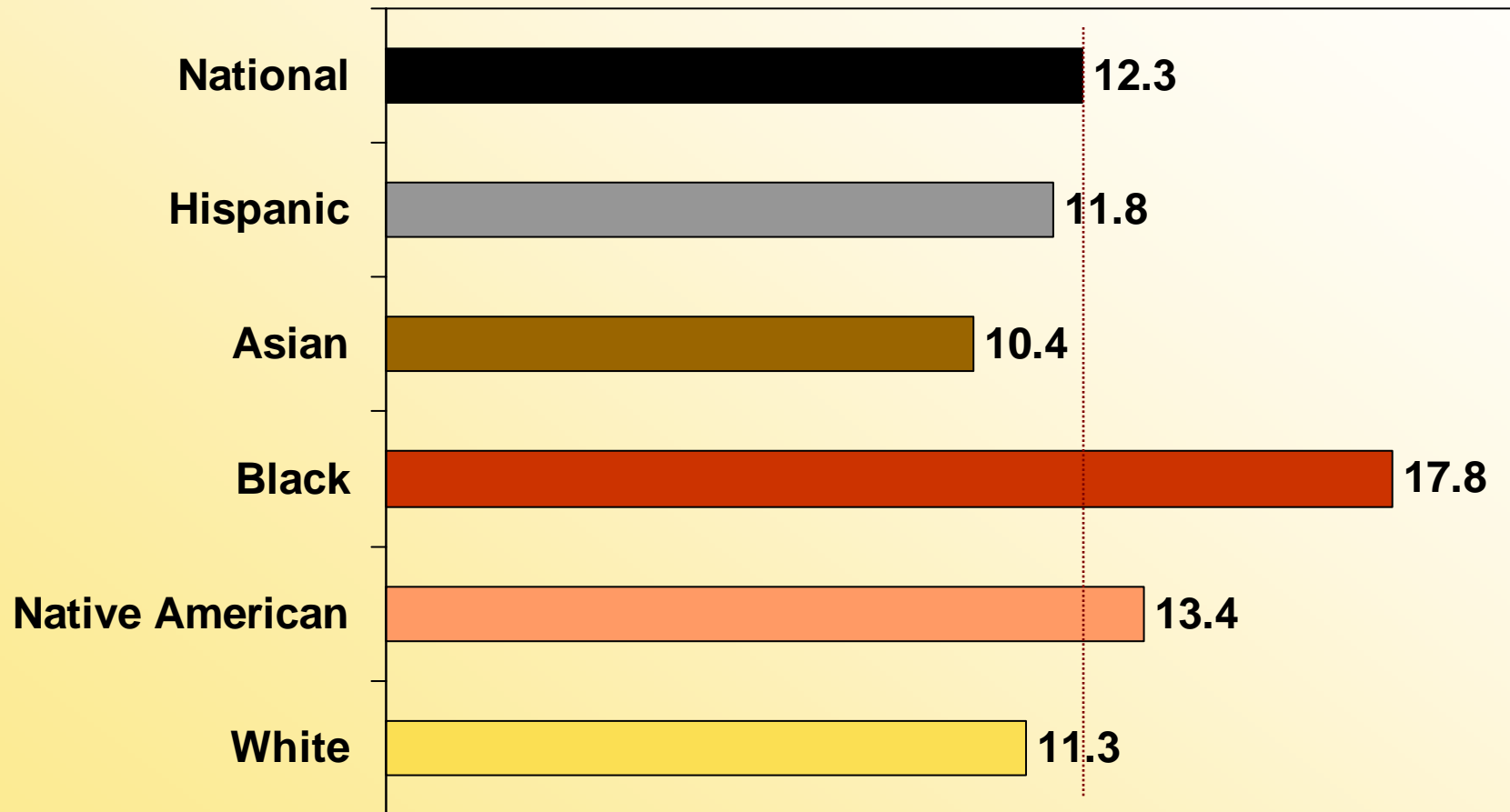
- **Health Disparity**

- Difference in health outcome, illness or condition across segments of any population
- Subgroup can reflect any characteristic
- Today's emphasis: Gender & Race/ethnicity

