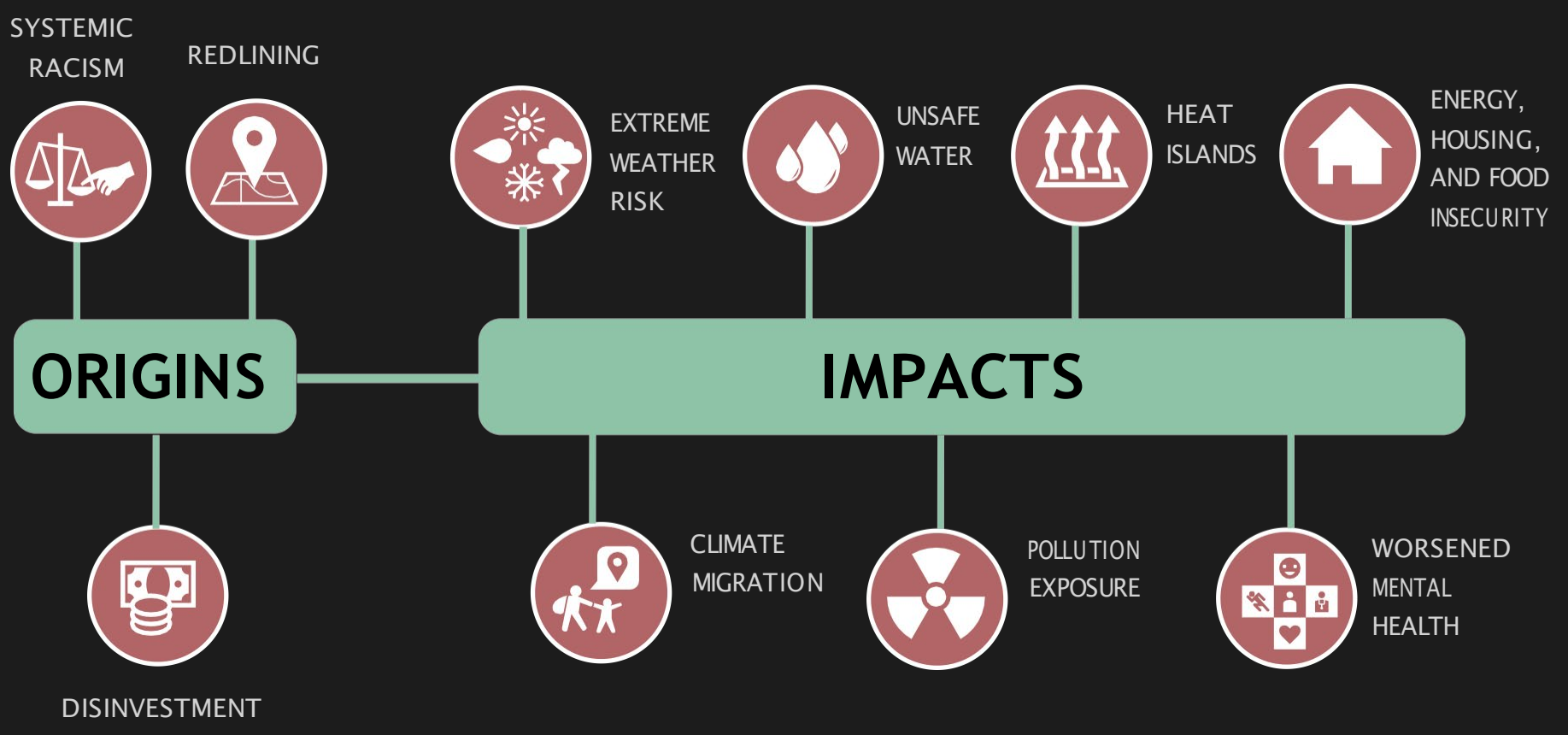


# The Intersection of Environmental Justice and Human Services

## ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE IN THE US



# 42 million

American homes suffer from **energy poverty**, making them vulnerable to intense heat and cold.<sup>1</sup>



# 2,000,000

More than **2,000,000** Americans live without basic access to **safe drinking water and sanitation**.<sup>2</sup>



# 11.9 million

Americans, disproportionately people of color, are exposed to **unhealthy air pollution levels**.<sup>3</sup>



## WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

When everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental health hazards, and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.<sup>4</sup>

## WHY IT MATTERS TO HUMAN SERVICES



We serve communities increasingly affected by environmental and climate threats.

Our deep community roots offer a way to connect and learn what is most needed.



Human service programs are ready to partner with others to address environmental issues.

## WHAT HUMAN SERVICES CAN DO

- Better understand the communities we serve: discussions and data
- Explore with human service programs and others ways to best incorporate environmental justice into our work
- Listen and attend to community priorities and needs
- Partner with other federal, Tribal, state, local and community entities to plan, protect, respond, and adapt

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