- **Inequity**

- Differences in health status that are unnecessary, avoidable, or unjust
- Social, economic disadvantage or injustice is a determinant
- Structural solutions are required to achieve change

Preterm Births

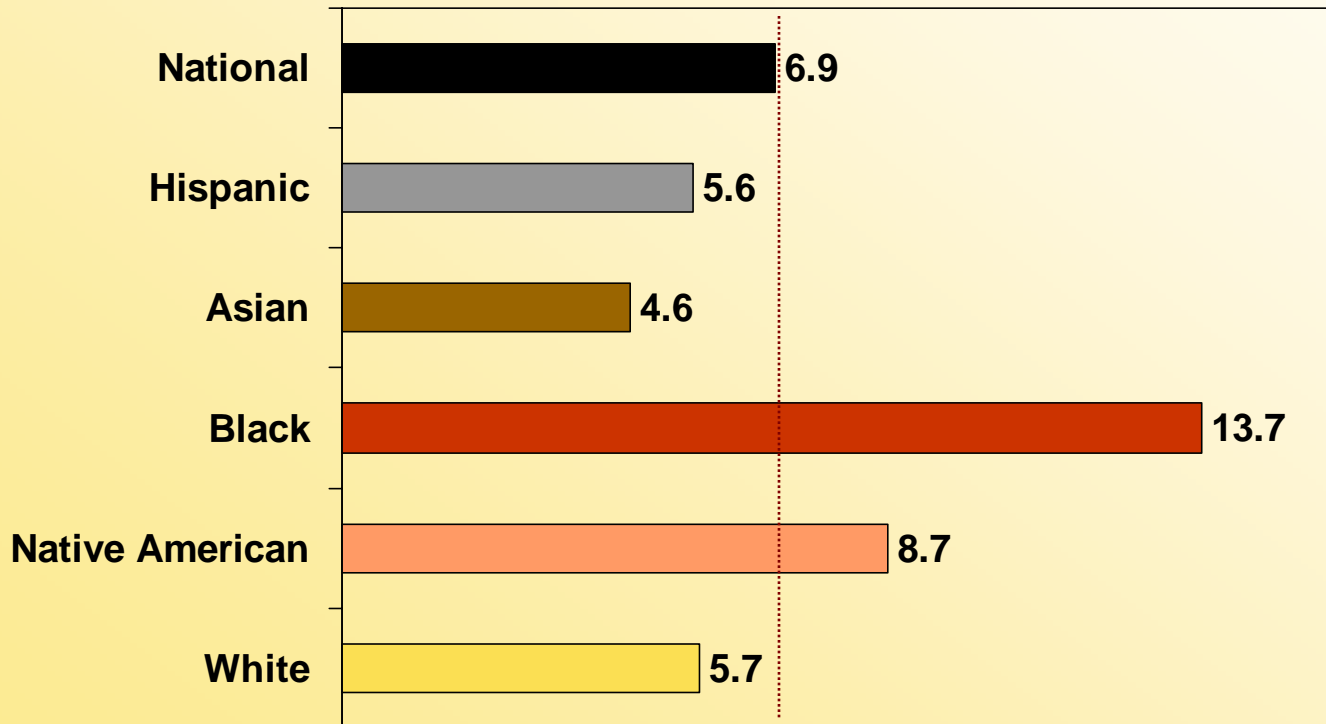


National Center for Health Statistics, Final Natality Data, US, 2002-2004 Average



Infant Mortality

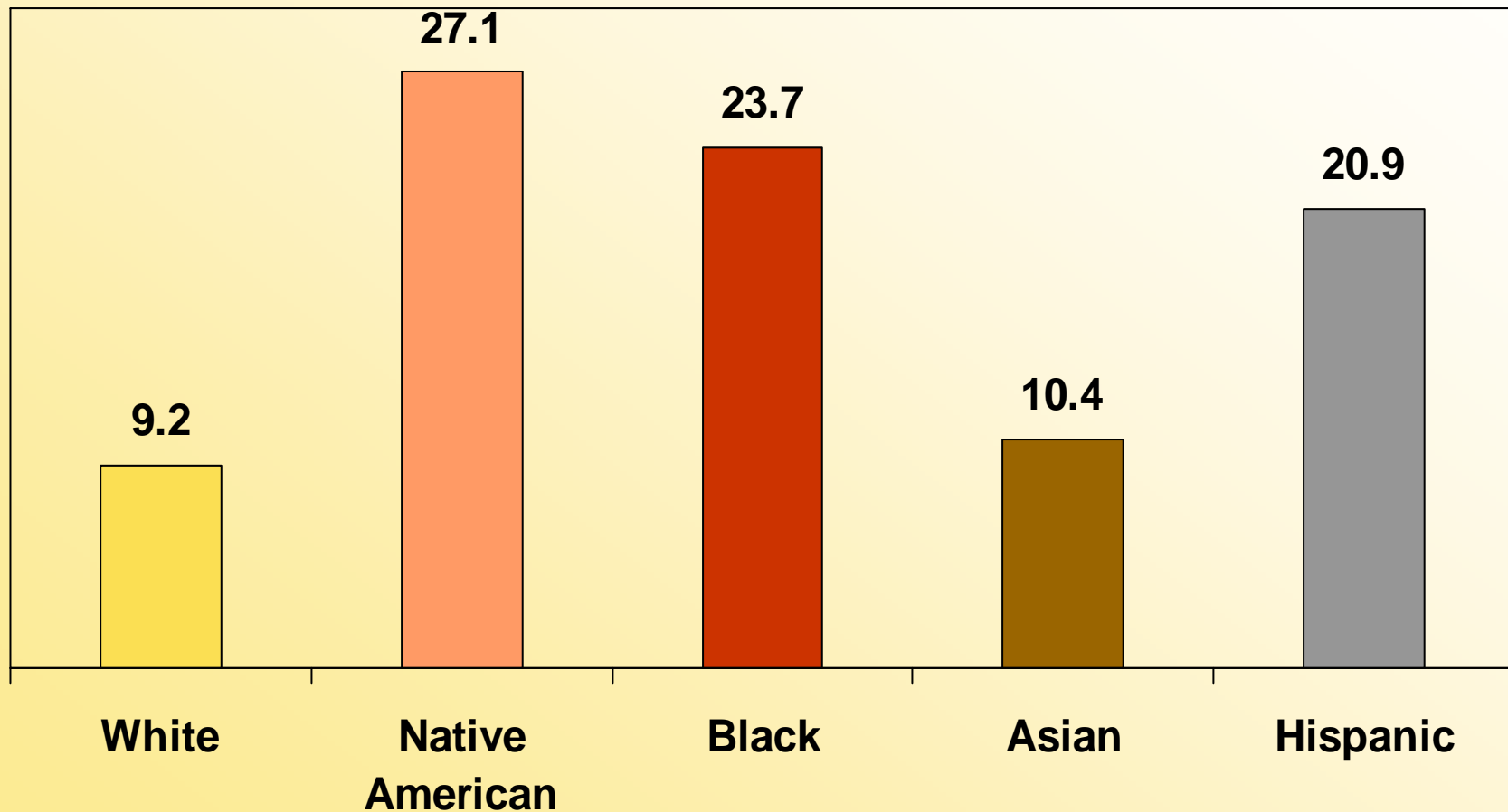
Infant Mortality – United States & by Race/Ethnicity Average (2002-2004)



National Center for Health Statistics, Period Linked Birth/Infant Death Data, US, 2002-2004 Average



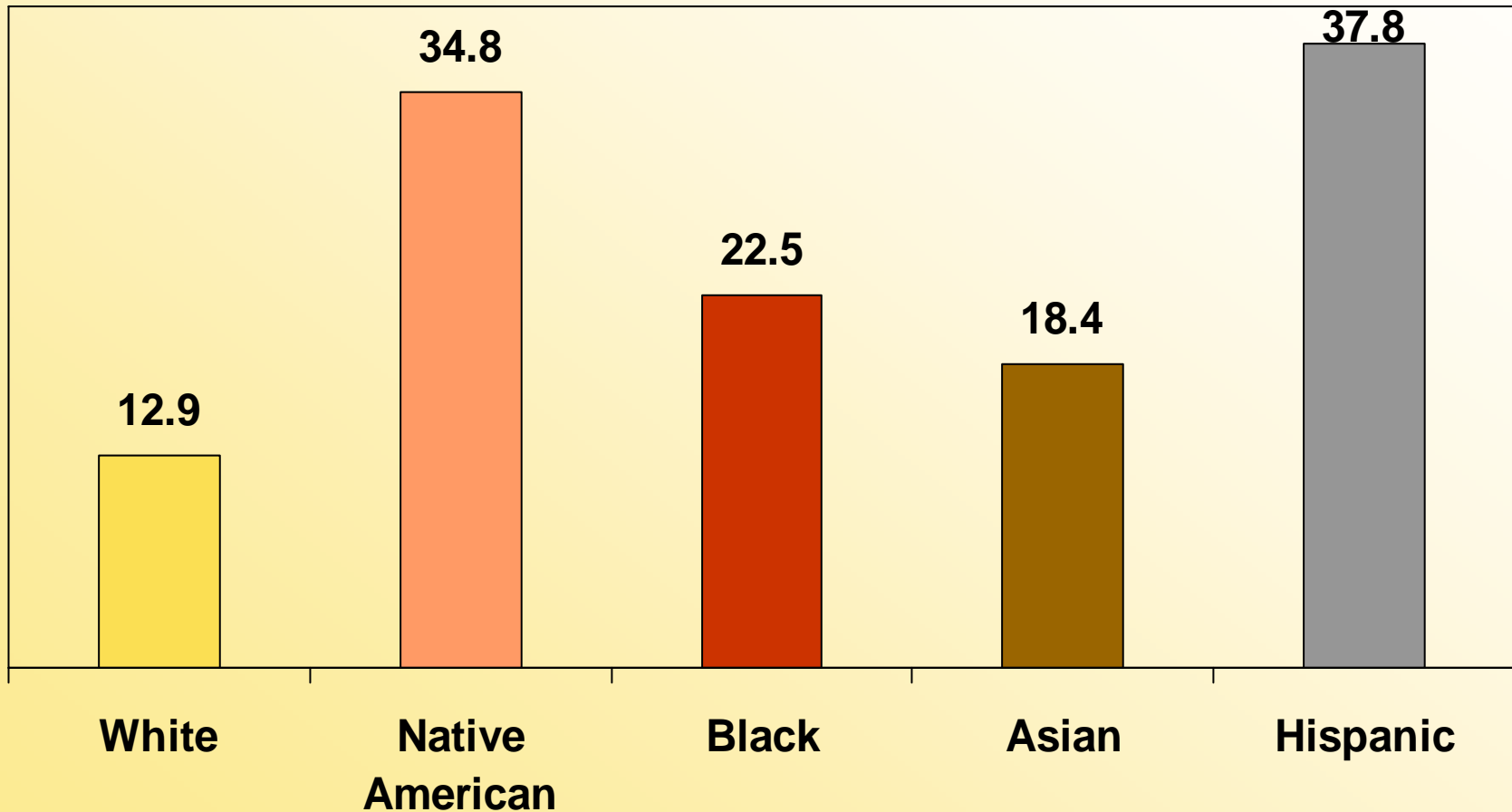
Percentage of Women in Poverty, by Race, 2004



National Women's Law Center, 2007 National Report Card, <http://hrc.nwlc.org/Reports/>



Percentage of Women Without Health Insurance, by Race, 2004



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Who's Coming to Dinner?



Health Care Providers

Policy Makers

Researchers

Community Leaders



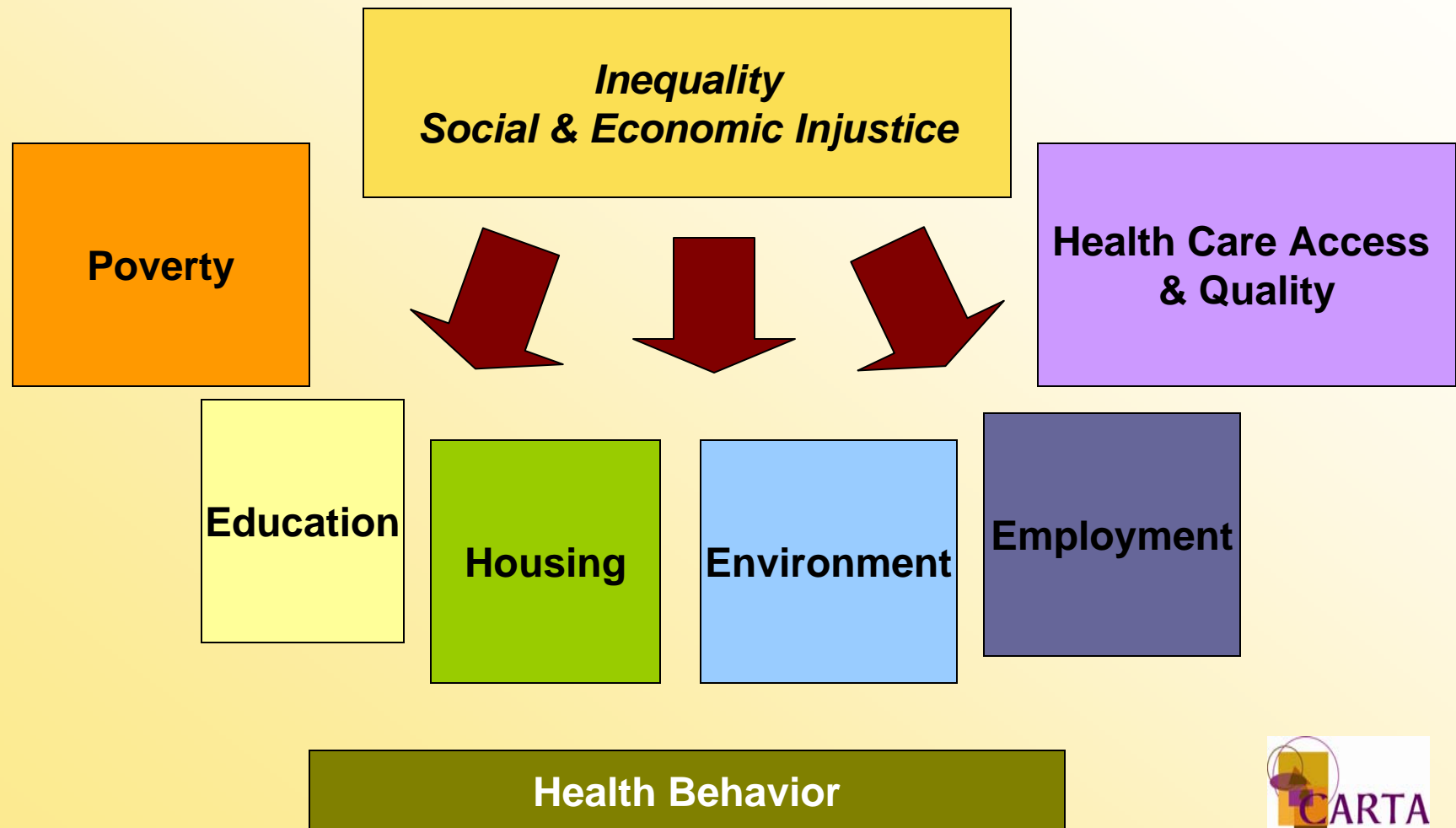
Providers in other sectors

Community Residents



Framing the Disparities Discussion

Social Determinants



Leadership

- Knowledge of the issue
- Commitment to stay the course
- Political will to address root causes

“This is a Marathon, not a Sprint”